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DCED GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION PROGRAM FUNDING



The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GRTP) is still open for applications until May 28, 2021. Also known as

Act 13 of 2012, the program establishes the Marcellus Legacy Fund and allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the "Authority") for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks, and beautification projects using GTRP.

Eligible projects involve development, rehabilitation, and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trail, and river conservation. Grant requests to the program cannot exceed \$250,000 for any project. A 15% match of the total project cost is required.

Eligible entities include:

- For-Profit Businesses
- Municipalities
- Councils of Governments
- Authorized Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Watershed Organizations

For more information on the program, you can find the guidelines below:

[Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Guidelines](#)

DEP GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Growing Greener Plus and Fiscal Year 2022 Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management grant rounds have

opened, and the webpages are now **LIVE** with the new grant guidance and associated materials!



To make the grant process clearer and easier to navigate, this year you will find recorded presentations and detailed guidance on these webpages to walk you and your partners through this round of grants. Please review these pages carefully and point your partners in this direction to assist them:

- [Section 319](#)
- [Growing Greener Plus](#)

Mark your calendars for **May 12th at 10:00** am for an overview of the grant rounds, as well as some information about the upcoming National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) Most Effective Basin (MEB) grant round, provided by Jill Whitcomb and Ann Devine from DEP's Chesapeake Bay Office. For more information on this webinar, please contact Jill Whitcomb at jwhitcomb@pa.gov.

DCED MULTIMODAL PROGRAM OPENS



The DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation

is available to the residents of the commonwealth.

Applications for the MTF will be accepted between **April 22, 2021, and July 31, 2021**. All applications and all required supplemental information must be electronically submitted by close of business on July 31, 2021, for hopeful consideration at the November CFA board meeting. Please note that technical assistance will not be available after 5pm on July 30, 2021.

Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation, and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development. Eligible entities are the following:

- Municipalities
- Councils of Governments
- Businesses
- Economic Development Organizations
- Public Transportation Agencies
- Ports-Rail/Freight

MTF grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more. Grants will not exceed \$3,000,000 for any project

Guidelines for the MTF program can be found below:

[DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Program Guidelines 2021](#)

SAP&DC staff is available for questions and assistance with applications. Please contact Stacy LoCastro at (814) 949-6510 or slocastro@sapdc.org.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS

SAP&DC is the SPOC (Single Point of Contact) for the Intergovernmental Review Process (required by [Executive Order 12372](#)) for the six-county region, which structures the federal government's system of consultation with state and local governments on its decisions involving grants, other forms of financial assistance, and direct development.



Executive Order (EO) 12372 establishes the framework for SAP&DC to review consistency of the projects with the region's 2020-2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan ([located here](#)). Examples of grants that may require an EO are PENNVEST, USDA, EDA, EPA, etc.

Requests for project reviews can be submitted by completing the EO 12372 Review Request Form ([submit form](#)). The Commission's Board of Directors provides their final recommendations to the respective funding agencies. SAP&DC staff responds to all EO 12372 inquiries within 60 days.

For more information or any questions regarding the process, please contact Stacy LoCastro at (814) 949-6510 or slocastro@sapdc.org.

Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) DROP-IN COURSES AND VIRTUAL TRAININGS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LTAP is continuing to provide **FREE** training virtually! LTAP is offering **1-hour** Drop-in Sessions as well as full **4-hour** training courses on a variety of maintenance and safety topics.



Drop-in Session Information:

LTAP Virtual Drop-ins are centered on various safety and maintenance topics. These sessions are **not** virtual classes; they are informal one-hour live sessions focused on networking and sharing information with other municipal roadway personnel. Whether you're new to the virtual world or have lots of experience, you will enjoy meeting up online with LTAP staff and other municipal staff to learn and discuss information critical to your job. LTAP staff will start the session with a short presentation and then open the discussion to attendees to ask questions and share their experiences. LTAP will guide the discussion to keep it focused and accurate.

Note: The drop-ins are not eligible for Roads Scholar credits.

Upcoming Virtual Drop-in Sessions

Community Traffic Safety Programs – May 6, 2021, 11 AM – 12 PM

Virtual Training Information

Registration: Register for Virtual Trainings and Drop-in Sessions on the LTAP website (<http://gis.penndot.gov/LTAP>). All virtual classes have **Virtual, PA**, as their location on the website. If you need assistance with registration, please contact LTAP at LTAP@state.pa.us or call 1-800-FOR-LTAP or (717) 787-5243. You may also contact Matthew Bjorkman of SAP&DC at (814) 949-6553 or mbjorkman@sapdc.org.

Group Participation in LTAP Virtual Class: A municipality may have a few staff participate in a virtual class together if they are meeting their municipal requirements for COVID. The class can also be viewed through a smart phone. After the class, everyone needs to use the link to fill out the quiz and evaluation forms. The forms may also be completed on a smart phone. Please have **everyone** register on the website that is planning on attending and completing the quiz.

Upcoming Virtual Training Sessions:

Safe Driver – April 27, 2021, 8 AM – 12 PM

FHWA Bikeway Selection Guide – May 13, 2021, 9 AM – 12 PM

Technical Assistance

In the past year, LTAP experts have spent 125 hours conducting 30 tech assists with municipalities in our region!

LTAP provides free technical assistance to municipalities to trouble shoot specific roadway issues. PennDOT LTAP technical experts are available by phone, by e-mail, and in person to help you trouble shoot you specific maintenance and safety problems. Technical assistance topics can include (but are not limited to):

- Guiderails/Roadside safety
- Speed/Traffic Calming
- Traffic Studies
- Pavement Management
- Winter Management (including snow plow driver training)
- Posting and Bonding
- Bridge and Culvert Management

If you have a specific problem or issue that you would like help with, log on to the LTAP website and request a technical assistance under the “My Tools” drop down. If you would like help requesting a technical assistance, contact Matthew Bjorkman at SAP&DC (814) 949-6553 or mbjorkman@sapdc.org.

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