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CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!

October

23 - Chamber office closed

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

November

10 - Afternoon Mixer - CPRS Physical Therapy,
102 N Baltimore St, Dillsburg. 12:00 - 2:00pm.

*One study found that 64% of adults familiar
with their local chamber of commerce were
more likely to purchase from a chamber
member.*

- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Mechanicsburg Chamber Will Hold Election for Board of Directors at January Meeting

**Apply
Now**

If you are interested in serving on
the Board of Directors for the
Mechanicsburg Chamber of
Commerce, [click here](#) to review job
description, nomination policies, procedures
and application.

We are accepting applications!

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

Autobodies by Lucas
Major's Select Collision Center
Mechanicsburg Mystery Bookshop
Select Collision Centers

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, October 29

7:45 - 9:00 am

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



RSVP to 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!

Welcome New Chamber Members

**Cosey Collectibles, 50 West Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055; Stacia Cosey; 717-686-3885;
coseycollectibles.com; Antiques / Glass / Retail**

**Crawlspace Medic of Harrisburg, 225 Sycamore Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111; Kyle Adams; 717-645-2587;
crawlspacemedic.com; Home Improvement / Building/Construction / Home Inspections**

**Tamayo Contractor Consultants, 1501 Williams Grove Road #5, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055; Renee Tamayo;
223-895-7686; tamayocontractorconsultants.com; Consultant: Business**

Chamber Chatter is published on-line every Thursday.

We encourage member businesses to send us information on sales, promotions, news and events. It is a great way to promote your business or organization.

Chamber Chatter advertisements will remain for up to 4 weeks, or as space permits.

If you have something to share, please submit it by Wednesday at noon to
info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

****Chamber Chatter advertising is a FREE member benefit.****

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Afternoon Mixer

Tuesday, November 10

12:00pm - 2:00pm

We're trying something different!!



The CPRS Physical Therapy location in Dillsburg welcomes you to an Afternoon Mixer for November.

Introduce yourself and your business to familiar faces and hopefully some new ones, too. Come network with local business representatives and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Don't forget to bring your business cards to MIX & MINGLE.

Learn about the wide variety of services CPRS offers including: Physical Therapy, Vestibular Therapy, Sports Rehabilitation, Pre and Post-Operative Therapy, Oncology Rehab Program, Diabetes Management, and Wellness. They offer several wellness programs including: general membership, healthy lifestyles, personal training, and sports specific training.

CPRS Physical Therapy Dillsburg
102 N Baltimore St
Dillsburg

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

Travel with the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce to Sunny Portugal

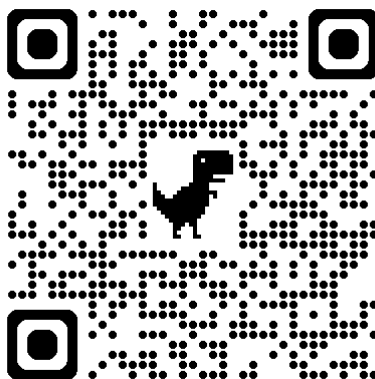
Lisbon, Alentejo, Algarve & Portuguese Riviera

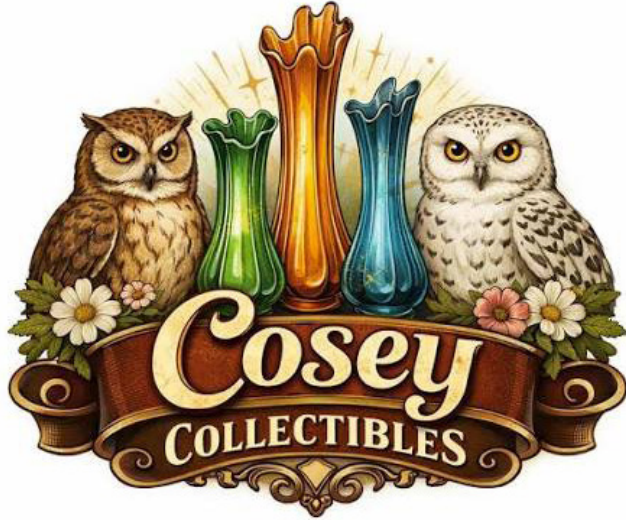
September 12-21, 2027

We have teamed up with Collette Vacations to offer this inclusive tour of one of Europe's fascinating countries.

**Join us for a presentation Thursday, November 19 , 2026
at the Joseph T. Simpson Library Meeting Room B**

**Call to register and make your reservation.
Scan the QR code below for more information or click here.**





Welcome Cosey Collectibles!

