PUBLIC NOTICE
FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania is now accepting application proposals from local municipalities and other interested agencies and organizations for Fayette County Local Share Account (LSA) funding. This fund was established under the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71) for the purpose of distributing 2% of gross terminal revenues of the Casino at Nemacolin in Wharton Township, to support community and economic development projects and initiatives. The Fayette County Commissioners have designated the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority as the local administrator of Fayette County's LSA Program.

Attached is a copy of the local Program Guidelines and Application, which provides additional details on eligible applicants, uses, and evaluation criteria. Applicants may also access these forms on the Authority's website at www.racfpa.org. As indicated in the Guidelines, all applications must be submitted to the Redevelopment Authority (86 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401) by **4:00 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2026**.

Redevelopment Authority staff is available to discuss individual LSA applications. Applicants with questions regarding the application process or potential projects may contact Andrew French, Redevelopment Authority Executive Director at 724-437-1547 ext. 210 or at afrench@racfpa.org. They may also contact Brenda Girod, Redevelopment Authority Community Development Technician at 724-437-1547 ext. 208 or at bgirod@racfpa.org.

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LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT - PROGRAM APPLICATION
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026 BY 4:00 P.M.

Statement of Purpose

The Fayette County Local Share Account (LSA) Program has been established to support local community and economic development projects and initiatives throughout Fayette County. The LSA Program is funded through gaming revenues generated from the Casino at Nemacolin pursuant to the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71). The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette (RACF) has been designated as the agency to apply for and administer the LSA Program on behalf of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners. LSA funds are distributed annually through grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Application Process

A combined single application will be prepared annually by RACF on behalf of the County. Prior to submission, project proposals will be requested and evaluated by RACF staff, taking into consideration comments and input received from the Fayette County Commissioners and other interested parties. Following the evaluation by RACF staff, funding recommendations will be presented to the County Commissioners for formal approval. Once formal approval has been obtained by the County, RACF will prepare and submit the combined single application request to DCED, which is due November 30, 2026.

For the 2026-2027 LSA Program, local applications are due to the Redevelopment Authority by **Friday, July 31, 2026 before 4:00 p.m.** Applications must be received in full with all required attachments by this deadline. Documents received after the deadline will not be reviewed. Applications may be mailed to the following address: **Andrew P. French, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania, 86 West Main Street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401**.

Applications may also be submitted as via e-mail to: racfpa@racfpa.org with "**LSA 2026-2027 Application**" in the subject line. All e-mailed applications must be in **PDF format as a single file** and must be named using the following naming convention: **"Applicant Name - Project Name"**. Once received, a verification of receipt e-mail will be sent by the Redevelopment Authority within 24 hours of receipt. Please do not call or email to request confirmation within that 24 hours.

Once awarded, RACF will execute a grant contract with the Commonwealth for the LSA Program and may execute sub-recipient agreements with those organizations selected to receive funding. RACF will ensure that all activities and sub-recipients meet conditions of the grant contract including requirements for advertising, competitive bidding, awarding contracts, project monitoring, requisitions, progress payments, project close-out, audit, etc. Project funds will be provided to sub-recipients on a **reimbursement** basis once all the necessary compliance documentation is received. All project funds must be fully expended within a three-year time frame. RACF will initiate a close-out audit of each LSA Grant received at the conclusion of the grant contract period with DCED. The LSA Program expenditures will also be included in the Authority's Financial Statements, which are audited annually by an independent certified public accountant at the conclusion of each fiscal year.

Eligible Applicants

The entity requesting funds **must be one of the following** OR **be sponsored by one of the following**:

1. County of Fayette
2. Municipalities in Fayette County
3. Fayette County Redevelopment Authorities
4. Municipal Authorities
5. A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

The governing body of a requesting entity and / or project sponsor must take official action to authorize the submission of any application. Proof of this action must be attached to your application.

Eligible Uses

The following activities may be funded through the Fayette County LSA Program:

1. Economic Development Projects: Projects that promote local economic activity and create and/or retain jobs.
2. Community Improvement Projects: Projects that improve or create civic, cultural, or recreational activities or facilities.
3. Projects in the Public Interest: Projects that improve the quality of life in the affected communities.

Evaluation Criteria

The competitiveness of proposed LSA projects will be reviewed by conducting an analysis based on the following criteria:

- Submission of a complete application from an eligible entity;
- Economic impact;
- Economic conditions of the community where the project is located;
- Level of private sector investment leveraged;
- Contribution of the project to the reuse of Brownfields, previously used, or underutilized sites;
- Local financial support;
- Project readiness;
- Strategic importance;
- Financial need; and
- Projected timeline for project commencement and completion.

Emphasis will be on furthering community and economic development in the County, revitalization of downtowns and other underutilized areas, and redevelopment of blighted properties. Strong consideration will also be given to community improvement projects and public interest projects.

Additional Criteria

1. Project requests that propose to utilize LSA funding as a match for other public or private funding will be given extra consideration during the selection process. Proof of match must be attached to the application.

2. LSA funds should only be considered as gap financing for water and sewer projects. The LSA funds should not be the primary funding source, but rather should be used to bridge the financing gap.

