

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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<b>Program</b>	Agriculture Areas Security Law
<b>Types of Assistance</b>	Service
<b>Project Type</b>	Forming agricultural security areas, a minimum size of 500 acres (combined), in any one or more municipalities.
<b>Who is Eligible</b>	Farmers, land owners, local elected officials.
<b>Program Use</b>	To protect farmers from government actions that would discourage farming. Enables farmers in security areas to be potentially eligible for programs where development rights are purchased from the farm owners by the County and State on a long term basis to keep land in agricultural use if other eligibility criteria are met.
<b>Where to Apply</b>	Mr. Fred Wertz, Director Department of Agriculture Bureau of Farmland Protection Room 404, 2301 North Cameron Street Harrisburg, PA 17110 Telephone: (717) 783-3167

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**Program** Clean and Green

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**Types of Assistance** Service

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**Project Type** Agricultural preservation

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**Who is Eligible** Land owners of farms, forests, open spaces

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**Program Use** Encourage preservation of farms, forests, and open spaces by preferential real estate property assessment and taxes.

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**U.S.D.A. FOREST SERVICE**

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<b>Program</b>	Wild and Scenic Rivers Program
<b>Types of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance and Plan Development
<b>Project Type</b>	Management Plan for river corridor
<b>Who is Eligible</b>	Areas designated for program
<b>Program Use</b>	Federal Program administered by the Forest Service to protect designated water courses that have a wild or scenic values.
<b>Where to Apply</b>	Contact: Mr. Lionel Lemery, Coordinator U.S.D.A. Forest Service P.O. Box 847 Warren, PA 16307

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<b>Program</b>	Agricultural Technology Loan Program
<b>Types of Assistance</b>	Loan
<b>Project Type</b>	Increase agricultural productivity
<b>Who is Eligible</b>	Persons producing farm products for profit
<b>Program Use</b>	Provide a loan match with awards varying for machinery/equipment purchase in connection with farm operations or associated buildings.

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**Where to Apply**

Bureau of Agricultural Development Director  
Chris Herr T. Cesa  
PA Department of Agriculture  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408  
Telephone: (717) 783-8460

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**Program** Agriculture Conservation Program

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**Types of Assistance** Grant

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**Project Type** Funds Conservation protection to benefit land and environmental quality.

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**Who is Eligible** Farms and municipalities producing agricultural products

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**Program Use** Provides up to \$3,500/person/year on up to 75% of costs, whichever is less for conservation practices.

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**Where to Apply** Mr. Rex Wright, Conservation Program Specialist  
U.S.D.A., ASCS  
Pennsylvania State ASCS Office  
Suite 320  
One Credit Union Place  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2994  
Telephone: (717) 782-4547

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**Program** Resource Conservation and Development Program

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**Types of Assistance** Technical

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**Project Type** Assist rural communities if economic improvement through proper use/development of natural resources.

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**Who is Eligible** Counties/Municipalities

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**Program Use** Varies by project type.

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**Where to Apply** Ms. Sylvia Rainford, Public Affairs Specialist  
U.S.D.A., SCS, Suite 340  
One Credit Union Place  
Harrisburg, PA 7110-2993  
Telephone: (717) 782-2290

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL HOUSING

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<b>Program</b>	Community Facilities Loan Program
<b>Types of Assistance</b>	Loans
<b>Project Type</b>	To construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve community facilities providing essential services in rural areas and towns with a population of 50,000 or less.
<b>Who is Eligible</b>	The funds are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts, Indian tribes, and corporations not operated for profit. RHS also guarantees community facility loans made by banks or other eligible lenders.
<b>Program Use</b>	<p>Community Facilities Loan Program funds may be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services.</p> <p>Health care facilities include hospitals, nursing homes, telemedicine equipment, and dental or medical clinics. Funds may also be used for necessary equipment for the operation of these facilities; and to pay other necessary costs connected with them.</p> <p>Public Safety facilities include fire stations and buildings to house fire and/or rescue equipment. Funds may also be used:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. To purchase fire trucks, ambulances, or emergency communications equipment</li><li>6. To buy or build fire and rescue multiservice centers, police stations, and jails, and</li><li>7. To pay necessary costs connected with these facilities.</li></ol> <p>Public service facilities include community buildings, child care centers, courthouses, public maintenance buildings, libraries, schools, industrial parks, roads, bridges, airports, fairgrounds, utilities, and other improvements or to acquire interest in land, leases, and right of ways necessary to develop the facilities. Loan funds may also be used for the operation of these facilities.</p> <p>The Rural Housing Service may fund other types of community facilities that provide essential services to rural residents; and to pay necessary cost connected with such facilities.</p>
<b>Where to Apply</b>	<p>Cheryl Cook, State Director Rural Development State Office One Credit Union Place, Suite 330 Harrisburg, PA 7110-9408 Telephone: (717) 237-2188 Fax: (717) 237-2191 TDD: (717) 237-2261 E-Mail: ccook@rurdev.usda.gov</p>

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**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

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**Program** Certified Local Government Program

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**Types of Assistance** Grants

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**Project Type** Historic preservation activities

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**Who is Eligible** Pennsylvania municipalities and counties

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**Program Use** To fund historic preservation initiatives. Certification requirements are stringent. A community should only apply if genuinely interested in historic preservation. Interested local governments must first become certified in historic preservation by the National Park Service. Upon certification, they may compete for periodically available grants offered by the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office.

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**Where to Apply** National Park Service  
Mid-Atlantic Region  
National Park Service  
600 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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<b>Program</b>	Transportation Enhancements Program (TEA 21)
<b>Types of Assistance</b>	Grant - Reimbursement
<b>Project Type</b>	Facilities for pedestrians and bicycles; acquisition or scenic or historic sites; scenic or historic highway programs; scenic beautification; historic preservation; rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings; preservation of abandoned railways; control and removal of outdoor advertising; archaeological research; and mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff.
<b>Who is Eligible</b>	Not limited
<b>Program Use</b>	Integrate transportation facilities into their surrounding communities and the natural environment. The program money is used to plant wildflowers, renovate historic bridges and markers, make rails-to-trails conversions, provide pedestrian access, and for historic preservation. All projects must have a direct relationship to transportation. The department provides up to 80 percent in federal funding for an approved project. A local match, normally 20 percent, is provided by the municipality or organization working through a municipality. The Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee, composed of representatives of groups, agencies and grassroots organizations, selects projects that the department will fund.
<b>Where to Apply</b>	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Center for Program Development and Management Ron Myers, Program Coordinator 917 Transportation & Safety Building Harrisburg, PA 17120 Phone: (717) 783-2258

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**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (DGS)**

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<b>Program</b>	Federal Surplus Property Donation Program
<b>Types of Assistance</b>	Distribution of surplus federal personal property and equipment.
<b>Project Type</b>	Equipment purchasing
<b>Who is Eligible</b>	Nonprofit, tax exempt organizations, institutions and local governments.
<b>Program Use</b>	Purchase of property to be using within 12 months or acquisition for a period no less than 12 months, including maintenance equipment, hand tools, lawnmowers, paint, snow blowers, vehicles, heavy equipment, vehicle accessories, office equipment and supplies, copiers, and FAX machines. Extensive resources area available to locate specific items upon request. If an item is not in stock, the division will look specifically for an item.
<b>Where to Apply</b>	DEP Regional Office  Contact person: Mr. Scott Pepperman, Administrative Office Federal Surplus Property Division Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations Pennsylvania Department of General Services P.O. Box 1365 Harrisburg, PA 17105-1365 Phone: (717) 787-9724 Fax: (717) 772-2491