

App. ID	Applicant/Location	Program Type	Tax Credit Amount	Project Description	Contributors
202008266752	Housing Association & Development Corporation - Allentown, Lehigh County	NPP 4/6	\$280,000	<p>According to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, systemic racism and bias is limiting the quality of life for minority groups across the L. V.; particularly the region's growing Hispanic population. The report found minorities, particularly those living in the region's urban cores, have lower education levels and lower-paying jobs, less access to transportation, and are less likely to own their own homes than their white counterparts. Hispanic residents trailed other groups in almost all categories measured by the report. Becky Bradley, E.D. of the L.V. Planning Commission states: "It is absolutely systemic racism. Whatever the power in control decides what they want to do, they can exert their powers onto others." Delia Marrero, manager of operations at the Hispanic Center of the Lehigh Valley, said the growing cost of living and stagnant wages have made problems worse in recent years. Affordable housing has become harder to come by for low-income families. While the completion of 4 housing rehab projects will be a emphasis for the agency's work crew in the first quarter of this 2020-21 year, the bigger focus will be on the final 3rd phase of North Street Project. The pre-development planning process was expected to conclude by the end of this past fiscal year in June. As previously mentioned, the work of the City Planning Dept. has lingered with final approvals and permitting delayed until at least August. If all proceeds as planned, foundation work should commence no later than Sept., followed by the framing, roofing and weather guarding of all 4 new townhouses before the onset of winter. The goal is to see these four new units completed and ready for marketing by the end of the 21 calendar yr. The agency will also complete this work through its Job Training Program that will provide at least 6 new jobs and the YouthBuild program that will enroll at least 15 new students.</p>	Wells Fargo, Key Bank, PPL, Provident Bank, QNB Bank, Uninvest Bank
202008286882	Habitat for Humanity Berks County - Reading, Berks County	NPP 2/6	\$100,000	<p>HFHBC has created a 6-year strategy for housing development and neighborhood revitalization in the City of Reading, creating safe affordable housing. This is HFHBC's Second Year of the housing strategy and NPP Funding. HFHBC will construct and sell 9 new homes and nine renovated homes over the next five years (Year One consisted of predevelopment activities and one renovation). The project will result in the creation of an estimated 18 homes. Low-income families of 50%-80% AMI will have the opportunity to purchase a fully-renovated home. In Year One, HFHBC was successful in completing necessary predevelopment activities to prepare for construction, these included environmental reports, site development, and applications for construction funding. HFHBC has almost completed the renovation of one of the homes located at 261 Buttonwood Street. An agreement of sale has been executed, the homeowner has completed the Habitat Homeowner program and the house will be completed by October 2020. HFHBC's six-year housing strategy will have three phases (two years each). Phase One consists of Years One and Two. Every two years HFHBC plans to construct and renovate a total of 6 homes. Which for an annual budget equates to 3 new houses annually. In Year Two of the six-year strategy, HFHBC will construct three new builds and renovate two existing homes. To fund the construction of the homes, HFHBC's sources will include: NPP business contributor annual contribution of \$125,000, HOME funds received annually from the City of Reading for home renovations, a construction loan from Customers Bank to be paid back with the sale of the new homes, and HFHBC annual budget dollars for construction and operating costs when needed. Each new build will be sold for an estimated \$95,000. Phase 2 (Years 3 and 4) and Phase 3 (Years 5 and 6) will follow the same uses and sources trajectory as the above described Phase 1 (Years 1 and 2). At completion HFHBC will have constructed/renovated 18 homes.</p>	UPMC, Customers Bank

202008286892	Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley - Pen Argyl, Wind Gap, Bangor, Portland, Northampton County	NPP 5/6	\$80,000	<p>This project will coordinate the community and economic development efforts of four socially and economically disadvantaged boroughs- Bangor, Pen Argyl, Portland and Wind Gap- in Northampton County to address five interrelated 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 that 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. SBR will resolve community problems by the following outcomes: Educate 20 youth on healthy eating by expanding community gardens throughout the four boroughs; Provide 6 scholarships to students through the Slate Belt Rising (SBR) Scholarship Program. Engage 15 new stakeholders as volunteers; Host an annual meeting/networking event to celebrate the accomplishments of SBR; Continue the regional branding and marketing strategy; Assist 10 small businesses through training/technical assistance programs and rent subsidies; Plan/implement street improvements and traffic calming strategies in the Bangor and Portland business districts; Improve the facades of 4 owner-occupied or rental homes; Improve the facades of 6 commercial properties; Organize 1 litter clean up event ; Host 1 regional event in 2021; Develop SBR Comprehensive Plan in partnership with LVPC; Launch fundraising campaign printing/postage.</p>	Fidelity Bank, Waste Management