The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce joined Stacia and Brett Cosey of **Cosey Collectibles** along with fellow Chamber members and elected officials to cut the ribbon for their new storefront in downtown mechanicsburg. The purveyor of glassware and antiques is located at 50 West Main Street, Mechanicsburg. **Cosey Collectibles** specializes in buying and selling vintage glassware and home decor. Take an opportunity to visit this treasure trove of memories and nostalgia. **Cosey Collectibles** is your resource to assist in filling a set of past collectibles or thinning out your collection of acquired decor items.





New Hope Ministries - the Chamber's 2026 'Charity of Choice' - Offers Assistance for local Youth

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.

Youth:

Summer Youth Programs are thriving and making a lasting impact. These programs provide the young members of our community with a safe and welcoming place to grow, learn, and stay engaged during the summer months.

Through a blend of educational enrichment and meaningful connection, students are able to continue building important academic skills while also being encouraged in their faith and learning more about Jesus in a caring and supportive environment.

We are so grateful for your partnership in making this possible. Because of you, summer becomes more than just a break from school. It becomes a season of growth, discovery, and hope for every child who walks through our doors.

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 or call 717-766-7333 for more information.



2026 General Election Important Dates



Oct. 19
**Last day to register to vote
in the general election**

- vote.pa.gov/Register

Oct. 27
**Last day to apply
for a mail ballot**

- vote.pa.gov/MailBallot

Nov. 3
**Election Day. Polls are open
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

- vote.pa.gov/Polls

Nov. 3
**Completed mail ballots
must be received by 8 p.m.**

- vote.pa.gov/County

The 2026 General Election is coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 3. The ballot includes candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, U.S. House of Representatives, and state House and Senate (in even-numbered senatorial districts).

If you are not already registered to vote, the deadline to do so is Monday, Oct. 19. You may register in person at your county elections office, by mail or by [visiting the state's online voter registration website](https://vote.pa.gov/Register).

The last day to [apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot](https://vote.pa.gov/MailBallot) is Tuesday, Oct. 27. Completed ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

For more information about voting in the Commonwealth, including how to check your registration and voting location, visit vote.pa.gov.



Pumpkin Palooza: Where Gourds Go Glam

Put your artistic talents to the test by entering a painted or carved pumpkin in the PA Preferred Pumpkin Palooza contest, hosted by the PA Department of Agriculture.

To be eligible, pumpkins must be purchased from a Pennsylvania farm, market or pumpkin patch. Enter your creation in one of three age categories: child (11 and under), youth (12-17) or adult (18+).

Email a photo of your pumpkin to agcontests@pa.gov by Oct. 26. The subject line should say "PA Pumpkin Palooza Entry" and the message must include your name, age, hometown,

county, contact information, and the PA farm or market where you bought your pumpkin. Participants must give the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania permission to use your name and photos of your submission; those under the age of 18 must have the consent of a parent/guardian.

[Click here for more details!](#)

Skill Games Update

A PA Supreme Court ruling that deemed skill game machines to be illegal slot machines in the Commonwealth took effect earlier this week after majority House Democrats, who set the voting calendar for session, failed to bring up legislation to properly authorize and regulate them.

The court issued its ruling in June but placed a 120-day stay on the decision to give lawmakers time to address the issue.

The stay ended on Oct. 13.

Skill games have been around in the Commonwealth for more than a decade, used in small businesses as well as veterans and other social clubs to generate revenue to help keep their doors open and support community initiatives.

Legislation is needed to help our small business owners, veterans, emergency responders and others. Primary points of contention have been how much to tax the machines – Gov. Josh Shapiro proposed a 52% tax – and how to spend the revenue that would be generated.



Looking for a Career in Law Enforcement?

The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) is accepting applications from people interested in a rewarding career in public service as a state trooper.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED certificate and a valid driver's license from any state. They must be at least 20 years old at the time of application, and they must be at least 21 years



old and cannot have reached age 40 upon entry into the PSP academy.

Applications for the current cadet hiring cycle should be submitted via the [Commonwealth's employment website](#) by **Nov. 27**.

For more information on becoming a state trooper, including applicant requirements and job benefits, visit [PATrooper.com](#).

