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## Seeking HOSTS for 2026 EVENTS

- Business Women's Networking Luncheon
  - After Hours Mixer
- Business Leaders Discussion Group

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service and more...

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visit [www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events](http://www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events)

## CHAMBER EVENTS

*Watch for Weekly Updates!*

### *August*

**27 - Business Leaders Discussion Group -**  
Sponsored by PaySmart Payroll Services, 650 Wilson  
Ln, Ste. 100, Mechanicsburg. 7:45 - 9:00 am.  
Members only event.

### *September*

**10 - Cumberland County Mega Mixer -**  
Location - **Members 1st Federal Credit Union,**  
5000 Marketplace Way, Enola. 5:00 - 7:00pm.

**18 - 21st Annual Golf Outing - Rich Valley Golf,**  
227 Rich Valley Rd, Mechanicsburg. Registration  
and Lunch - 12:00 PM, Tee time - 1:00 PM

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with their local chamber of commerce were  
more likely to purchase from a chamber  
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## Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

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**Anna May & Brad Nauss  
Pronto Plumbing  
Shatzer Insurance  
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**Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:**

# **Business Leaders Discussion Group**

**Thursday, August 27**

**7:45 - 9:00 am**

**Sponsored by  
PaySmart Payroll Services  
650 Wilson Ln, Suite 100  
Mechanicsburg**



RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org) or call 717-796-0811.  
This members-only event is **free** to attend!

**Bring your questions and business topics and hear what others have to say!**

**Do you know a great way to show off  
what, where, and how you do the things you do?  
Host a Business Women's Networking Luncheon or  
After Hours Mixer. There is no fee to host an event,  
contact the Chamber office for more details.**

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# MEGA MIXER

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**Friday, September 18, 2026**

Rich Valley Golf  
227 Rich Valley Road  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

12:00 p.m. - Registration / Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Tee Time

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

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**CLICK HERE** for registration form or at [www.mechanicsburgchamber.org](http://www.mechanicsburgchamber.org)



Portion of proceeds will support New Hope - a social services agency assisting those in need across portions of Cumberland, York, and Adams Counties with food and basic needs, workforce development programs, transportation & housing assistance - along with a variety of community, business, and economic development programs throughout the year.



## Meet the Chamber's 2026 Charity of Choice: New Hope Ministries

Each year, the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce chooses a "Charity of Choice" to deliver community awareness and fundraising efforts. The Chamber uses its numerous vehicles to focus on understanding of what the chosen charity offers. Also, the Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing provides an opportunity to financially assist the chosen charity to better provide its services to the area's residents. For 2026, New Hope will benefit from the Chamber's efforts and will be featured in numerous editions of Chamber Chatter – the Chamber's weekly e-newsletter.

For more than 43 years, New Hope Ministries has served as a source of hope for low-income individuals and families across central Pennsylvania. At our Mechanicsburg Center and through a network of ten mobile food pantry locations, we provide essential support to neighbors facing food insecurity, housing instability, transportation challenges, and barriers to employment.

As inflation, rising housing and healthcare costs, and economic uncertainty continue to impact our community, more families are finding themselves in crisis after a single unexpected expense or job loss. Through compassionate case management, emergency food assistance, housing support, and transportation services, New Hope Ministries helps guests stabilize their immediate situations while building a path toward long-term self-sufficiency.

Our programs also equip individuals with the skills needed to achieve lasting independence through workforce development training, GED preparation, financial literacy education, and certifications in high-demand career fields. Innovative programs like Hope Rides, which provides assistance with car repairs and temporary loaner vehicles, help remove transportation barriers that often stand in the way of employment.

By addressing both immediate needs and the underlying challenges that keep families in poverty, New Hope Ministries is helping Mechanicsburg-area neighbors build brighter, more stable futures filled with hope and opportunity.

New Hope has 10 locations across parts of 3 Counties covering nearly a half million people. The Mechanicsburg area is served by their location at 5228 E Trindle Rd. They are open Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and would be pleased to show their facility and all they do. Visit their website at [nhm-pa.org](http://nhm-pa.org) or call 717-766-7333 for more information.