202008316965	Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem - Bethlehem, Northampton County	NPP 7/7	\$80,000	<p>This project will restore and revitalize south Bethlehem to the thriving urban community that was once home to the U.S.'s second largest steel producer, Bethlehem Steel, via Southside Vision 20/20 through five priority areas: economic sustainability; housing; improvement of public spaces; safety and wellbeing; and community engagement and communication. When Bethlehem Steel closed in the 1990s, the community experienced severe economic decline. Housing stock deteriorated, business in the commercial corridors dwindled, and the number of low-income families increased as many of the more affluent residents moved out. High unemployment and poverty rates, aging and deteriorating building stock, streets cluttered with litter, and a lack of community amenities, including green space, combined to present a dismal perception of the area. Southside Vision 20/20 will continue to address and resolve these issues, creating a stronger and more resilient community. 25 persons receive business technical assistance; 4 businesses start in south Bethlehem; 4 expand; 15 employment opportunities created; 15 retained; 1 entrepreneur networking event facilitated; 1 community organizer for Southside hired to provide organizing & advocacy support; 4 neighborhood block watch groups restarted; 1 training for landlords & residents regarding landlord-tenant law & Fair Housing; 2 parks & green space maintained; 2 youth-focused festivals/events executed; 300 Southside residents & business owners engaged in festivals/events; 5 gardeners recruited to utilize community gardens; 50 residents surveyed to better understand demand for products at farmers market; Marketing campaign continued; 45 community members recruited to participate in SSV committees; Report on SSV accomplishments in past 20 years; 250 community members engaged in forums & surveys to guide focus of work over next 6 year</p>	People's Security Bank, Provident Bank

202008316992	Greater Easton Development Partnership - Easton, Northampton County	NPP 3/6	\$160,000	<p>The West Ward is a unique and diverse neighborhood with tremendous historic assets, but faces several challenges, including high vacancy rates, blight, transience, crime, and an aging housing stock. This 1.27 square-mile community is conveniently located to the west of Downtown, and is the City's most dense neighborhood. Presently, there are limited neighborhood-scale commercial amenities in the West Ward. The community has a vacancy rate of approximately 12%, and underutilized and blighted properties have created opportunities for crime. Nearly 24% of households do not have access to a vehicle, and inadequate public transportation options and crumbling infrastructure, including missing and unsafe sidewalks, discourage residents and visitors from patronizing local businesses. The West Ward Neighborhood Revitalization Project ("Project") will bring to fruition over a decade of comprehensive planning and community outreach, and lay the groundwork for future revitalization strategies. The Project is a 6-year community development initiative designed to improve the social and economic viability and quality of life in the West Ward neighborhood. GEDP is requesting NPP funds to support Year 3 of the Project. The activities proposed for Year 3 build off the successes of Years 1 and 2, and are based on six major principles identified in the West Ward Neighborhood Plan. Year 3 of the Project is anticipated to create the following community and economic benefits. 1. Decrease the crime rate in the West Ward by 2% through a new Block Watch Program and designated Block Captains. 2. Retain one (1) job that pays more than the state minimum. 3. Install adequate lighting along 10 blocks of the West Ward. 4. Add 8 new facia to improve community appearance. 5. Enhance 27 blocks of the West Ward with streetscape improvements and beautification. 6. Provide semi-annual workshops for first-time homebuyers (25 homebuyers served annually).</p>	Highmark Life Insurance, Fulton Bank, Peoples Security Bank, PNC Bank
