

Applicant/Location	Program Type	Tax Credit Amount	Project Description
Kutztown University Foundation - Reading, Berks County	NAP	\$61,875	This proposal will build upon the past five years of success with the former Jump Start Diversity program by continuing the 8-week Business Skills for Success series in Spanish, as well as, our English version Business Skills for Success program. Both series will feature the same topic areas. We will continue providing the education, coaching and resources from the Scaleup.com Gazelles coaching model we will be able to take a cohort of minority entrepreneurs through a strategic planning process that will provide them a plan to address critical areas for growth. This year, a new feature of the RJSDES program is the inclusion of SBDC Kitchen Incubator Program (SBDC/KIP). The SBDC/KIP furnishes budding entrepreneurs with a safe, regulated spaces throughout the City of Reading to create their products. A total of 20 new business start-ups are expected as an outcome measures from the additional certification class.
Housing Association & Development Corporation - Allentown, Lehigh County	NPP 2/6	\$280,000	The Jordan Heights neighborhood continues to rank among the poorest in the Lehigh Valley. A high concentration of blighted properties, plus extreme levels of absentee ownership, poor property maintenance and the corresponding absence of quality affordable housing opportunities continues to erode the quality of life in the neighborhood. HADC will address this concern through the completion of six units of affordable housing for both rental and resale. The other neighborhood dynamic that undermines the quality of life for residents is that opportunity for economic advancement is stifled by low graduation rates, high unemployment rates, and a lack of marketable employment skills or job training. All construction will be performed HADC's crew of apprentice builders hired and trained from the neighborhood. HADC will also continue the YouthBuild program that provides much needed education, job training leadership development and life skills training to high school drop outs, ages 17-24. HADC will complete work on 5 properties that were begun last year, providing 6 units of affordable housing, serving up to 29 low income individuals. HADC will also do essential capital improvements on existing rental units as needed, preserving the affordable housing for those tenants. Work will be done by HADC's crew, preserving or providing at least 11-13 jobs. HADC will continue the YouthBuild initiative which formalizes our apprenticeship/job training approach to elevate the economic capacity of neighborhood youth. This program is unique to the area, specifically designed for high school drop outs to achieve employment readiness. At least 25 new students will receive on-the-job training and skill development in the construction trade, as they work toward a h.s. diploma or GED, receive leadership and life skills training, and individual counseling to help formulate goals for their future. This year HADC intends to employ another YouthBuild graduate to the HADC construction crew.

<p>Community Action Development Corporation of the Lehigh Valley - Allentown, Lehigh County</p>	<p>NPP 5/7</p>	<p>\$440,000</p>	<p>Complete 7 residential & 6 commercial façades. Number of residents participating in arts and culture activities increase. Number of arts and culture activities increase. Number of residents engaged with school district increase. Perception of local school district improves. 7% decrease in Part#1 crime- code and parking violations, pedestrian public safety risks, and disruptive conduct reports. 35 students participate in police youth academy. 25% business owners report increased sales. 50% business owners report profitable business. 50% business owners expect business to grow in next year. Commercial property values increase. Commercial vacancy rates decrease. 3 businesses started. 5 jobs retained. Greater relationships between Upside Allentown, City of Allentown, local colleges and businesses. Small businesses aware of and able to access resources to grow businesses. Household incomes increase. 22 students attend ESL; 7 students attend GED.</p>
<p>Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem - Bethlehem, Northampton County</p>	<p>NPP 5/7</p>	<p>\$160,000</p>	<p>Southside Vision 20/20 will resolve community problems through the following outcomes: 40 persons enroll in Start Your Business, 25 persons receive business technical assistance, 4 businesses start in south Bethlehem; 4 expand, 7 employment opportunities created, 7 employment opportunities retained, 3 residential façade improvements, 2 youth-focused festivals executed, 30 youth participate in basketball, 2 youth learn the skills of theatre performance, 10 youth attend gardening and reading camp, 2 student-created performances produced through workshops in Southside schools, 40 youth participate in sporting, arts, academic, and arts programming, 20 youth participant in and 4H program, 1 Business/Economic Sustainability event facilitated, Marketing campaign continued, 140 attend homeownership classes, 5 receive one-on-one homeownership counselling, 2 parks and green space maintained, 1 lighting plan created, Southside Ambassadors program continued.</p>

