

CHESTER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DCD)
Landscapes 21st Century Fund
Community Revitalization Program Guidelines - Revisions

Purpose ~ Support development and redevelopment in Chester County's urban centers.

Eligible Municipalities ~ 15 Boroughs and the City of Coatesville.

Eligible Activities ~ Streetscapes and sewer, water, and stormwater infrastructure with a limit of one activity being funded per year. Maximum funding amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 per year. Eligible activities include but are not limited to:

- Sidewalk and curb reconstruction
- Streetlight improvements, trees, and benches
- Street reconstruction
- Traffic calming measures
- Bike lanes
- Bus shelters
- Parking Facilities
- Installation of sewer, water, and stormwater mains
- Sewer or water plant upgrades
- Installation of storm sewer inlets
- Floodplain management
- Storm drainage improvements

Planning Prerequisite: To be eligible for funding, the proposed activity must be identified in an adopted Urban Center Revitalization Plan.

If a plan is not in place, municipalities may apply to the Chester County Planning Commission for a revitalization plan grant. The matching fund requirements described below also apply to the revitalization plan. Municipalities cannot apply for applicable Community Revitalization Program grants until the plan is completed and adopted.

Matching Fund Requirement: Urban centers are eligible for a maximum reimbursement of 75% of the total project costs up to the maximum grant award. The required matching funds (25% of the total project costs) may come from any source (municipal, state, etc.) other than County funds. Expenditures for the cost of the revitalization plans do not count toward satisfaction of this matching fund requirement.

Exception ~ Revitalization Incentives: To make the Landscapes 21st Century Fund programs accessible to all municipalities, the Chester County Board of Commissioners adopted a policy of offering "revitalization incentives" to the smallest municipalities with the least affluent populations. Eligibility is based on a variety of criteria and leads to

reduced matching fund requirements through a tiered system of “primary incentives” and “intermediate incentives.” Eligible urban centers are listed below.

Primary Incentive: maximum reimbursement of 95% of the total project costs up to the maximum grant award.

Atglen	Avondale	Honey Brook
Modena	Spring City	South Coatesville

Intermediate Incentive: maximum reimbursement of 85% of the total project costs up to the maximum grant award.

Coatesville	Oxford	Parkesburg
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IMPORTANT NOTE: Eligibility for revitalization incentives does not guarantee a grant award. All applicants must meet the general eligibility requirements and follow the procedures outlined in the program guidelines and grant application.

Application Process: To be eligible for funding, the proposed activity must be identified in an adopted Urban Center Revitalization Plan. To apply for funding, urban centers must submit DCD’s Public Works Application during DCD’s annual CRP application process. Proposals will be evaluated according to the following factors:

- A. Degree to which the activity addresses identified community needs.
- B. Degree to which the activity includes coordination and collaboration with other community development activities in the same neighborhood or vicinity or is linked to other activities or community efforts outside of the immediate vicinity.
- C. Extent to which benefits exceed activity costs.
- D. Applicant's capacity and experience in administering an activity in an efficient and timely manner.
- E. Financial feasibility of the proposed activity in terms of effectively estimating activity costs and identifying all cost elements.
- F. Degree to which the activity is in a state of readiness, including environmental concerns, historical concerns, site control, zoning, project schedule, etc.

Questions: For more information, contact the Department of Community Development at:
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