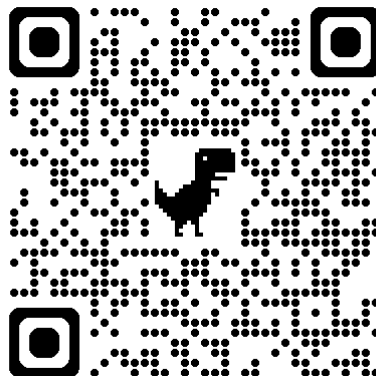
# **Travel with the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce to Sunny Portugal**

**Lisbon, Alentejo, Algarve & Portuguese Riviera**

**September 12-21, 2027**

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## **PennDOT Seeking Workers for Winter Maintenance Program**



While we are still feeling the summer heat, PennDOT is preparing for cooler temperatures by gearing up for its winter maintenance program.

Positions available may include CDL equipment operators, mechanics, dispatchers, tradesman helpers and semi-skilled laborers. The positions pay between \$17.73 per hour to \$28.94 per hour. The winter maintenance program runs from September through April.

Anyone wishing to apply should visit [employment.pa.gov](http://employment.pa.gov) and go to the PennDOT Winter Maintenance Program posting.

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## **Fun for All Ages Awaits at PA Fairs**

Summer is in full swing, and so is Pennsylvania fair season! Communities across the Commonwealth are hosting dozens of fairs featuring food, fun and entertainment, as well as competitive exhibits highlighting animals, produce, crops, crafts, baking and more.

To plan your fair visit, check out the [2026 PA Fair Guide here](#).



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### **Recognizing the Sacrifice Behind the Purple Heart**

On Friday, Aug. 7, our nation will observe Purple Heart Day, a time to honor the brave men and women of our armed forces who were wounded or killed while serving our country. The Purple Heart is one of the military's most respected honors, representing the courage, sacrifice and dedication of those who made extraordinary sacrifices in defense of our freedoms.



As we approach Purple Heart Day, we remember the service members who earned this distinguished recognition and the families who supported them. Their willingness to serve in the face of danger reflects the highest ideals of duty and patriotism. I encourage everyone to take time on Aug. 7 to honor Purple Heart recipients and recognize the sacrifices they made for our nation.

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### **Nominate a Non-Teaching School Employee for a RISE Award**



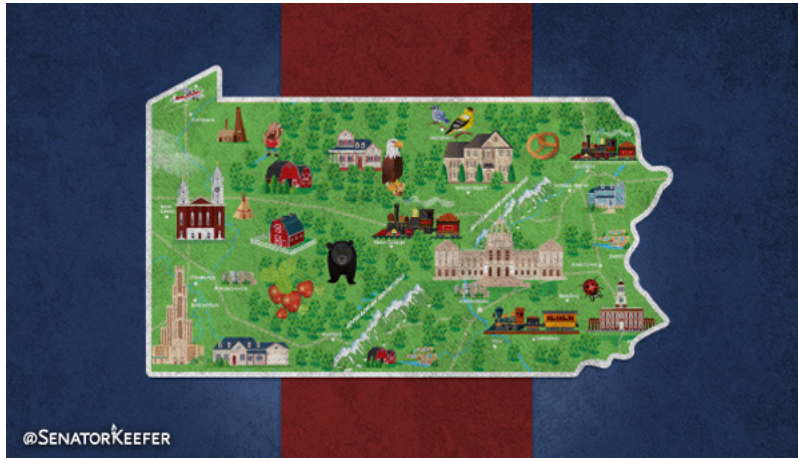
Non-teaching school employees – including paraprofessional, clerical, transportation, food service, custodial, security and health workers – play key roles in keeping our local schools running.

If you know an incredible non-teaching employee, you can nominate them for a Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Award. Find details and a nomination form at the [state Department of Education website](#).

Nominations for 2026 close Aug. 30.

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## Find Summer Getaway Ideas Here in PA



There's plenty of summer left. If you haven't had time for a vacation yet, or you're looking for another getaway, there's plenty to experience here in our commonwealth.

Use VisitPA to explore by regions, such as the Pennsylvania Wilds, Great Lakes, Laurel Highlands, the Lehigh Valley, Dutch Country and more. Break it down by things to do, outdoor activities, dining and other experiences.