202008286889	Community Action Development Corporation of the Lehigh Valley - Allentown, Lehigh County	NPP 1/6	\$520,000	<p>1) Lowest graduation rates & highest dropout rates of all Lehigh Valley school districts. 2) Impact of gang activity & violence on youth. 3) Lack of resources to address violence using restorative justice & best practice models rather than police enforcement. 4) Lack of youth community engagement. 5) Limited physical safe spaces for youth. 6) Lack of healthy, creative outlets for youth. 7) Area incomes are among the lowest in the Lehigh Valley. 8) Area poverty rates for children under 18 are highest in the Lehigh Valley. 9) Poverty barriers including access to technology, health care & cohesive family or community units for learning continuity. 10) Need for teenagers & young adults to have opportunity to participate in local economy. 11) Lack of generational economic mobility. 12) Large numbers of meritorious but disconnected programs that lead to suboptimal performance and use of resources. 13) Lack of comprehensive community health services, counseling & mentorship programs. 1) Begin acquisition & renovation of 1 community center. 2) Locate interim program space to host NPP activities. 3) 2 Community Outreach Workers will work with over 50 high risk youth to connect them with various community resources. 4) Partner 10 youth with local entrepreneur mentors. 5) 65 ASD students will attend the James Lawson Freedom School & demonstrate increased leadership skills & academic performance. 6) Offer Generation Next to 35 freshman at William Allen High School. 7) Increase communication, trust & satisfaction between parents/families with school district. 8) At least 35 students will complete the Youth Police Academy. 9) Over 130 students will participate in art programming including dance classes, fashion design, multimedia lab & mural mentorship program. 10) Distribute discretionary grant to community youth programs. 11) Contract 1 academic remediation tutor. 12) Provide academic remediation/tutoring to 50 students. 13) Provide administrative oversight.</p>	Alvin H. Butz, Inc., Capital Blue Cross, City Center Investment Corp., Duggan & Marcon, United Concordia, Peoples Security Bank, PNC Bank, PPL, Truist, Wells Fargo

202008266757	Housing Association & Development Corporation - Allentown, Lehigh County	SPP	\$18,750	<p>The focus of this application is on the related economic indicators of educa. and attainment and the need for job training that contribute to the pervasiveness of a depressed neighborhood and prevent residents from elevating themselves to improved levels of economic stability that is essential to the development of a sustainable neighborhood. The low rates of educational attainment of Jordan Heights residents is clearly a neighborhood deficit and almost certainly contributes to the depressed income conditions of the neighborhood. Residents lack the skills to compete for good jobs. Data shows that while the Allentown S.D. accounts for about one-third of Lehigh County students in grades 7-12, ASD reports 80 percent of the dropouts. Viewed another way, Lehigh County's eight suburban districts each experience, on average 14 dropouts a year. In Allentown, meanwhile, about 410 students drop out each year. ASD has a 65% grad rate and Parkland SD has a 95% grad rate. HADC's Project activity for the SPP 2020-21 will continue to focus on fulfilling the component of our mission in providing work force development now formalized through our Allentown YouthBuild Program. YouthBuild Allentown is an education and job training program for 17-24 year olds who have dropped out of school and lack the skills necessary to gain full time employment. YouthBuild Allentown is one of about 250 programs in the United States, six in Pennsylvania, whose model is to provide GED or HISET coursework, on the job training building affordable homes, construction certifications such as OSHA 10 and First Aid/CPR, as well as life skills and leadership development. This project proposes to add a second floor of multi-purpose, open space to the second floor of an existing garage and storage facility that HADC owns at the rear entrance to our office complex at 302 N. 5th Street. This addition project will provide 1600 square foot of program, educational/training space.</p>	Fulton Bank
202008276797	Kutztown University Foundation - Reading, Berks County	SPP	\$65,625	<p>Throughout these past couple of months, Latino and other minority owned small businesses experienced a pause in their rapid growth due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This pandemic has placed many obstacles in front of these small businesses, which include difficulty paying overhead costs, affording to keep their staff, and just trying to stay open. Knowing that technology has advanced extremely within the past decade, this is something that small businesses in Reading, PA can take advantage of. With the opportunity being there, the KU SBDC can provide COVID-19 technology training on certain topics, which will provide nearby small business the opportunity to get through the obstacles that the pandemic has given them. New programs for this proposal include virtual workshops and consulting that utilize the Growth Wheel Part II business advising online platform for entrepreneurs seeking to grow. The new programming also includes virtual Roundtables that will target business owners, leaders and minority owned businesses as well as identifying new business startups. There will be an array of webinars topics to help businesses owners focus on their rebranding, strategic planning to how to manage their employees as well as many other learning and certification opportunities. They will have opportunities to capitalize on the best fit financing opportunities either through the SBA, Angel networks or alternative funding. There will be a strong focus on the PA WedNet program as funding for workforce initiatives and other new programs involving Opportunity Zone tax credits. Expected results: 100 residents served and 15 new business starts.