3. The minimum grant request amount per activity will be $10,000.

4. The maximum grant request amount per activity will be $50,000.

5. LSA funds may not be used to reimburse entities for previously incurred project costs or to refinance or reduce existing debt.

6. LSA projects may not commence prior to the execution of the LSA contract between the Commonwealth and RACF. Any project costs incurred prior to the execution of the LSA contract between the Commonwealth and RACF shall be ineligible.

7. ALL entities selected to receive funds under the LSA Program are required to contact RACF *before* proceeding with any portion of their project.

8. Applicants must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including those dealing with bidding and procurement and sub-recipients must provide all required compliance documentation to the Authority for review and approval prior to the processing of any reimbursement requests. Consideration of these laws/regulation must be taken into account when creating your project budget.

9. In the event that grant funds will be used for a public works project, the Prevailing Wage Act (PWA) may apply. The PWA requires that not less than the prevailing minimum wages be paid to all workmen employed on “public work” as defined in the PWA. Information on the PWA and the definition of “public work” may be found at Prevailing Wage | Department of Labor and Industry | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Act’s definition of "public work" has been applied to projects undertaken by private entities that are receiving government assistance. The PWA does not apply to the installation of equipment or machinery that is not a fixture, although any building construction/renovations to accommodate the equipment/machinery could be covered. The PWA also does not apply to work performed by the project-owner’s in-house employees, as opposed to work done by contractors or subcontractors. The full PWA can be found at 43 P.S. sections 165-1 through 165-17. Information on applying for prevailing wage rates in Pennsylvania can be found at the following link: Prevailing Wage.

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Project Name:

***NOTE**: If submitting multiple projects, please rank based on priority.* **>> Project Priority Number:** ☐

Project Location / Address: (Physical Address of Project)
Project Municipality:

Requesting Entity:					
Eligible Entity Type:	☐	County	☐ Non-Profit (501c3)	☐	Redevelopment Authority
	☐	Municipality	☐ Municipal Authority	☐	None of These*
Project Sponsor*: (Name if applicable)					
Go to Section 4 to complete the required questions. ***NOTE**: IF the Requesting Entity is NOT one of Eligible Entities above, you must have one take official action to sponsor your project.*					

Application Contact:	
Contact Name:	**Title:**
Mailing Address:	**Phone**: **EXT:**
City/State/Zip:	**E-Mail:**

Project Funding:			
Total Request of LSA Funds	$	*Minimum request amount = $10,000* *Maximum request amount = $50,000*	
Total Previous LSA Funds awarded to this Project	$	**Previous LSA Award Year / ID#:**	
Total Other Funds*	$	**Source of Other Funds:** ***NOTE**: IF funds are secured, you must submit proof of commitment.*	
Total Project Budget	**$ 0.00**		
IMPORTANT: Can this project proceed if the full LSA funding request cannot be awarded? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**			

Project Category (check **one**):	
☐	**Economic Development Project**: Projects that promote local economic activity and create and/or retain jobs. (*ie: Workforce Development, Operations Expansion, etc.*)
☐	**Community Improvement Project**: Physical projects to improve or create civic, cultural, or recreational activities/facilities. (*ie: Recreation, Physical Facility, and/or Infrastructure Improvements, etc.*)
☐	**Project in the Public Interest**: Projects that improve the quality of life in the affected communities. (*ie: Public Services, Community Events, Marketing, Public Safety, etc.*)

1. **Project Description & Impact** **Do NOT attach extra pages.**

About the Requesting Entity and Sponsor (if applicable)**:**
Briefly tell us about what your organization does and the services you provide.

About the Project:
Briefly tell us about your project and ***how LSA funding will be used***?

Briefly tell us why this project is ***needed*** and how it supports your mission?

Beneficiaries & Impact:
Briefly tell us ***who will benefit directly*** from this project and *measurable impacts*.

2. Detailed Project Budget

	Sources of Funds *(Must select Yes or No is funds are secured.)*				
	2026-2027 LSA REQUEST	**Other:** _____ **[ ] Yes [ ] No**	**Other:** _____ **[ ] Yes [ ] No**	**Other:** _____ **[ ] Yes [ ] No**	**Total**
Acquisition	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
Building/Land					$0.00
General Construction	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
New Construction					$0.00
Renovations					$0.00
Infrastructure / Site Preparation	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
Roads / Streets					$0.00
Water / Sewer					$0.00
Demolition					$0.00
Excavation / Grading					$0.00
Parking					$0.00
Utilities					$0.00
Machinery & Equipment	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
New/Upgraded Equipment					$0.00
Vehicle Purchase					$0.00
Operating Costs / Working Capital	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
Salaries / Fringe Benefits					$0.00
Training / Technical Assistance					$0.00
Consumable Supplies / Office Equipment					$0.00
Promotion / Public Relations					$0.00
Space Costs					$0.00
Audit					$0.00
Related Costs	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
Professional Services / Consultants					$0.00
Engineering					$0.00
Other	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
					$0.00
Total:	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**