**Older
and
Wiser**
SEMINARS

THURSDAY, OCT. 1 9-10:30 A.M.
 MECHANICSBURG PLACE SENIOR CENTER
97 W. Portland St., Mechanicsburg

THURSDAY, NOV. 5 9-10:30 A.M.
 WEST SHORE SENIOR CENTER
122 Geary Ave., New Cumberland

Due to room occupancy limits, RSVPs are required.
Sign up by calling 717-761-4665 or visiting [RepDelozier.com/Events](#).

Thursday, Nov. 5, from 9-10:30 a.m.,
at West Shore Senior Center, 122 Geary Ave., New Cumberland

Mid Penn Legal Services will lead a seminar educating attendees on the protection offered by power of attorney (POA) arrangements. Living wills, wills and health care POAs will also briefly be discussed.

Due to room occupancy limits, RSVPs are required. Sign up by calling 717-761-4665 or [click here](#).

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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Oct. 24

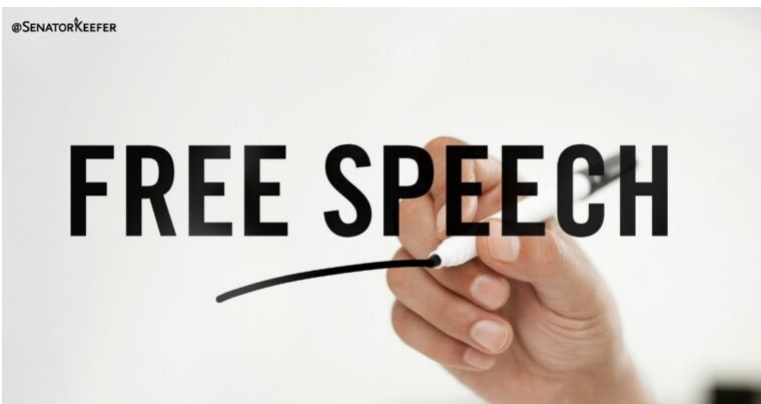
According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, most people who use prescription medication for a nonmedical purpose obtained that medication from a family member or friend. Removing unnecessary medications from the home can help remove this risk.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., providing a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs.



Find a local collection site near you at the [U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration website](#).

Recognizing the Importance of Free Speech Week



Free Speech Week, observed Oct. 19-25, is an opportunity to reflect on the First Amendment and the freedoms it protects. As an elected official, I believe the ability to express opinions, question government decisions and engage in open debate is essential to representative government. These freedoms allow citizens to hold elected officials accountable and ensure diverse perspectives are heard.

The First Amendment protects the right to express opinions, even when others disagree. As we recognize Free Speech Week, [I encourage Pennsylvanians to learn about their constitutional rights and engage respectfully with differing viewpoints](#).

New Law Cracks Down on Robocalls, Scam Texts and Caller ID Spoofing

Legislation we unanimously passed enacting stronger protections from deceptive telemarketing practices will take effect Monday, Oct. 19.

Under [Act 47 of 2026](#), Pennsylvania's telemarketing law will now cover modern forms of solicitation, including text messages, voicemails, ringless voicemails and robocalls. It also establishes stronger rules for when and how telemarketers can contact Pennsylvanians, including:

- Prohibiting telemarketing calls before 9 a.m. and after 7 p.m. and on Sundays.
- Requiring prior express written consent for most robocalls and telemarketing text messages.
- Prohibiting telemarketers from falsely identifying themselves or using deceptive caller ID information, including spoofed numbers.
- Requiring telemarketers to stop a solicitation when a consumer asks them to do so.

The legislation also prohibits the use of AI-generated messages to deceive consumers.



Measures Helping Nonprofit Fundraising Efforts Approved by Senate



The Senate approved two bills to give a boost to civic organizations, fire companies, veterans' groups and other Pennsylvania nonprofits that rely on small games of chance for crucial fundraising.

Under current law, clubs and organizations are limited to awarding no more than \$35,000 in prizes from small games of chance each week. That cap has not been updated since 2013, despite inflation and

the rising costs of programs these organizations fund.

[Senate Bill 995](#) would raise the weekly limit to \$60,000, ensuring local groups can continue generating the revenue they rely on to support vital community programs and services. [Read more about this bill.](#)

[Senate Bill 465](#) would allow licensed clubs to retain up to 50% of their small games of chance proceeds, up from the current 40%. Clubs would continue to be required to use at least 50% of proceeds for public interest purposes. The change would provide clubs with more flexibility to cover operating costs while continuing to support their communities. [Read more about this measure.](#)

The bills were sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.