</p>	M&T Bank, Customers Bank, East Penn Manufacturing

202008286872	ArtsQuest - Bethlehem, Northampton County	SPP	\$37,500	<p>ArtsQuest's mission is to provide access to exceptional artistic, cultural, and educational experiences while using arts and culture as key elements of economic development for our urban communities. ArtsQuest is committed to making arts and education accessible to all, offering more than 50 percent of all programs and events free to the public. This two-fold project will expand on that commitment by providing resources and accommodations to support visitors, patrons, and performers who have physical, sensory, intellectual, and/or mental impairments by offering programs, accommodations, and experiences designed to maximize participation for all. This project will also provide support that furthers the careers of artists of color by creating opportunities for historically disadvantaged performance, teaching and exhibition artists. By providing a more inclusive environment for arts, culture, and education, the quality of life for all residents of the commonwealth will be strengthened. ArtsQuest will offer adaptive arts classes for people with disabilities, sensory-friendly programming and performances for patrons on the autism spectrum, accommodations for patrons and performers with physical disabilities, and American Sign Language interpreters for programs and events. Over the past year ArtsQuest has engaged 14 artists of color in visual and performing arts and will aim to double that number during this grant year. Training will be provided for program staff to accommodate students and visitors with disabilities who attend summer camps and after school programs. By the end of the grant year, ArtsQuest will provide sensory friendly gallery tours and cinema events for 750 participants, engage 53 performing artists, 50 teaching artists, 10 exhibiting artists, and 5,000 community members from diverse backgrounds. ArtsQuest will train 40 staff members and support 750 community members with disabilities.</p>	PPL
202008316933	HDC MidAtlantic - Bethel Township, Lebanon County	SPP	\$187,500	<p>Access to safe, affordable housing is a human right, critical to a socially just society, and the foundation to building secure lives. HDC MidAtlantic's mission is to create, preserve, and strengthen affordable housing, with the goal of advancing racial equity, diversity, and inclusion to break down barriers to affordable housing. In the wake of the Covid-19 crisis, ensuring housing is more pressing than ever, specifically for lower income households and people of color who are disproportionately affected by lack of housing access and the pandemic. Affordable housing is in crisis throughout the country, with rural areas of Pennsylvania experiencing an acute shortage of housing accessible to lower income households. Expansion of affordable housing is critical in Lebanon County, an area struggling to meet the demand for affordable housing as its population expands and diversifies. HDC's Beach Run Apartments will play a key role in meeting these needs. There are several measurable outcomes to building new, affordable housing through the Beach Run Apartments project. Recent economic development has created an influx of new residents, primarily people of color, and put pressure on inadequate stock of homes accessible to lower income workers who disproportionately struggle to secure affordable housing and with impacts of the pandemic. The construction of Beach Run will provide 51 new apartments, a need almost completely unmet by other housing in the area. The construction of Beach Run will also contribute to local jobs as HDC partners with local businesses throughout the project, providing local employment opportunities. And finally, the development of Beach Run will contribute to the overall economic health of Lebanon County, allowing workers at Bell and Evans poultry processing plant, among others in the area, to reside near their place of employment and simulate the local economy.</p>	First Citizens Community Bank, M&T Bank, Truist