3. Project Schedule & Timeline

READ BEFORE CONTINUING: *These LSA funds will not be available for the project to commence before the second quarter of **2027**. Projects cannot begin before the Redevelopment Authority receives its fully executed contract with DCED. RACF will notify you when you can begin your project. Once authorized to proceed, all project funds must be fully expended within 2 years of the Sub-Recipient Agreement with RACF.*

Describe the timeline for the project including project milestones. ***Timeline Completion is REQUIRED.***

Expected Start/ Completion Dates	Project Milestones
Anticipated for **May/June 2027**	**DCED Contracting/Agreement Execution** • *DECD issues a fully executed contract to the Redevelopment Authority.* **RACF issues Sub-Recipient Agreements to awardees** • *Only AFTER the execution of this agreement can your project begin.*
	Bidding/Request for Proposals/Quotes Requested, if applicable • **NOTES**: o Proper procurement & compliance procedures MUST be followed or your project may not be eligible for reimbursement. o Procurement & Compliance procedures MUST be based on the TOTAL Project Costs NOT the total amount of LSA funds, if awarded. • **Procurement Thresholds:** o **Quotes** – all contracts/purchases up to **$24,500** must obtain at least 3 quotes that must be recorded/tabulated for comparison and review in your records. o **Sealed Competitive Bidding** – all contracts/purchases in excess of **$24,500** must follow rules from competitive sealed bidding and award. o **Labor/Wage Determination** – all projects including labor must account for the use of proper wage determinations.
	Contract Award / PO Issued, if applicable
	Construction / Project Underway
	Project Completion *(Must be completed before the RACF Sub-Recipient End Date, anticipated - **June 2029**.)*
	Final LSA Draw Request & Final Report Submitted to RACF *(Must be completed before the RACF Sub-Recipient End Date, anticipated - **June 2029**.)*

Indicate any other Project Milestones or Key Implementation Steps (include dates):

4. Project Details

Requesting Entity Eligibility:						
Is the Requesting Entity an official Non-Profit 501c3 Organization?	☐	Yes	☐	No	☐	N/A
Non-Profit >> **EIN REQUIRED**:						
***IF** the **Requesting Entity** is NOT an **Eligible Entity** you **MUST** have an eligible entity take official action to sponsor your project. Complete the section AND attached documentation of the official action.*						

Sponsor Category (check **one**): **Name of Sponsor - Sponsor Contact:**

☐ County	Fayette County -
☐ Municipality	
☐ Redevelopment Authority	
☐ Municipal Authority	

Evidence of Community Support:						
Does the project have local/community support?	☐	Yes	☐	No	☐	N/A
Has the affected community taken official action to show support?	☐	Yes	☐	No	☐	N/A
If YES, date support was provided:						

Engineering						
Engineering Firm (if applicable)**:**						
Has an engineer been selected for the project? (if applicable)	☐	Yes	☐	No	☐	N/A
If YES, date approval was authorized:						

***NOTE**: LSA funds cannot be used to pay for professional services procured prior to the start of the DCED Contract.*

If YES, provide name and contact information:

Permits (if applicable)**:**						
Have all the necessary permits and approvals been obtained to undertake the project?	☐	Yes	☐	No	☐	N/A
If YES, date permits were provided:						

Please provide a listing of permitting required and list date permitting approval was obtained:

5. Project Attachments

NEW: *ALL attachments must be received in your application packet. Documents will no longer be able to be accepted past the due date.*

ATTACHMENTS	Attached
Eligible Entity Official Action: ☐ Letters ☐ Resolutions ☐ Meeting Minutes ***One of the above is Required** for Requesting Entities that require an Eligible Entity to sponsor the project.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
Supporting Documents: ☐ Maps >> ***Required** for Infrastructure and Community Facility Projects ☐ Plans/Specs >> New Construction or Renovation Projects, if available ☐ Photographs ☐ Other: _____	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
Quotes/Estimates: ☐ Quotes >> ***Required** if available ☐ Engineering Estimates >> ***Required** if available ☐ Other: _____	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

6. Statement of Assurances

MUST Initial each item below *to acknowledge that you have read, understand, and will assure that the project will adhere the following rules and regulations of the LSA Program:*

_____ >> I have read the Application Instructions in their entirety and agree to the rules set forth for this program.

_____ >> I acknowledge that this application will be ineligible if ANY contract or agreement for goods/services has been approved and/or signed at the time of application or prior to official award and notice to proceed from RACF.

_____ >> I understand that my project may not begin until notified by RACF in 2027. I further understand that beginning my project before the authorized start date will jeopardize project eligibility and my ability to be reimbursed for project expenses.

_____ >> IF selected, I understand that proper procurement & compliance procedures MUST be followed in order for my project to be eligible for reimbursement. I further acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with RACF/DCED's procurement and compliance requirements – AND – the project budget reflects ALL costs including those that may be required based on compliance thresholds (ie: procurement thresholds, prevailing wages, etc.)

_____ >> IF selected, I will ensure the person/s responsible for administering and facilitating this project are aware of all the above and all the instructions to be set forth in the Application Instructions and Sub-Recipient Agreement.

Contact Information for the Person/s Responsible for facilitating the project:

NAME: **TITLE:**

PHONE: **EXT:** **EMAIL:**