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Thurs. 10/22 –	The Willows & Ashcombe...Private Event..Jazz Trio 5-6
Fri. 10/23 –	Totem Pole Wine Farm, Carlisle...Kirk solo/duo 6:30-8:30
Sat. 10/24 –	Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 11-2
Sun. 10/25 –	Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 1-4
Tues. 10/27 –	Range + Rye Restaurant @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-8
Fri. 10/30 –	Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs, Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8
Sun. 11/1 –	Wolf Brewing, Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo/duo 11-2

**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.**

Seeking HOSTS for 2026-27 EVENTS

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

BE A HOST and showcase your business, service and more...

For more information - on HOSTING AN EVENT
 contact the Chamber office at 717-796-0811 or email - info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

HEARTS~N~HANDS SERTOMA CLUB FOURTH ANNUAL



Hearts - n - Hands
Sertoma Club

50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING



10/24/2026
2:30 PM

AT

PINK HANDS OF HOPE

5325 E TRINDLE ROAD, MECHANICSBURG PA

FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL BEA GABANY AT 717-439-3692

TICKETS ARE \$10.00

WATCH LIVE ON [FACEBOOK.COM/HEARTSNHANDSSERTOMA](https://www.facebook.com/HEARTSNHANDSSERTOMA)

(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)



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Where Will the
AVON Lady Be
♥ in October?

✂ **October 10-11:**

Enola Pumpkinfest,
Adams-Ricci Park

✂ **October 24:**

GFWC Women's Club
Craft Show @
Mechanicsburg Middle
School Show



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**The U Financial Group -
Deborah Pajak / Christopher Pajak / Cody Morris -
has a new name - Altus Advisory**

As our team has grown and evolved, we have taken an important step forward by bringing everything together under one unified name:

Altus Advisory

The name Altus comes from Latin, meaning elevated and deep. We chose it because it reflects how we serve our clients every day, helping elevate your financial life with clarity and confidence while also taking the time to truly understand your goals and priorities.

This change reflects the growth of our team and how we work today, collaboratively and with a strong focus on building lasting relationships.

While our name is new, everything else stays the same.

You will continue working with the same team you know and trust, receiving the same thoughtful guidance and personalized support you have always experienced.

Over the coming weeks, you will start to see our new name reflected in our communications. We also have a new website that you can check out here: www.altusadv.com

East Main Dental will be hosting our

3rd Annual Fighting Cancer with Smiles

fundraiser throughout the month of October, with all proceeds benefiting **Pink Hands of Hope**, a local nonprofit supporting women and families affected by breast cancer.

October Food Trucks – 11:00 AM–2:00 PM

All food trucks will be located at **East Main Dental, 324 E Main St., Mechanicsburg**, with a portion of each day's sales benefiting **Pink Hands of Hope**.

• October 29: Soul Lotta Empanadas

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324 E MAIN ST • MECHANICSBURG

FOOD TRUCK FUNDRAISER

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
PINK HANDS OF HOPE

OCT. 7

Sarah's
CREAMERY




OCT. 14

CK CHICKEN



OCT. 21

SPECKLED MOOSE




OCT. 29

Soul Lotta
EMPANADAS



EVERY WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER

≥ 11AM – 2PM ≤

ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD & SUPPORT
LOCAL WOMEN AND FAMILIES
AFFECTED BY CANCER.

PINK HANDS OF HOPE

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!

Fighting Cancer with Smiles Raffle

We are also selling raffle tickets for some great prizes, including 4 Rockettes Christmas Spectacular tickets in New York, a 55-inch television, and many other prizes!

The raffle drawing will be held **October 29 at 1:15 PM** at **East Main Dental**.



If you are experiencing grief and loss and would like to share in a group experience this fall, we invite you to journey with us for a 4 week grief group as we search together for hope, peace, and meaning in our grieving.



Tuesdays

Oct. 27, Nov. 3,
Nov. 10, Nov. 17



Room 105



3:30 – 4:30 PM

Register by October 20th

For more information or to register, contact:

Janice Bowen
wecare@fumchurch.com
717 766 4611 x112

Patti Vogl
pvogl@timelessconnections.org
717 319 7318

First United Methodist Church
135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg
Register at fumchurch.com



F&M Trust Supports Autism Awareness During Event's 10th Anniversary

More than 250 employees of F&M Trust recently spent an afternoon learning about autism, with a focus on experiences relevant to autistic children. As part of the event, employees packed backpacks with items intended to support and comfort autistic children. The completed backpacks will be donated to the Laurel Hall School and other local organizations that serve autistic children and their families.