202008316937	Bucknell University - Lewisburg, Union County; Danville, Montour County	SPP	\$18,750	<p>The SBDC will be guided by the pressing needs to help businesses in re-evaluating value proposition, re-opening safely for employees and customers, in recovery during a recession, and in remaining resilient for the future. Small businesses such as retailers and restaurants in downtown communities in rural counties that have not only felt traumatic impacts of COVID-19, but have also traditionally underutilized these forms of assistance, and who exhibit low rates of entrepreneurial activity and business formation. This project will address inherent Social Justice Issues by recognizing and respecting the disproportionate impact the pandemic has had on historically disadvantaged peoples. Systematic unequal access to capital and other resources in the business community has reduced opportunity for minority and women business owners, especially in rural regions. The project will proactively engage community leaders and social justice activists. The outcome data for this project will focus on economic development measurements of recovery and entrepreneurship. Data will be reported to DCED via the Community Impact Measures Report with the following projected outcomes: Number of Workshops: 8; Number of residents served/impacted by project: 20; Number of new business start-ups: 2; Number of Quality Jobs Created: 8; Number of Quality Jobs Retained: 10. Individuals served will participate in intake and follow-up outcomes surveys that assess the quality of service, customer satisfaction, and economic impacts achieved. Individuals served by this project will possess the client rights and responsibilities as those served by SBDC's across the Commonwealth, including no-fee consulting serves, confidentiality of information, unbiased recommendations, and non-disclosure of trade secrets. These outcomes can be benchmarked for efficacy methods assessment with statewide and national outcomes.</p>	Fulton Bank, M&T Bank, Northumberland National Bank, Sholley Insurance Agency
202008316975	Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem - Bethlehem, Northampton County	SPP	\$37,500	<p>CADCB's pilot Commercial Lease Program will restore and revitalize our neighborhoods in Bethlehem to the thriving urban communities once home to the U.S.'s second largest steel producer, Bethlehem Steel, via neighborhood plans through the priority area of economic sustainability & vitality. When Bethlehem Steel closed in the 1990s, the communities experienced severe economic decline. Business in the commercial corridors dwindled, unemployment and poverty rates increased, and a lack of community amenities combined to present a dismal perception of the area. This program will strengthen our neighborhoods by lowering vacancies in business corridors and provide economic opportunities to prospective business owners during start-up years. The program will provide businesses the support needed to get off the ground, helping to build more vibrant downtown areas that attract more businesses and talent we need to build a competitive economy, thus creating a stronger & more resilient community. The Commercial Lease Program will decrease commercial vacancy rates through the following outcomes: 75 businesses will receive outreach and marketing for the Commercial Lease Program, 7 businesses will be provided with financial support, during their start-up years.</p>	PPL

202008317061	Greater Easton Development Partnership - Easton, Northampton County	SPP	\$37,500	<p>The Greater Easton Development Partnership's West Ward Community Initiative (WWCI), a PA DCED Neighborhood Partnership Program (now in its second year) was launched to implement a newly created neighborhood plan, and the implementation of this plan is being overseen by a steering committee that includes corporate and institutional partners alongside members of the community. The plan identified six guiding principles: 1) celebrate history and diversity, 2) expand economic prosperity, 3) foster strong neighborhoods, 4) improve mobility and access, 5) enhance open, space and recreation, and 6) advance equal opportunity. Under these principles, the plan recommended the establishment of a youth mentorship program, and the expansion of athletic programs in the neighborhood, which this request aims to address. Leadership within the City of Easton's administration engaged Community Bike Works (CBW) to explore an expansion into Easton. CBW is a youth-serving organization that teaches life lessons through bicycles – high quality mentorship programs are offered alongside additional resources for the students and their families, with a focus on racial equity. To move this collaborative project forward, the team visited various locations that could serve as an outpost for CBW in the West Ward neighborhood. After a number of site visits and meetings with building owners, 921 Spruce Street emerged as the best fit to provide an initial home for CBW. With its board supportive of this collaboration, GEDP recently signed an agreement of sale to purchase 921 Spruce for \$190,000. Beyond housing CBW, the building also allows for the collocation of GEDP's West Ward programs (Easton Garden Works and the Easton Ambassadors).</p>	M&T Bank, Empyrean Management.