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| Thurs. 8/6 | — | Cumberland Ag. Expo, Newville Fairgrounds...Kirk solo/duo 6-8                      |
| Fri. 8/7   | — | South Hanover Township Concert Series, Hershey... A G Band 7-9                     |
| Sat. 8/8   | — | Brethern Village Car Show, Lititz...Kirk solo... 11:30-3:30                        |
| Sat. 8/8   | — | Reid's Wine & Cider House, Gettysburg...Kirk Duo 6-9                               |
| Sun. 8/9   | — | Bowhunters Superstore Worship Service, Wellsville...Kirk & others... starts at 9AM |
| Sun. 8/9   | — | Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs, Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 1-3                  |
| Tues. 8/11 | — | Range + Rye Restaurant @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9                      |
| Sat. 8/15  | — | Mt. Airy Orchards Peach Festival, Dillsburg ... Kirk & Band 9:30-12:30             |
| Sat. 8/15  | — | TJ Rockwells, Elizabethtown...Kirk, Patrick & Gary Trio 7-9                        |
| Sun. 8/16  | — | Wolf Brewing Brunch, Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo/duo 11-2                            |

# **The Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation Seeks Interested Parties for CAEDC Board of Director Vacancy**

*Interested candidates for the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation  
Board of Directors should apply by August 17th, 2026.*

The Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) seeks a county resident or person employed by a business in Cumberland County who would be interested in serving on the CAEDC Board of Directors. CAEDC is looking for a community-minded candidate working in the Hospitality, Tourism, or Destination Marketing Industry to fill a vacant position for a remainder of a 3-year term.

The Board of Directors includes the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and 11 additional Directors who are tasked with evaluating day-to-day operations. Board Members contribute to board meetings, provide input on strategic decisions, participate on a committee, and support the organization's mission.

Board service requires attendance at bi-monthly meetings, participation on a CAEDC committee, and attendance at CAEDC-sponsored events.

Criteria for consideration:

- Knowledge of nonprofit corporations, including governance and organizational development issues.
- Professional experience or demonstrated interest in one or more of the following sectors:
  - o Hospitality Management (hotels, lodging operations, guest services)
  - o Tourism & Destination Marketing (visitor promotion, branding, communications)
  - o Business Ownership/Operation (entrepreneurship, small business management)
  - o Restaurant & Food Service Industries
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively as a team member.
- Passion for community and economic development.
- Previous board or leadership experience is a plus.

Candidates will serve from September 2026 until February 2028. The Board of Directors meetings are held bi-monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

To be considered, individuals must submit a letter of interest and a resume to CAEDC as follows:

Please submit materials via email to [nominations@cumberlandbusiness.com](mailto:nominations@cumberlandbusiness.com)  
OR by regular mail to: 230 S. Sporting Hill Road, Suite 100, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.  
For additional information or questions, call 717-240-7197.

The deadline for submitting all materials is Thursday, August 17th, 2026.

The Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) is an independent 503 (cc)(3) nonprofit corporation responsible for providing economic development and tourism promotion services to Cumberland Valley, which includes Cumberland County and the Southcentral Pennsylvania region. The corporation is led by an executive director who reports to the board of directors. Members of the board of directors are appointed by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners.



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# Grant Cycle 3

Applications Accepted June 1 - September 1

Funding opportunities for nonprofits serving:

- Animal Welfare
- Arts & Culture
- Education
- Environment
- Health & Wellness
- Homelessness & Hunger
- Housing Stability
- Mental Health
- Seniors



## TFEC Grant Cycle 3 Offers Nonprofits Up to \$38,000 in Funding

Eligible local nonprofits can apply for up to \$38,000 to strengthen their programs and expand the services they provide in their communities through The Foundation for Enhancing Communities' (TFEC) current grant opportunities.

"Local nonprofits understand the needs of the people and neighborhoods they serve," said Stefani McAuliffe, vice president of community impact at TFEC. "This funding can help them advance their missions, reach more people and build on the work already making a difference across our region." Grant Cycle 3 offers five funding opportunities, with individual awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000. Nonprofits may apply to more than one opportunity if they meet the eligibility requirements.

Applications are open through Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The **Madden Family Foundation Fund** offers grants of up to \$5,000 for programs that support disadvantaged mothers with children in South Central Pennsylvania and northern York County.

The **Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund** offers grants of up to \$1,000 for youth and family programs serving disadvantaged or underserved communities.