<p>Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley - Pen Argyl, Wind Gap, Bangor, Portland, Northampton County</p>	<p>NPP 3/6</p>	<p>\$80,000</p>	<p>This project will coordinate the community and economic development efforts of four socially and economically disadvantaged boroughs - Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland- in Northampton County to address five inter-related community problems: 1) lack of economic opportunity; 2) regional fragmentation; 3) poverty and lower than average income; 4) unaffordable, aging, and deteriorating housing stock; and 5) crime. As a result, this project will enhance inter-municipal cooperation to improve the appearance and utilization of commercial districts, upgrade the quality of the housing stock, increase home ownership rates, improve residential and commercial property values while simultaneously decreasing the rate of crime, poverty, unemployment, and commercial and residential vacancies. In year three, this project will: Improve the facades of at least eight (8) properties in the boroughs' business districts, with at least three (3) in Pen Argyl business district, Host Slate Belt Rising Annual Meeting, Host 1 tenant workshop for renters, Create a project implementation plan for the Pen Argyl business district, Prepare 25 individuals to become first-time homebuyers, Mitigate the foreclosure of 10 homes, Weatherize 30 homes, Rehabilitate four (4) homes, bringing them up to code, Coordinate one (1) regional event, Engage 20 new residents and other stakeholders as volunteers in newly established subcommittees, Continue to implement regional branding strategy for the program and the region, Maintain and update the Slate Belt Rising website, Implement youth development action plan.</p>
<p>Greater Easton Development Partnership - Easton, Northampton County</p>	<p>NPP 1/6</p>	<p>\$160,000</p>	<p>The Project will utilize the Elm Street Model Approach to improve the social and economic viability and quality of life in the West Ward neighborhood. The Project will bring to fruition over a decade of comprehensive planning and community outreach, and lay the groundwork for future neighborhood renewal strategies, including the West Ward Neighborhood Plan, which is anticipated to be complete in September 2018. The first year of the Project is anticipated to create the following community and economic benefits. Decrease the number of Part I and Part II offenses by 10% through a new Block Watch Program and designated Block Captains. Create two new jobs that pay more than the state minimum. Install adequate lighting along 5 blocks of the West Ward. Add 15 new facia to improve community appearance. Enhance 30 blocks of the West Ward with streetscape improvements and beautification. Provide quarterly workshops for first-time homebuyers (40 homebuyers served annually).</p>

<p>Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley - Bethlehem, Northampton County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>	<p>To address the multiple determinants of health in a comprehensive manner, the Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley (HCLV) respectfully requests funding to support its Community Empowerment Initiatives and client support services. The HCLV Community Empowerment Initiatives empowers children, adults, and seniors to live independent and self-sufficient lives. This project specifically addresses the Special Program Priorities (SPP) 3: Diversity Initiatives, through development of self-sufficiency among the low to moderate-income population residing in census tracts 110, 111, 112 & 105. HCLV accomplishes these goals by helping our clients navigate and utilize the resources available to the community including: job training programs, employment opportunities, education, and community opportunities. This project involves multiple HCLV programs as well as community partnerships to address the needs of our community. Projected outcomes: Overall Goal: 1,700 unduplicated neighborhood residents will be served/impacted by the Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley Comprehensive Empowerment Initiatives (CEP for Adults, Senior Center, and Food Pantry) Due to the need of our clients, they may participate in multiple programs; therefore, there may be some duplication. Project Success Measures: Community Empowerment Program for Adults: 1000 residents will complete on the job training. 130 residents will obtain full-time employment as a result of job training. 30 residents who will obtain part-time employment as a result of job training. 25 residents will complete ABE/GED curricula. Basiolio Huertas Senior Center: 13,000 meals will be provided to low-income individuals (Seniors). Food Pantry: 50 residents will be served who are receiving food subsidies as part of/participating in a self-sufficiency program.</p>
