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Newsletter 



USDA: Small Business Innovation Research Grants Workshop

An overview of the USDA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants program will be provided in this **FREE workshop**. It will be held at the Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission on **3 Sheraton Drive Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601** from **1:00-4:00 PM** on **June 19th, 2018**.

Topics covered include: why small business owners and research partners should consider applying, eligibility status, topics of focus for USDA and application procedure. There will also be free coaching support from Penn State Extension to assist small businesses in preparing their grant proposals!

Please register by June 14th by following the [link](#) or by calling Penn State Extension at **877-345-0691**.

For additional information please contact **Winifred McGee, Extension Educator** at **717-921-8803**.

Regional Greenways Mini-Grants: Round 4



SAP&DC has launched the 4th round of Greenways Mini-Grants!

Please click [here](#) to access the guidelines and application.

Applications are due by 4:00 P.M on June 15, 2018

Transportation Alternatives Awards (TA):

- **The H&BT Trail Extension Project** includes construction of a 2 mile extension to the H&BT Trail from the Riddlesburg trail head north toward Warriors Path State Park in Saxton, PA. This project provides enhanced mobility through a safe ADA accessible trail for hikers and bikers. It is also part of local, county and regional plans. On May 8th, 2018, Governor Tom Wolf and PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards announced a \$246,152 grant award for the project.
- **The Berlin Revitalization Project** includes three phases of upgrades to improve sidewalks, curbs, and streetscapes within the city. These will provide for improvements and enhancements through correcting or eliminating hazardous sections of sidewalk, adding more sections of missing sidewalk, and improving the accessibility for pedestrians. The awarded amount for Phase II-A of the project was \$1,200,000 as announced by the Governor and Secretary of PennDOT earlier this month.

Local Access Roads Awards (LAR):

With assistance from the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission, Everett Borough was awarded \$449,851 through the Appalachian Regional Commission's Local Access Road Program earlier this year. The Everett Business District Access Improvements project includes lane widening that will increase the curb radii and the installation of sidewalks, crosswalks, and ADA accessible ramps at the intersection of North River Lane and Business Route 30. This intersection provides access to many businesses in the downtown area as well direct access to Allegany College of Maryland and the Everett Area Middle School and Senior High School. The project will relieve traffic congestion, increase safety for motor vehicles and pedestrians, and provide improved access for a 20-acre development site.

The Department of Community and Economic Development is Accepting Applications for the Multimodal Transportation Fund

The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) began accepting applications for the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) on March 1, 2018. The application period is open until July 31, 2018. In short,

municipalities, councils of government, businesses/non-profits, economic development organizations, transit agencies, and rail/freight ports are eligible as sponsors. DCED is looking for quality projects of a significant value that range between \$100,000 and \$3,000,000. Examples of eligible project categories include but are not limited to, bicycle and pedestrian, transit oriented, streetscape, rail sidings, greenways, signage, and any project that seeks to coordinate local land use with transportation assets. Please see the [DCED MTF website](#) for a more complete list of project eligibility, other guidelines, and to apply.

If you have questions, please contact Brandon Peters at (814) 949-6543 or via email at bpeters@sapdc.org.

Upcoming Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (ESM) Class Schedule:

This 2-day ESM course is designed to provide local road owners with the tools needed to maintain local roads in a more cost-efficient and environmentally safe manner. The course is held throughout multiple locations in Pennsylvania and is free for municipalities that are involved in the PA Dirt and Gravel Road Program. Anyone involved in maintaining unpaved or low volume roads is eligible for this program.

For full details, please see [here](#).

- **October 2 & 3** Bedford/Fulton Counties Forbes Road Conference Center 16503 Lincoln Highway, Breezewood, PA 15537 814-735-7282
- **November 7 & 8** Clearfield County Treasure Lake – The Lakeview Lodge 3871 Bay Road, Dubois, PA 15801 814-371-0711

To register please visit the link [here](#).

For questions, please contact Kathy Moir at 814-865-5355 or kam16@psu.edu for registration information and fees.

Regional Farmer's Markets:



- **Bedford County (Downtown Bedford) Farmers Market:** (Runs May 16th to October 31st from 9AM to 1PM) Market Manager: Tabitha Barbarito info@downtownbedford.com or by phone, 240-522-6991.
- **Somerset County Farmers Market:** (Runs May 26th to November 17th (Saturday's Only from 9AM to 12PM) Market Manager: Carol Pyle somersetcountymarket@gmail.com or by phone, 814-279-5620.
- **Cambria County (Downtown Johnstown) Farmers Market:** (Runs May 11th to October 26th from Tuesdays: 3PM-6PM & Fridays: 9AM to 2PM) Contact information: Facebook group: "Johnstown Farmer's Market"
- **Fulton County Farmers Market:** (Runs weekly on Fridays from 9AM to 2PM) Market Coordinator: Sigi Hawkins 717-485-2884.
- **Huntingdon County Farmers Market:** (Runs May 3rd to October



Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies

31st on Thursdays from 12PM to 5PM)

Contact information:

info@huntingdonfarmersmarket.org

• **Blair County (Altoona) Farmers**

Market: (Runs June through September on Thursdays from 9AM-2PM) Located at Heritage Plaza. Contact information:

brumbaughdelites@yahoo.com or by phone, 814-931-0007

Upcoming Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (ESM) Bootcamp:

WHAT:

This new three day training program is geared toward new "DGLVR Technicians" within the County Conservation Districts. Priority will be given to those technicians who are within (0-2 years) of the position, however, anyone is welcome to attend if space is available. The purpose of the training is to aid new technicians with field experience in the areas of construction, surveying, and site evaluation for the DGLVR Program.

WHEN:

The dates for the first two boot camps are listed below -

- July 10th - 12th
- July 24th - 26th

WHERE:

State College, Pennsylvania

REGISTRATION:

Link for registration coming soon. Classes free to Conservation district staff, however, please register to ensure proper lunch planning. Please direct any questions to Kathy Moir by phone at: 814-865-5355.

Trail Highlight:



Huntingdon and Broad Top Rail Trail (H&BT Trail)

The trail uses an abandoned railroad right of way and railroad bridge to provide a biking and walking path along the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River.

It connects Hopewell Borough and Batesville intersecting with two public parks, Riddlesburg and Cooper Park and provides 10.6 miles of easy biking and walking.

*For more information,
follow the links below!*

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