The **Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation Grant** offers up to \$12,000 to nonprofits serving the 17050 and 17055 ZIP codes. Funding supports programs that improve quality of life in the Mechanicsburg area, including efforts that strengthen housing stability.

The **Please Live Fund** offers up to \$10,000 for mental health education and suicide prevention in Pennsylvania. The fund gives special consideration to programs serving students from kindergarten through college.

**TFEC Community Impact Grants** offer up to \$10,000 for work that responds to local needs and strengthens communities across South Central Pennsylvania.

Applications must be submitted online by Sept. 1. Applicants will be notified of their status by Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Eligible applicants must have nonprofit status or work with an eligible fiscal sponsor. Organizations may apply for multiple opportunities, but they may submit only one application to each grant program.

Nonprofits can review full guidelines and apply through TFEC's [current grant opportunities portal](#). Questions about eligibility or the application process can be directed to [grants@tfec.org](mailto:grants@tfec.org) or 717-236-5040.

"These grant funds reflect the generosity of people who want to make a lasting difference in the causes and communities they care about," said Kim Alvarez, vice president of philanthropy at TFEC. "Donors can support an established fund through TFEC or create a charitable fund that reflects their own goals. Each gift helps expand what is possible for local nonprofits and the people they serve."

To learn more about supporting community needs through TFEC, visit [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org) or contact the Philanthropy Team at [philanthropy@tfec.org](mailto:philanthropy@tfec.org).

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## **LSA Category 4 Grants Opened July 1**

Non-Profits in Cumberland County Can Apply Through CAEDC

The Local Share Account (LSA), Category 4 Facilities Program, a multi-county grant program that includes Cumberland County opened July 1, and interested non-profit applicants can apply through the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC).

CAEDC seeks applicants who are non-profit organizations that need funding for projects that benefit their community. Interested organizations are encouraged to contact Alyssa Smith at 717-240-7184 or at [alyssa@cumberlandbusiness.com](mailto:alyssa@cumberlandbusiness.com) with any questions and to determine if their project aligns with CAEDC's strategic mission.

Eligible uses include:

- Acquisition
- Construction
- Demolition
- Infrastructure
- Purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment (excluding uniforms, protective equipment, consumable supplies, and furniture)
- Planning, consulting, and design costs related to planning projects.
- Engineering, design, and inspection, to include permitting fees, for construction projects not to exceed 10% of the total grant award
- Contingency costs not to exceed 5% of documented construction and infrastructure costs are permissible

Interested, qualified applicants can apply on CAEDC's online application at [CumberlandBusiness.com/lisa-application](http://CumberlandBusiness.com/lisa-application).

Complete applications must be submitted to CAEDC by August 31, 2026.

The LSA Grant is funded through the PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, which provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### About CAEDC

CAEDC is Cumberland County's lead economic development agency charged with leveraging and promoting Cumberland Valley's economic development and tourism assets to drive growth, create jobs and improve the quality of life. Offices are located at 230 S. Sporting Hill Road, Suite 100, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. For more information, visit [www.cumberlandbusiness.com](http://www.cumberlandbusiness.com) and [www.visitcumberlandvalley.com](http://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com).

## LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT (LSA) GRANT PROGRAM

### FUNDING OVERVIEW & ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

#### CATEGORY 4

#### Cumberland County Program



##### FUNDING AVAILABLE

~\$892,000 for Cumberland County (last round)



##### GRANT REQUEST

No minimum or maximum



##### APPLICATION WINDOW

July 1 – September 30 annually



##### CAEDC DEADLINE

August 31



##### AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Usually Spring of the following year

#### STATEWIDE

#### Pennsylvania-Wide Program



##### FUNDING AVAILABLE

~\$268,000,000 statewide (last round)



##### GRANT REQUEST

\$25,000 – \$1,000,000



##### APPLICATION WINDOW

September 1 – November 30 annually



##### CAEDC DEADLINE

October 31



##### AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Usually Fall of the following year



#### ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

- Acquisition of real estate
- Construction, renovation & rehabilitation
- Demolition
- Infrastructure & public sidewalks
- Purchase of vehicles, machinery & equipment
- Planning, consulting & design costs
- Engineering, design & inspection (incl. permitting fees)
- Administrative costs of applicant

**Cost Caps to Know:** Engineering, design & inspection costs are capped at **10% of the total grant award** (no cap for planning-only projects). Administrative costs may not exceed **2%** of the total grant request. Contingency costs are capped at **5%** of documented construction and infrastructure costs.