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<p>ArtsQuest - Bethlehem, Northampton County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>	<p>10 years ago, ArtsQuest received support through the NAP program to develop the SteelStacks Partnership for Education and Outreach. This Special Project Program (SPP) will have a different focus and direction. The ArtsQuest SPP will use the redevelopment and expansion of the current Banana Factory facility, onto a formerly vacant lot, to help address and eliminate blight in the three census tracts that neighbor the project. Census tracts 109, 110 and 112 in the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County are adjacent to the new Banana Factory project. These census tracts have 25 of the 47 blighted properties identified by the City of Bethlehem and stakeholders in the Bethlehem Blight Betterment Initiative Study, the largest in concentration of blighted properties in the city. The expanded facility will be located amongst a cluster of blighted properties and strategically placed at the western gateway to the Southside Arts District. Construction of this project will have a number of positive impacts on the neighborhood and its residents. The project will eliminate a blighted property. The project will create jobs; 225 construction jobs and another 60 once the facility is open. In these census tracts, 62% of the people living in this neighborhood have a high school education or less. The highest percentage in the city. Increasing economic opportunity in this neighborhood is a key strategy to reduce blight and stabilize the community. The new facility will be 33% larger than the existing Banana Factory. Programming at the new center will include retail food and beverage service and catered events, jobs that do not require more than a high school education. When ArtsQuest opened SteelStacks, 100 full and part time food service jobs were created. To date, 100 of those jobs have been retained and 20 new jobs added. ArtsQuest will leverage this experience to support the newly created jobs. ArtsQuest will design, plan and develop an 80,000 sq. ft. Community Cultural Center to occupy the current footprint of the Banana Factory and expand to occupy the adjacent vacant lot. The new facility will be 33% larger than the current Banana Factory and include the region's only STEAM-driven (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) MakerSpace open to the public, the area's only Arts-based Pre-K, hot glass, ceramics and jewelry studios, while adding new digital, print and video studios. It will also feature dedicated galleries, new classroom and meeting spaces, a 150-seat comedy theater. The SPP funds will support Phase I of the project that will include Schematic Design, Design Development and Construction Documents in the period of October 2018 – September 2019. The project will be bid in the 4th quarter of 2019.</p>
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<p>Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley - Pen Argyl, Wind Gap, Bangor, Portland, Bethlehem; Northampton County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$37,500</p>	<p>The Slate Belt Rising Community Revitalization Plan 2016-2022 describes a process to revitalize a distressed area by promoting participation and collaboration among diverse stakeholders. This proposed project will focus on the eligible NPP activities of community economic development; neighborhood assistance; and neighborhood conservation (needs identified in the Slate Belt plan) and will address the Special Program Priorities requirement of disaster or economic recovery. The Slate Belt has become economically distressed, there is a lack of economic opportunity, poverty, lower than average income, high unemployment. The central business districts have buildings in need of repair, lack right mix of businesses, fail to provide jobs and attract customers, lack vibrancy, and need a stronger identity and activities to generate recognition and foot traffic. Regional fragmentation exists as the Slate Belt is a collection of small boroughs and townships that are united by a community identity. Engage at least 100 community residents, businesses, and stakeholders in the community engagement process. Create an economic development plan for the Slate Belt.</p>