202008317067	Berks Latino Workforce Development Corporation (BLWDC) - Reading, Berks County	SPP	\$75,000	<p>Berks Latino Workforce Development Corporation (BLWDC) is seeking to alleviate chronic population health distress in Berks county related to unemployment and underemployment and housing stability, particularly among Latino residents. BLWDC is addressing these problems by incorporating programs in workforce and economic development. BLWDC's location is in the city of Reading, PA. Reading has a population of approximately 88,375 and 67% residents are Hispanic. About 32% of the population has not achieved a high school diploma and only 9.7% have achieved a bachelor's degree. Pre-COVID19, the poverty level for Reading was 35%. BLWDC's mission is to move Latinos out of poverty by providing self-awareness, education, a pathway for youth, training and workforce development, economic development, and empowerment to create economic wealth and opportunities in the county of Berks. BLWDC's vision is "A Greater Reading free of poverty and economic barriers which provides quality employment and economic equity for all Latinos in Berks County." BLWDC is establishing a technical center that offers occupational training, adult literacy, and career services. BLWDC expects there will be a return on investment to both the local businesses and the increase in wages will contribute to neighborhood stabilization. We expect our program participants to reduce risks of eviction and instability due to incapability to remain in a neighborhood. Case management will also be a strong component. We will evaluate socioeconomic factors such as job attainment and retention, jobs within the same county, housing stability and mobility.</p>	VIST Bank

202008317069	Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley - Bethlehem, Northampton County	SPP	\$37,500	<p>This grant will be used to support HCLV's Community Empowerment Initiatives to empower children, adults, and seniors to address food insecurity and social justice through its Food Pantry and Senior Center programs and annual Health Equity Summit on Social Justice. HCLV's project specifically addresses the Special Program Priorities (SPP) 3: Diversity Initiatives among the low to moderate-income population residing in census tracts 109,110,111,112 and 113. With the support of this funding, HCLV's Food Pantry and Senior Center Program will focus on the expansion and provision of coordinated food distribution services to vulnerable populations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. To address the recent social justice issues, HCLV will be holding its annual Health Equity Summit on Social Justice for stronger communities. The Health Equity Summit will focus on systemic challenges faced by the communities of color. Projected outcomes: Overall Goal: 1,200 unduplicated neighborhood residents will be served/impacted by the Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley Comprehensive Empowerment Initiatives (Food Pantry, Senior Center, and Health Equity Summit on Social Justice). Due to the needs of our clients, they may participate in multiple programs; therefore, there may be some duplication. Project Success Measures: Food Pantry Program: 1000 residents will be served by the Food Pantry program including children, adults, & seniors. 50 residents of those listed who are long-term recipients of food subsidies (greater than 6 months). Senior Center Program: 50 seniors will be served by the Senior Center Program. 1,500 meals will be provided to low-income individuals/families. Health Equity Summit: 200 residents will participate on the Health Equity Summit on Social Justice including community residents, leaders on nonprofit and profit sector, and minority high school students.</p>	PPL
202007241850	EcoTech Marine, LLC - Bethlehem, Northampton County	EZP	\$500,000	<p>In our first year, EcoTech had a revenue of \$10,000. Today, our revenue is more than \$27,000,000. We have customers in every first-world country, over 40 distributors worldwide, and we are in over 600 stores across the country. As part of EcoTech's dedication to the highest level of quality control, all of our components are designed in-house, and the majority of our products are all assembled in-house. However, as our client base and number of products continues to expand, we are experiencing a shortage of space in our current facilities. Our current facilities are too small to accommodate EcoTech's continued steady growth. As such, it is imperative that we have a facility with ample room to avoid safety issues and to allow for more growth. Our new facility in Bethlehem will help streamline our manufacturing process, which will in-turn allow us to meet increasing product demand. EcoTech Marine, LLC will invest over \$2,000,000 for new construction at the site of the former