**Eligibility Requirement:** Projects must improve the quality of life for citizens and provide a public benefit. Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible applicant or nonprofit organization.

# **\$1.1 Million Awarded for Tourism Projects in Cumberland County in Q2; Nearly \$1.9 Million in 2026**

The Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC), through the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, is excited to announce it is awarding \$1,121,472 in tourism grants in the program's Q2 application window.

[CAEDC recently announced](#) a first round of tourism grant awards in the amount of \$768,384, bringing 2026 Year-To-Date award amounts to \$1,889,856.

The Cumberland Valley Tourism Grants fall into three categories: Tourism Product Development, Destination Sales, and Tourism Partnership.

## **Tourism Product Development Grant**

The Tourism Product Development Grant funds physical product development projects (including construction, furniture, fixtures and equipment) that increase the number of products, experiences and services that will draw overnight visitors to Cumberland Valley and increase the length of their stay.

Awarded Projects Include:

- **Keystone Trails Association:** \$500,000 award - Keystone Trails Association supports a wide range of hiking-related activities across Pennsylvania and is in the process of taking ownership of Scott Farm in Carlisle, an access point for the Appalachian Trail and Conodoguinet Creek Water Trail. Keystone Trails Association plans to upgrade the current site, and the grant award will go towards renovating the existing farmhouse into a visitor center featuring a welcome area with interpretive signage, retail area, restrooms, and conference rooms, along with a water filling station, visitor crosswalk, enhanced parking and signage, and an outdoor single vault toilet.
- **Ashcombe Mansion Property, LLC:** \$239,945 award - Ashcombe Mansion has served as a destination event venue for weddings, private celebrations, and corporate events since opening in 2021. A new addition to the property is the creation of Tavern 1891, a three-story, neo-British gastropub that should bring the same level of creative aesthetic. The grant award will assist with tables and chairs, benches, and a POS system.
- **Carlisle Golf Group, LLC:** \$187,875 award - The Carlisle Golf Group, operating as the Carlisle Country Club, is a 100-year-old recreational and event venue under new management and is currently undergoing renovations to modernize the facility, strengthen operations, improve guest experience and restore the property as a regional destination for golf outings and events. The renovated event spaces are available for the public to book for weddings, corporate gatherings, and special occasions. The grant award will assist with upgrades to the facility's nearly 200-person Banquet Room, the boardroom-style Carlisle Room and the outdoor patio. Upgrades include tables and chairs, flooring, sound dampening panels, lighting, and window treatments, as well as limited equipment.
- **Army Heritage Center Foundation:** \$32,433 award - The Army Heritage Center Foundation is the nonprofit partner of the United States Army Heritage and Education Center. The grant award will assist with the purchase of an electric tram that will be utilized to shuttle visitors and groups along the Army Heritage Trail, making the trail more accessible and streamlining group tours.

## **Destination Sales Grant**

The Destination Sales Grant funds multi-day event expenses that increase group and conference overnight travel to Cumberland Valley, including bid fees, facility and shuttle rentals, speaker or performer fees, and marketing and advertising. Projects requesting over \$10,000 in grant awards must meet minimum overnight room requirements.

- World Downhill Skateboarding Championships (WDSC): \$99,948 award - WDSC is a multi-event premier international series showcasing the spectacular sporting disciplines of Downhill Skateboarding and Street Luge. WDSC will host a leg of the Championship Tour in Cumberland Valley in May 2027. Each race brings about 125-150 competitors, along with about 150 friends and family, plus 40 support staff.
- Carlisle Comic Con: \$10,000 award - Carlisle Comic Con is a pop culture convention held in Carlisle, featuring artists, writers, creators, media guests, and vendors; often highlighting comics, sci-fi, horror, and fantasy genres. The 2026 event will take place at the Carlisle Expo Center for 3 days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 16, 17 and 18.
- USS Long Beach: \$10,000 award - Members of the U.S. Navy Ship, USS Long Beach CGN-9, will hold their annual reunion in Cumberland Valley and will celebrate the country's 250th birthday. The event will be at the Penn Harris Hotel & Conference Center in September.
- Professional Women and Woman Entrepreneurs Association (POWER): \$7,773 award - POWER's Women's Sports Program highlights women's wellness, fitness, community training, leadership development, women's empowerment, presentations, and vendor exhibits.

