

2018 CSBG Discretionary Projects – Second Round of Awards

Beaver County Community Services

Beaver County will support a Street Outreach initiative to fill a need for community outreach and to connect with homeless individuals where they are. Additionally, developmental aspects will provide training and staff development for current Cornerstone of Beaver County Staff.

Bucks County Opportunity Council

BCOC will engage a community resource navigator to serve the entire county to provide outreach and connect people to available services. This will create linkages for underserved community members to available resources. The navigator may also participate in advocacy on behalf of clients seeking services and guide them through the process of accessing assistance.

Greater Erie Community Action Committee

This project supports the collaborative Erie Together program that is a combination of workforce development, education, and self-sufficiency initiatives. This funding supports a subcontract with Mercyhurst University for a facilitator, and also supports GECAC staff, maintenance of the Erie Together website, and identification of a consultant to leverage additional funding opportunities.

Westmoreland Community Action

WCA will establish a separate non-profit organization that will become certified as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). The CDFI will provide financing and technical assistance to small businesses, microenterprises, affordable housing developers, community service organizations and low-income community members.

Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.

Lawrence County created a partnership with local school districts to create a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Learning Lab at a former Youth Development Center. The learning lab will be used during the school day with the children from school districts engaged in the learning activities.

Community Action of Mercer

Mercer will revamp its data collection system and efforts in support and engagement of the ROMA cycle to accurately collect, report, and analyze community and agency data. Transition activities include temporary staff support to transfer agency data to the new reporting system.

Commission on Economic Opportunity

CEO will improve the physical capacity within its network of food distribution members. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for member organizations to improve cold storage capabilities as well as improvements to the food distribution system. In addition, CEO will work with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Cooperative to further improve the distribution of fresh produce to those in need throughout their service area.

Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc.

CSO will leverage a Development Director to enhance agency engagement in the community. Activities include a complete an agency risk assessment and strategic planning to fully implement ROMA.

Tri-County Community Action Commission

Tri-County will leverage a Development Director to grow and enhance its services by improving access to resources that can be used by the agency to more effectively and efficiently operate programs. This enhancement will support Tri-County efforts to identify and access non-governmental sources of income that can be used to further expand agency capacity and improve agency functionality.

Fayette County Community Action Agency

Fayette County Community Action Agency implemented a regional Circles Laurel Highlands initiative throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania, The project will leverage a Chapter Coordinator and Director of Customer Service to coordinate and integrate the expanded services.

Pittsburgh Community Services, Inc.

PCSI will enhance its data collection system and efforts in support and engagement of the ROMA cycle to accurately collect, report, and analyze community and agency data.

Mayor's Office of Community and Economic Opportunity

MOCEO is supporting housing efforts to leverage a Promise Zone Consultant to guide the development of a strategic plan to renew the Promise Zone theory of change and logic model. The efforts will also facilitate the planning of activities to achieve goals and enhance the collaboration and engagement of partners.

Community Action Association of Pennsylvania (CAAP)

CAAP is organizing and hosting the 2018 Opioid Forum for Pennsylvania Community Action Agencies. Speakers will provide information from community efforts across the nation that have had positive effects in addressing opioid prevention and recovery. This Forum will serve as an introduction to resources that will enable agencies to identify opportunities to combat opioid addiction within their service areas.