Through interactive activities, F&M Trust employees explored how autistic people may process information and experience their surroundings differently. The activities were not intended to simulate autism or suggest that every autistic child experiences the world in the same way. Instead, each challenge introduced concepts that helped participants better understand the nature of autism and differences in sensory processing, understanding others, and communication. Kyle Ducey, a parent of a child with autism and a healthcare provider, addressed the bank's employees offering a personal perspective on the importance of empathy and understanding.

This event marked the bank's annual observance of Banktoberfest, which since its inception in 2016, has emphasized team building, exceeding expectations and community service. Previous events included projects that contributed to environmental conservation efforts, benefiting area food pantries, providing essentials for local at-risk veterans, and supporting foster care agencies and first responders.

The Laurel Hall School is a non-public special education school serving students ages 5 – 21 with emotional disabilities, autism, and multiple support needs. The school provides highly structured, individualized education and support based on each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), with an emphasis on academic, social, and emotional growth. A representative from the school attended the event to provide a brief overview of their programs and how the backpacks will be used.

F&M Trust partnered with Best Corporate Events & Teambuilding®, an organization that specializes in charitable team-building activities, to facilitate the event. The Laurel Hall Schools are programs of Brook Lane, an affiliate of Meritus Health.





THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

Turn Year-End Giving into Local Impact

A complimentary TFEC webinar will help individuals and businesses connect their generosity with community needs

Year-end giving gives individuals and businesses a chance to support the communities they care about while making thoughtful financial decisions. The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) will host a free virtual webinar, [Finish the Year with Impact: Meeting Community Needs and Maximizing Your Impact](#), on Thursday, Oct. 29, at noon to help attendees better understand local needs and explore practical ways to make a difference.

“Giving can look different for every person and every business,” said [Kim Alvarez, vice president of philanthropy](#) at TFEC. “This webinar will help attendees understand the options available to them and consider how their resources can have a meaningful impact on the causes and communities that matter most.”

Alvarez will be joined by [Stefani McAuliffe, vice president of community impact](#) at TFEC. Together, they will share insight into challenges affecting communities across South Central Pennsylvania and opportunities for philanthropy to help address them.

TFEC’s community needs assessments point to issues ranging from housing affordability and food insecurity to economic pressure and access to mental health care. The data offers a glimpse of how these challenges affect communities throughout the region, including working households struggling to afford basic needs and children facing food insecurity and gaps in access to essential services. County-by-County Needs Assessment

[Cumberland](#)

[Dauphin](#)

[Franklin](#)

[Lebanon](#)

[Perry](#)

With a clearer understanding of community needs, TFEC will help attendees explore ways to put their generosity to work. The webinar will cover donor-advised funds, gifts of appreciated securities, qualified charitable distributions from IRAs and legacy gifts, along with how these options can help donors increase their impact in the communities they care about.

No prior experience with TFEC or an existing charitable fund is required to participate. Please visit the [event page](#) to register.

Make Your Year-End Giving Count

Join TFEC on Thursday, Oct. 29, at noon for a free virtual webinar designed to help you better understand local needs and explore practical ways to make a greater impact through your charitable giving.

[Register Today to Reserve Your Spot](#)

Questions? Contact Kim Alvarez at kalvarez@tfec.org or 717-236-5040.

Needs Across South Central Pennsylvania

29%



Cumberland County
Twenty-Nine percent of households are asset limited, income constrained and employed

Dauphin County
Fifty-Eight percent of children are eligible for free lunch



58%

17,720



Franklin County
Over seventeen thousand people experience food insecurity

Lebanon County
Twenty-Six percent of households spend over thirty percent of their income on housing.



26%

1:2,720



Perry County
One mental health provider per nearly three-thousand residents



Cumberland Area
Economic Development
Corporation

LSA Statewide Grant Applications Currently Open – Connect With CAEDC To Apply

The Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide grant is now open for applications, and interested non-profits can apply through the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC). CAEDC is seeking applicants who are non-profit organizations and need funding for projects that either have an economic development or tourism component in the region. Projects must be at least \$25,000, and the maximum grant request is \$1 million.

Eligible uses include real estate acquisition, construction, demolition, infrastructure, and the purchase of vehicles, machinery, and equipment (excluding uniforms, protective equipment, consumable supplies, and furniture), as well as planning, consulting, and design costs.

For construction projects specifically, engineering, design, inspection, and permitting costs may be included up to 10% of the total grant request, with contingency costs capped at 5% of eligible construction costs.

Interested, qualified applicants can apply on CAEDC's online application at CumberlandBusiness.com/lsa-application.