Bethlehem Steel plant. Construction will include new plumbing, electrical, HVAC, sprinkler system and more to accommodate the relocation and expansion of EcoTech Marine Inc, a manufacturer of high-tech products used for the aquarium industry. This site is ideal for our new facility due to its proximity and convenient highway access to northeast markets; Bethlehem's central location within the Lehigh Valley; the size, suitability, and flexibility of the building; the scarcity of already-prepared sites of this size and nature within the region; and a desire to be part of Southside Bethlehem's emerging industrial sector. We will hire 22 new employees to accommodate the expansion of our manufacturing operation. These new jobs created will primarily be product assembly positions, which are crucial for our growth. All qualified talent from the local community will be considered for these positions.</p>	N/A

202008226691	Berks County Investments, LLC - Reading, Berks County	EZP	\$500,000	<p>We will restore the Meridian Bank building at 35 North 6th Street in Reading, PA. It is a beautiful building that has been ravaged by neglect. It features some of the finest neo-classical architectural and ornamental plaster work in the entire county. The ceilings are particularly stunning, but sadly, have gone basically unseen for nearly a decade. The building has been mostly vacant since 1986. It's been completely vacant since the pipes froze and burst in 2012. The building is currently a shell with no working mechanicals, because the burst plumbing lines flooded half of the building and the adjoining street outside. In 2015 due to the unmitigated water damage, a large section of the terra-cotta façade weighing 400 pounds collapsed onto the sidewalk, which easily could have killed anyone on the sidewalk below. Aside from the terra-cotta façade that we will repair, there is also asbestos, mold, and an underground oil tank that we will address. We will invest \$8,360,000 (of \$12.5M total investment) to restore and revitalize the form Meridian Bank building at 35 N. 6th street in Reading. This is one of the most significant distressed buildings in downtown Reading, and the only building in the immediate area not owned by the government. We will restore this historic building to its former glory. Major renovations will create office space on the upper floors and a food court on the ground floor, thus allowing this beautiful building to be used for an estimated 200 office users and 12 "mom n' pop" type restaurants. The officers will most likely be used for law and law support services, as this distressed building is next to the county courthouse. The site's high profile location in the heart of downtown Reading will ensure patronage of the restaurants and demand to create jobs. This project will create 75 jobs available to the local community, and will result in the retention on 175 jobs</p>	N/A
202008286876	Triple Net Investments XXXV, LP - Bethlehem, Northampton County	EZP	\$500,000	<p>One of the most distressed communities in the region can be found on the Southside of Bethlehem. According to data from the 2010 census/American Community Surveys put out by the City of Bethlehem, in the census tract that comprises a large part of Southside Bethlehem (Census Tract 113), median household income is roughly 64% of the median household income for the Lehigh Valley MSA. In this neighborhood, about 30% of all people live below the poverty line. The proposed development project will increase local tax revenues, bring significant private investment, and generate new employment opportunities in a community that needs them. The City of Bethlehem has invested heavily in supporting the economic revitalization of Southside Bethlehem. One example of this is an industrial park known as LVIP 7 being developed by Lehigh Valley Industrial Park (LVIP) on a portion of the former-Bethlehem Steel site. In February 2015, Triple Net Investments XXXV LP (TNI35) entered into an agreement with LVIP to acquire Lot 81 of LVIP 7, an approximately 8.86-acre tract of vacant land located at 1025 Feather Way, with the intent to develop the tract for industrial use. TNI35 is now working with a still-confidential manufacturer who will lease a 150,000 square foot building that TNI35 will construct at this site. The manufacturing tenant will lease the entire building and operate an indoor vertical farming operation producing lettuce and other leafy greens, employing 80 people. Once LERTA tax abatements have been phased out, the project/property will generate approximately \$565,000 per year in state and local tax revenues.</p>	N/A

