



## GREENWAYS MINI-GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING



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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Through funding available at the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnership Grant Program (C2P2), Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission (SAP&DC) was awarded \$175,000 in January 2020 for the **Southern Alleghenies Regional Greenways Mini-Grant Program**. This will be the 6th round of the program.

An Information Session on applying for the grant will be held at SAP&DC: **May 7th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Those who cannot attend in person may attend virtually using [Mini-Grant Web Meeting](#). Please RSVP to Stacy LoCastro at [slocastro@sapdc.org](mailto:slocastro@sapdc.org).

Information on program guidelines is available on SAP&DC's website: [Greenways Mini-Grant](#).

For questions or more information, please contact Stacy LoCastro at (814) 949-6510 or [slocastro@sapdc.org](mailto:slocastro@sapdc.org).

## PANDEMIC HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR ADEQUATE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

*Design Nine, Inc.* and the Broadband Task Force, as part of the ongoing broadband study, launched the outreach surveys on February 19, 2020. Surveys were made available for households and businesses online and 56,000 surveys were mailed out to areas identified as unserved or underserved within the eight-county region. As of this newsletter, 4,200 residential surveys and 280 business surveys have been completed. The timeframe for the surveys to be accepted has been



extended to April 30, 2020.

The current pandemic has emphasized the need for reliable broadband infrastructure, as a quality internet connection is critical to so many aspects of our daily lives. Individuals across the country have been encouraged, or even required, to work from home. Teachers at all levels are engaging their students through online platforms to continue their education. Businesses that can no longer operate a storefront are relying on online sales and services. With many students lacking adequate home internet and rural businesses without viable connectivity struggling to transition to remote work, this creates a serious problem.

Understanding the importance of this issue, SAP&DC is committed to continue identifying and implementing broadband solutions across the region. In order to assist with these planning efforts, please share this information or take a few minutes to complete the below survey prior to April 30, 2020.

The links to the online surveys are below:

**For Your Home:** <https://tinyurl.com/BroadbandHOME>

**For Your Business:** <https://tinyurl.com/BroadbandBiz>

If you have any questions regarding the survey or study, please contact Zack Lee at (814) 949-6532 or [zlee@sapdc.org](mailto:zlee@sapdc.org).

## APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION FUNDING



**APPALACHIAN  
REGIONAL  
COMMISSION**

The Fulton County Area Vocational Training School (FCAVTS) was awarded \$30,000 in ARC funding in February 2020. The funding will be used for a Master Plan/Feasibility Study to determine the development and/or reconstruction, and sustainability of a career and technical center building centrally located within Fulton County, which will serve the three school districts located in Fulton County and provide the local workforce with a skilled labor force to retain investment in the community.

The Bedford County Board of Commissioners was awarded \$20,000 in ARC funding in February 2020. The funding will be used for the completion of a feasibility study for the construction of a new Day Reporting/Day Treatment Center in Bedford County, PA. This facility will be utilized as an out-patient clinic designed to provide treatment and educational services and workforce development training for those individuals with addictive disorders typically related to drugs and/or alcohol and individuals with mental health needs who do not require 24-hour in-patient care. Some of the services that will be provided include substance abuse treatment, cognitive behavioral intervention programs, life skills, and vocational skills, as well as job coaching and job placement.

Funding for these projects was provided through ARC. If your township, community or non-profit is interested in possible funding, please review ARC's five goals (below) that

define social and economic conditions linked to ARC's vision. These goals now guide the ARC's strategies and program investments. ARC's strategic goals are:

**Goal 1—Economic Opportunities:** Invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen Appalachia's economy.

**Goal 2—Ready Workforce:** Increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia.

**Goal 3— Critical Infrastructure:** Invest in critical infrastructure—especially broadband; transportation, including the Appalachian Development Highway System; and water/wastewater systems.

**Goal 4—Natural and Cultural Assets:** Strengthen Appalachia's community and economic development potential by leveraging the Region's natural and cultural heritage assets.

**Goal 5—Leadership and Community Capacity:** Build the capacity and skills of current and next-generation leaders and organizations to innovate, collaborate, and advance community and economic development.