<p>Welsh Mountain Health Centers - Lebanon, Lebanon County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$97,500</p>	<p>By relocating to the 9,000 SF space at 920 Church Street in Lebanon, WMHC will expand capacity beyond the current 2,788 patients, improve access, and add new services. With more than double the space, triple the exam rooms, the addition of new providers, and expanded evening and weekend hours, WMHC will have the capacity to provide over 36,600 visits for about 12,000 patients annually. With the addition of a physician and a nurse practitioner, new-patient wait times should be cut in half. An important outcome of the relocation to the corner of North 9th and Church Streets will be serving residents in the heart of the most impoverished area of the city. Being one block from the Lebanon Middle School also makes it possible to partner with the school district to improve the health of students and families. Other important outcomes to patients will be the ability to go home with their medicines from the onsite pharmacy and the addition of new services that patients need.</p>

<p>Sycamore Hill Farm Development - Bethlehem, Northampton County</p>	<p>EZP</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>	<p>Sycamore Hill Farm Development (SHFD), in partnership with THE STONE HOUSE GROUP (SHG), is excited to implement the next phase of the Flatiron Block Master Plan: the restoration and improvement of the former South Bethlehem Supply Co. building at 324 W 4th Street/327 Broadway from a parking garage into a vibrant mixed-use commercial space. Following the previous successful renovation of the attached Flatiron Building (a.k.a the E.P. Wilbur Trust Building), which revived the economic and physical vitality of the block, this partnership is once again ready to reinvest in SouthSide Bethlehem. This investment will support the transformation of the deteriorated parking garage into new leased space with tenants including the Magisterial District Court, Seven Sirens Brewery, retail, and residential and/or office space. Sycamore Hill Farm Development and THE STONE HOUSE GROUP'S renovation of the former South Bethlehem Supply Co. Building at 327 Broadway/324 W 4th Street will result in a total investment of \$2.5 million (which does not include \$500,000 in tenant fit-out investment). These funds will come from private contributions and Univest Corporation of PA. This project will create or retain 20 jobs while transforming an under-utilized structure into a significant economic opportunity. The increased production is also expected to generate additional state and local tax revenues of \$30,000 (inception) to \$107,300 (projected) annually including LERTA benefits. For more information on these and other proposed outcomes, please see the Community Impact Measures Report.</p>
<p>Heritage Riverview, LP - Easton, Northampton County</p>	<p>EZP</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>	<p>The project will be a renovation and expansion of the old Heritage Lanes bowling alley across the street from Easton's city hall on South 3rd Street. This building will become a signature gateway to the City. The project involves renovation of the old bowling alley and connected retail spaces into brand new Class A office space for a creative office tenant who will be creating 80 jobs upon move in, increasing over time to well over 100 staff. The current first floor will be renovated to accommodate a single tenant. A second story of approximately 20,000 sf will be added to the building to accommodate 3 to 4 additional tenants. The below ground parking garage will be updated to allow for onsite employee car parking. This development signals the largest block of office space that Easton has seen in decades. New windows will be added to the building to allow tenants to enjoy a beautiful view of a confluence of the Lehigh and Delaware Rivers. We will turn the existing, dilapidated "courtyard" space into a functioning courtyard that tenants can enjoy.</p>

<p>Triple Net Investments XII, LP - Bethlehem, Northampton County</p>	<p>EZP</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>	<p>The City of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Economic Development Corporation have invested significant resources in supporting the economic revitalization of Southside Bethlehem, with particular focus on the former Bethlehem Steel plant. One such property is an industrial park known as LVIP 7 which is being developed by Lehigh Valley Industrial Park (LVIP) on a portion of the former-Bethlehem Steel site. In early 2018, Triple Net Investments XII LP acquired Lot 13 of LVIP 7, an approximately 12.4 acre lot at 2010 Spillman Drive, from LVIP with the intent to develop a new approximately 180,000 square foot production and warehousing facility. Pending successful negotiations with the prospective tenant, the project is estimated to create approximately 100 jobs in one of the most economically distressed parts of the region. Once initially LERTA tax abatements have been phased out, it is estimated that the project will generate an additional \$500,000/year in state and local tax revenues.</p>
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