

Department Of Aging Awards \$2 Million In 2022-23 Senior Community Center Grants

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Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Aging today announced 48 Senior Community Centers (SCCs) throughout the Commonwealth will be the recipients of the department's 2022-23 Senior Community Center grants – totaling \$2 million in funding appropriated by the General Assembly from the Pennsylvania Lottery.

The grants will help senior centers fund projects based on the needs expressed in their applications, such as updating and modernizing facilities, providing new health and entertainment programs, upgrading technology, and enhancing nutrition services.

"Our Senior Community Centers are pillars in our communities and to the older adults they serve. Whether it's a meal, health and wellness activities, or socializing, these centers help our seniors thrive and continue to live independently as they age. Many times, a SCC may be the only interaction that an older adult has, and we want to make sure that our centers are welcoming, inclusive, and inviting," said **Secretary of Aging Jason Kavulich**. "The projects funded by the Senior Community Center grants will help the recipients enhance the programs and services that are already in place as well as create new opportunities to welcome current visitors and attract new consumers."

This year marks the return of awarding the grants through a competitive process. During the last two years of the pandemic, when many of Pennsylvania's senior community centers were struggling, the competition

aspect of the grants was suspended and the \$2 million in grant money was distributed equally to help all of the centers in the state.

In March, Governor Josh Shapiro [unveiled his first budget proposal](#), which includes an additional \$1 million in Senior Community Center grants that would also create a permanent non-competitive grant program. Since the competitive grants normally fund larger scale projects, the non-competitive program would allow smaller needs to be met and more SCCs to benefit.

"The proposed additional \$1 million would allow for two funding tracks, both competitive and non-competitive, which would help us reach those senior centers that traditionally have struggled with hitting the high bar required as a part of the competitive grant cycle," Kavulich added. "Having a non-competitive track would help ensure those senior centers have funds coming into their doors to buy new computers, to get new exercise equipment or just to take care of the little everyday things that wear down over time."

There are 485 Senior Community Centers throughout Pennsylvania that provide a variety of offerings, such as nutritious meals, educational opportunities, transportation services, financial and insurance counseling, and exercise programs. Proceeds from the Pennsylvania Lottery help to fund these programs every year.

For more information on other services and programs benefiting older Pennsylvanians, [visit the Department of Aging's website](#).

Below is the list of Senior Community Center awardees and grant amounts:

Senior Center Name	County	Amount	Project Type
Littlestown Senior Center	Adams	\$5,000	Programs & Services
Macedonia Family and Community Enrichment Center	Allegheny	\$84,421	Programs & Services
Mount Washington Healthy Active Living Community Center	Allegheny	\$50,000	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Vintage, Inc.	Allegheny	\$99,898	Capital Improvements & Renovations

West End Healthy Active Living Community Center	Allegheny	\$90,200	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Center at the Mall	Beaver	\$71,910	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Central Blair Senior Center	Blair	\$8,800	Technology
Driftwood Senior Center	Cameron	\$9,480	Nutrition Services
Emporium Senior Center	Cameron	\$24,765	Nutrition Services
Centre Region Active Adult Center	Centre	\$11,654	Programs & Services
Center for Healthy Living	Chester	\$19,941	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Oxford Area Senior Center	Chester	\$14,330	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Phoenixville Area Senior Center	Chester	\$54,676	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Big Spring Senior Center	Cumberland	\$9,550	Programs & Services
Surrey Media	Delaware	\$13,355	Programs & Services
Uniontown Adult Recreation Center	Fayette	\$77,102	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Connellsville Senior Center	Fayette	\$9,700	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Masontown Senior Center	Fayette	\$150,000	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Greencastle Senior Center	Franklin	\$35,000	Capital Improvements & Renovations

Chestnut Hills Social Center	Indiana	\$10,300	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Heritage House	Jefferson	\$29,800	Capital Improvements & Renovations
United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania	Lackawanna	\$113,400	Programs & Services
Luis Munoz Marin Senior Center	Lancaster	\$26,374	Programs & Services
Kingston Active Adult Center	Luzerne	\$129,513	Programs & Services
Lewistown Senior Center	Mifflin	\$20,300	Programs & Services
Generations of Indian Valley	Montgomery	\$135,750	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Silver Connection @ Easton Area Community Center	Northampton	\$70,938	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Nazareth Senior Center	Northampton	\$119,250	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Central Perry Community Senior Citizen's Center, Inc.	Perry	\$15,771	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Mann Older Adult Center	Philadelphia	\$7,000	Programs & Services
Martin Luther King Older Adult Center	Philadelphia	\$5,000	Programs & Services
Southwest Senior Center	Philadelphia	\$44,116	Capital Improvements & Renovations
St. Edmond Senior Community Center	Philadelphia	\$36,274	Capital Improvements & Renovations

Star Harbor Senior Center	Philadelphia	\$8,200	Nutrition Services
West Philadelphia Senior Community Center	Philadelphia	\$9,792	Programs & Services
Eastern Pike Community Center for Active Living	Pike	\$30,795	Programs & Services
Penns Creek Adult Resource Center	Snyder	\$137,122	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Allegheny Community Center	Warren	\$6,900	Programs & Services
Canonsburg Senior Center	Washington	\$28,892	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Robert J. Drake Senior Community Center	Wayne	\$20,183	Programs & Services
New Florence Center for Active Adults	Westmoreland	\$28,680	Programs & Services
New Kensington Center for Active Adults	Westmoreland	\$19,336	Technology
West Newtown Center for Active Adults	Westmoreland	\$50,000	Programs & Services
Crispus Attucks Association	York	\$9,380	Nutrition Services
Heritage Senior Center, Inc.	York	\$7,090	Technology
Red Land Senior Center	York	\$9,029	Programs & Services
South Central York County Senior Center	York	\$15,310	Programs & Services
White Rose Senior Center	York	\$15,723	Programs & Services