If you are interested in discussing a particular project with SAP&DC to determine if it meets criteria, please contact Stacy LoCastro at (814) 949-6510 or [slocastro@sapdc.org](mailto:slocastro@sapdc.org).

## LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LTAP)



### **Active Transportation**

Huntingdon County, \*Online Class  
April 8, 2020, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### **Bridge and Culvert Inspection for Municipalities**

Bedford County, Bedford Township Municipal Building  
May 18, 2020, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### **Speed Limits & Speed Management**

Blair County, SAP&DC  
May 21, 2020, 8:00AM - 12:00 PM

### **Road Surface Management**

Somerset County, Berlin Borough Building  
June 11, 2020, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### **Stormwater Facility Operation & Management**

Blair County, Logan Township Office  
July 14, 2020, 8:00AM - 12:00 PM

You can register for courses by creating an account on the [LTAP](#) and enrolling OR by contacting Janice Streightiff at (814) 949-6523 or [streightiff@sapdc.org](mailto:streightiff@sapdc.org).

## DCED MULTI-MODAL FUNDING

Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of the commonwealth.

The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities, councils of governments, businesses, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies and rail and freight ports in order to improve public transportation assets that enhance communities, pedestrian safety and transit revitalization.

The following are the eligible projects under the program:

- **A project which coordinates local land use with transportation assets to enhance existing communities**
- **A project related to streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement and pedestrian safety**
- **A project improving connectivity or utilization of existing transportation assets**
- **A project related to transportation aspects of transit-oriented development**

Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more but can not exceed \$3,000,000. Match is required by local funding in an amount not less than 30% of the non-federal share of the project costs.

For complete guidelines, please visit DCED's website:

[Multi-Modal Program](#)

The deadline for the grant application is July 31,2020. PennDOT also has Multi-Modal funding available in the fall each year with very similar criteria in case your project is not quite ready.

SAP&DC staff is available for questions and assistance with applications. Please contact Brandon Peters at (814) 949-6543 or [bpeters@sapdc.org](mailto:bpeters@sapdc.org).

## CENSUS 2020



As most of you know, national Census Day is April 1, 2020. PennDOT is excited to be an active participant in helping get the word out. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is spearheading the outreach and has created a full page of resources that are now available.

<https://www.pa.gov/census/support-your-community/>

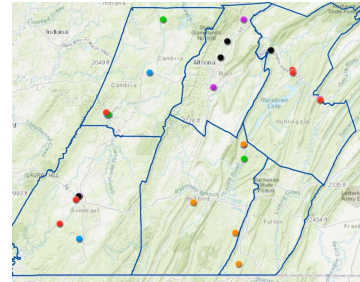
All entities are allowed to place a request for hardcopies of materials using this link below. Materials include a variety of posters, flyers and postcards.

<https://www.pa.gov/census/outreach-materials/>

Attached you will find newsletter content that we ask you to share with your stakeholders

in future e-newsletters and on your organization's website. We have included a more general version and transportation version. Please use what you feel is best for your organization. If you have any questions you can reach out to PennDOT Policy Director Natasha Fackler at [nfackler@pa.gov](mailto:nfackler@pa.gov) and Policy Specialist Emily Watts at [ewatts@pa.gov](mailto:ewatts@pa.gov).

SAP&DC is committed to publishing maps depicting planning and transportation initiatives to the public to show what projects are occurring within the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) four-county region. ArcGIS Online (AGOL) is a cloud-based mapping and analysis solution that is allowing SAP&DC to expand our data and map sharing capabilities. AGOL contains all the capabilities of GIS with the advantage of being able to share data through interactive, easy to understand maps. Visit our AGOL homepage (link below) to view our mapping resources, (i.e. legislative district boundaries and local bridge inventories, trail counts) as well as maps of recently completed and future projects that will benefit our area.



[AGOL Homepage](#)

## SAP&DC Operations Update

In compliance with Governor Wolf's statewide shutdown, SAP&DC's office is closed until further notice. Staff are currently working from home and are available via phone and e-mail.

Please know that we are continuing to advance projects and initiatives that are important to the region. Grant programs will continue to be administered, and committee meetings will be held as scheduled, albeit virtually. SAP&DC is maximizing the use of virtual meetings and will continue to do so as long as necessary.

Please stay safe and healthy during the coming weeks!

Visit our  
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