### **Tourism Partnership Grant**

The grant offers funding from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for smaller-scale product development projects that expand tourism products, experiences, or services designed to attract overnight visitors to Cumberland Valley and increase the length of stay by visitors.

- Cumberland Drive In-Theatre, LLC: \$10,000 award - The Cumberland Drive-In Theatre is a 500-car outdoor movie theatre in Newville that is open on weekends from April through September and has been in operation for the last 74 years and is one of about 300 drive-ins remaining across the country. The grant award will assist with connecting the facility to public water, and includes excavation and installation, the Newville Tap Fee, and a contingency for possible limestone removal. This will allow the facility to be available for more openings and events.
- Cumberland Youth Cycling Development: \$10,000 award - Cumberland Youth Cycling Development provides structured mountain biking instruction and operates the Carlisle Pump Track and adjacent bike park in Carlisle Borough's Valley Meadow Park. The grant award will assist with creating a dedicated Skills Area that will allow riders to practice technical features in a controlled environment, serve as the entry point for riders preparing to explore the nearby Michaux State Forest, and create opportunities for CYCD to host regional competitions.
- Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association: \$9,096 award - WGHSEA was formed in 1959 to preserve the historical role of steam-operated machinery and agricultural equipment through education and live demonstrations. They will be hosting the National J.I. Case Collectors Show at their Mechanicsburg fairgrounds during the 2026 Annual Fall Steam Show, which includes an estimated 100–200-member banquet. The grant award will assist with buying tables, chairs, and storage so that they can efficiently host this and future banquets and seated events.
- Village Artisans Gallery, LLC: \$6,849 award - The Village Artisans Gallery has offered fine handcrafted works from artists in downtown Boiling Springs for 31 years. The Gallery came under the new management of one of its craftswomen over a year ago. The grant award will assist in minor construction to make visitor-friendly updates, including re-imaging the back space of the gallery to be a multiuse space for classes and demonstrations and updating the restroom. Costs include construction, materials, demonstration table, and stools.

"CAEDC is proud to invest over \$1.8 million into Cumberland Valley's tourism economy so far this year," said Laura Delaney, Director of Tourism & Marketing, Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation. "These awards support everything from long-standing community landmarks to brand-new ventures, and each one strengthens our region's ability to draw overnight visitors and grow the local economy. We look forward to seeing these projects come to life."

The latest round of CAEDC Tourism Grants opened on Monday, August 3, 2026, and will close on Friday, September 4, 2026.

Businesses and organizations with tourism-facing projects interested in applying for a Tourism Grant, can reach out to Ashley Kurtz at [akurtz@visitcumberlandvalley.com](mailto:akurtz@visitcumberlandvalley.com) to discuss their project.

Businesses and organizations with tourism-facing events can reach out to Patrick Bourque at [patrick@visitcumberlandvalley.com](mailto:patrick@visitcumberlandvalley.com) to discuss their event.

To learn more about CAEDC's tourism grants, including eligibility, timelines, and application guidelines, visit [cumberlandbusiness.com/tourism-grants](https://cumberlandbusiness.com/tourism-grants).

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## **PA Sales Tax Total Update**

Pennsylvania recently changed how the local sales tax is sourced for certain transactions involving Philadelphia and Allegheny County. Businesses that make taxable sales within Pennsylvania may need to update how they calculate, collect, and report local sales tax.

### **What Changed**

Previously, the additional local sales tax was generally based on where the sale originated. Under the new rules, the local tax will generally follow the location where the taxable product or service is delivered or received.

This means taxable sales sourced to:

- Philadelphia may be subject to the additional 2% Philadelphia sales tax, for a total rate of 8%.
- Allegheny County may be subject to the additional 1% county sales tax, for a total rate of 7%.

Businesses located in Philadelphia or Allegheny County may also no longer need to collect the local tax on certain sales delivered to customers elsewhere in Pennsylvania.

### **How This May Impact Your Business**

This change may affect businesses located both inside and outside Philadelphia and Allegheny County.