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

To discuss your project or if you have any questions, contact Alyssa Smith, CAEDC Grants Manager, at Alyssa@cumberlandbusiness.com or 717-240-7184.

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.



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5:30 PM**

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Bureau of Workforce and Business Opportunity
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Calling ALL Small Businesses!

Join our virtual lunch & learn
focused on funding resources for
small and diverse business owners

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Click the link in event description to register!



Pennsylvania
Department of Transportation

Virtual Lunch & Learn: PennDOT Opportunities for Small Businesses **Wednesday, November 4, 2026** **Noon to 1 p.m.**

Driving Your Business Growth

Join PennDOT's Small and Diverse Business Opportunity Unit for an informative virtual lunch & learn session focused on small businesses.

This one-hour session is designed to help small and diverse business owners better understand and identify funding resources. You will hear directly from professionals from the Small Business Development Council, APEX Accelerator, and Chase Bank.

We'll focus on small businesses, highlighting the resources, guidance, and connections that can open doors to opportunities, to empower new and existing businesses.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, engage, and explore how PennDOT can support your business goals!

Register and add to your calendar:

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/6a73a868-9176-41b0-ad00-43579e099bbd@418e2841-0128-4dd5-9b6c-47fc5a9a1bde?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>

NEVI FUNDING ROUND 4 OPEN



Round 4 of the NEVI (National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) **COMMUNITY CHARGING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY** is now open. It will invest \$32 million in eastern Pennsylvania.

To see all Eastern Region funding opportunities and additional resources, go to pa.gov/evcommunity.

To submit a project proposal, complete the [NEVI Interested Organizations Survey](#).

You can also view [PennDOT's NEVI Community Charging Flyer](#).

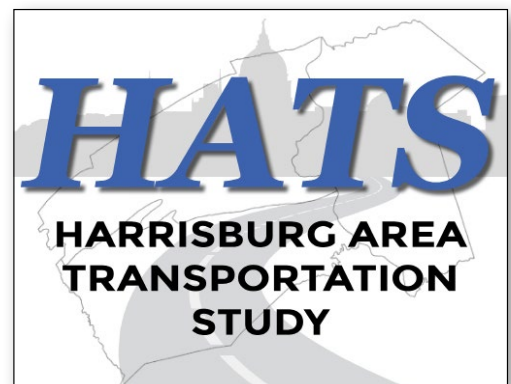
The deadline to submit technical questions is **Nov. 23**. The eGrants online proposal platform will be open **Dec. 7-Mar. 12**.

PennDOT hosted an **INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR** to summarize the program and answer questions on **Wed., Sept. 30 at 1 PM**. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).

For an interactive map of existing and planned EV charging stations as well as priority eligible locations, [click here](#).

Any organization [registered](#) to do business in PA that is not barred from receiving state or federal funds may apply.

QUESTIONS? Email PennDOT at ra-pdevcorridors@pa.gov



Help Us Make the 2027 PA Farm Show Extra Sweet!

Valley Grange #1360 is looking for **businesses, churches, youth groups, 4-H and FFA clubs, civic organizations, employee groups, families, and individuals** to volunteer at the **PA Dairymen's Association Milkshake Booth** during the 2027 PA Farm Show!

 **January 9–16, 2027**

 **PA Farm Show Complex – Harrisburg, PA**

Who Can Volunteer?

Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older. Groups are welcome to volunteer together, making this a great opportunity for organizations, businesses, families, and community groups!

You **do not have to volunteer for the entire week!** Groups can choose the day and shift that works best for them.

Why Volunteer?

Your volunteer time helps support the long-standing partnership between **Valley Grange #1360 and the PA Dairymen's Association**, while helping support Pennsylvania agriculture, youth programs, educational opportunities, scholarships, hunger prevention, and other agricultural programs across Pennsylvania.

It's a great opportunity to:

-  Give back to our community
-  Support Pennsylvania dairy and agriculture
-  Bring your group together for a fun experience
-  Be part of the famous PA Farm Show milkshake tradition
-  Make a difference while having a great time!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

Ready to join us? Click the link below to choose your available shift(s)!

 Valley Grange #1360 – 2027 Farm Show Milkshake Volunteer Sign-Up
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CABAB2AA4F4C61-65659782-2027#/>

If you have a group that would like to volunteer together, please let us know! We are happy to work with you to find shifts that fit your group.

Thank you for helping us continue this wonderful Farm Show tradition and for supporting Pennsylvania agriculture!

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a group of volunteers, please contact me.

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