

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

## BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was enacted by the federal government in 1974. Today, it provides annual grants to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development that are further allocated on a formula basis to approximately 200 local governments within Pennsylvania.

The CDBG funds enable communities to effectively address local community development needs, such as infrastructure, housing, and community facilities. It also provides federal funds to develop viable communities through the provision of housing improvements and building suitable living environments, expand economic opportunities geared to low- and moderate-income individuals, and improve critical community health and welfare infrastructure.



*Quaker Run Storm Wall Reconstruction  
Ranshaw, PA*

### WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

There are two program components for eligible applicants:

- ✓ Annual funding to designated municipalities through the state entitlement program, which includes counties, cities, boroughs, towns and townships in rural and nonmetropolitan areas of Pennsylvania
- ✓ Project funding available to eligible local governments through the competitive program set aside for critical infrastructure or revitalization projects.

### USES

The CDBG can be used for:

- ✓ Housing rehabilitation
- ✓ Public services
- ✓ Community facilities
- ✓ Infrastructure improvement (water, sewer, storm water)
- ✓ Streets and sidewalks
- ✓ Economic development
- ✓ Planning

### TERMS

Seventy percent of each entitlement grant must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Please refer to the program guidelines at [dced.pa.gov/cdbg](http://dced.pa.gov/cdbg) for more details.



*Smullton Waterline Project  
Miles Township, PA*