Businesses selling taxable goods or services to customers in either jurisdiction may have new local tax collection responsibilities. Companies located within those jurisdictions may also need to adjust the tax charged on sales delivered elsewhere in Pennsylvania.

The change may be particularly relevant to businesses that:

- Ship taxable products to customers throughout Pennsylvania.
- Provide taxable services to customers in multiple locations.
- Operate e-commerce or remote-sales businesses.
- Use automated sales tax software or point-of-sale systems.

- Make both direct and marketplace sales.

### **Potential Retroactive Application**

The legislation was enacted in July 2026 but applies to tax years beginning after December 31, 2025. For calendar-year businesses, this language may affect transactions dating back to January 1, 2026.

The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue has not yet issued detailed guidance regarding amended returns, transition procedures, collection of previously uncharged tax, or potential penalty relief.

### **Recommended Next Steps**

Businesses that may be affected should consider:

- Reviewing taxable sales made since January 1, 2026.
- Confirming customer delivery and service-location information.
- Identifying potential undercollection or overcollection of local tax.
- Updating invoicing, point-of-sale, and tax calculation systems.
- Confirming that third-party sales tax software has incorporated the new rules.
- Separating direct sales from transactions handled by marketplace facilitators.
- Retaining detailed transaction records while additional guidance is pending.

Certain transactions, including motor vehicles, motorboats, aircraft, mobile telecommunications services, and some construction materials, remain subject to separate sourcing rules.

### **How Trout CPA Can Help**

Trout CPA is monitoring additional guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. Our team can assist with evaluating your sales tax obligations, reviewing prior transactions, identifying potential exposure, and updating your compliance procedures.

Please contact your Trout CPA advisor if you have questions about how this change may affect your business.

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# UPMC

## **LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE**

**UPMC Harrisburg Ranked Number One Hospital in the Harrisburg Metro Area  
for 2026-2027**

UPMC Harrisburg, including UPMC West Shore and UPMC Community Osteopathic under the same license, has been recognized as the area's top hospital for 2026-2027 by U.S. News & World Report.

The hospital was ranked No. 1 in the Harrisburg Metro area which includes hospitals in Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties, and No. 7 in Pennsylvania among U.S. News' latest edition of Best Hospitals. The recognition affirms UPMC's local and national reputation for quality and innovative care.

"Being ranked as the top hospital in our region is an important milestone and a powerful reflection of the extraordinary dedication of every UPMC team member," said Elizabeth Ritter, president of UPMC Harrisburg, UPMC West Shore and UPMC Community Osteopathic. "This recognition is not the result of one individual or department, but a testament to our shared commitment to advancing care, improving patient outcomes and serving our community with excellence."

In addition to being ranked as a top hospital, UPMC Harrisburg was also ranked as high performing in the following conditions and procedures:

- Aortic valve surgery
- Back surgery (spinal fusion)
- Colon cancer surgery
- Diabetes
- Gynecological cancer surgery
- Heart arrhythmia
- Heart attack
- Heart failure
- Hip fracture
- Hip replacement
- Kidney failure
- Knee replacement
- Lung cancer surgery
- Pneumonia
- Prostate cancer surgery
- Stroke

"Over the past several years, we have expanded and strengthened care at UPMC Harrisburg, UPMC West Shore and UPMC Community Osteopathic by bringing UPMC's nationally recognized specialty programs closer to home and positioning these hospitals as destinations for advanced care," said Ritter. "Today, patients in Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, and surrounding counties have access to world-class cancer care, heart and vascular care, women's health, children's services, and other leading specialties. In every area, our focus remains clear: delivering high-quality care, improving patient outcomes, and earning the trust of every patient we serve."

U.S. News evaluated nearly 4,500 hospitals across 14 adult specialties and 23 procedures and conditions; only 16% of evaluated hospitals earned a Best Hospitals designation. This year in particular, the rankings increasingly focused on patient outcomes, reflecting UPMC's approach to care.

"A hospital named among the U.S. News Best Hospitals has demonstrated its commitment to high-quality care, especially in achieving successful outcomes for patients," said Ben Harder, U.S. News' managing editor and chief of Health Analysis. "A Best Hospitals recognition reflects consistent top-tier medical care to its community."

The U.S. News Best Hospitals rankings serve as a starting point for patients and families, who should consult with their personal physicians when making specific healthcare decisions.

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