202008317027	Palace Row, LLC - Bethlehem, Northampton County	EZP	\$436,721	<p>Both contiguous properties identified for this project are blighted. Both buildings are abandoned and one is partially collapsed. They have been vacant for over a decade and contribute negatively to the densely populated surrounding area. With this project we plan to combine both buildings into one address, tear down and replace collapsed portion of building, construct 6 residential units and two storefronts. Upon completion, both storefronts and at least one apartment will be ADA compliant with the addition of a ramp thanks to an easement by a local landowner. These apartments will be geared towards low to middle income residents. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, housing units for this demographic have been in short supply. Our goal is to not only add quality, affordable housing to the area, but also contribute to the overall outlook of Bethlehem by taking two properties off of the blighted list. First and foremost, this project would remove two properties from the blighted list. It would also add six residential units to an area with a shortage of clean and affordable housing for low to middle income residents. Both members of the applicant LLC are college students looking to add value during this time of distress for many people. Both of these members will have a job as a result of this project. It will also provide an opportunity for two businesses to have an affordable location on one of the busiest streets in the area. Overall, this project would reflect positively on Bethlehem and the surrounding area.</p>	N/A
202008286887	Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank - Spring Township, Berks County	CFP	\$5,500	<p>For this project, we plan to continue to meet the drastically increased demands for food assistance in our community during the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout. Since March 2020, Helping Harvest has been distributing more than 1 million pounds of food a month to our network of 320 charitable food programs in Berks and Schuylkill counties. This is nearly twice the amount of food we were distributing monthly on average last year. Compounding the problem of increased food insecurity is that the availability of donated foods (our traditional primary source of food inventory) has been greatly diminished as the food supply chain has been severely disrupted. This scenario has forced Helping Harvest to purchase food at levels far exceeding what was budgeted for this year. This project will allow Helping Harvest to purchase food to keep meeting the community's need for food assistance. To accomplish this plan, Helping Harvest will: Purchase food to be distributed through our network of charitable food assistance programs; Fill 100% of food orders received from member agencies; Provide food assistance to 100% of individuals who attend one of our supplied food distributions.</p>	M&T Bank

202008316950	Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Inc. - Colebrookdale Township, Berks County; Pottstown, Montgomery County	CFP	\$78,977	<p>The problem we are addressing is assisting food insecure families and individuals in our community who cannot afford food. We serve food insecure individuals and families in Berks and Montgomery Counties. Our project is providing our three food access programs from our Boyertown Multi-Service location. During the COVID pandemic, people in our community are being affected by lost jobs and lost wages, and demand for our food pantry, case management services, and Meals on Wheels continues to grow exponentially. Because we provide vital services to our community's most at-risk and vulnerable individuals, we are making every effort to keep our essential programs operational during this challenging time. We also supply food pantry bags to the youth who attend the Ricketts Center. This is a community center where children and youth attend after school and during summer for such activities as homework help, sports activities and games. We plan to continue serving the food insecure individuals and families in our community through our Food Access Programs. Data we collect includes: The number of people served, the number of meals and pantry boxes provided, the number of volunteers and volunteer hours dedicated. Program participants report impact and quality of programming via surveys and assessments. We track client data through Case Management software, Charity Tracker. We receive feedback from clients and client families of our senior population telling us that during this pandemic when their elderly parents were afraid to shop in grocery stores, they were grateful to have food and meals available to them. The number of individuals served is 2,041 of which 536 are long term recipients (greater than 6 months). We do not track our food by dollar value but rather by pounds. The number of pounds of food distributed from our food pantry to those 2,041 individuals is 200,201. Tax deductible value is \$340,341.</p>	Weis Markets, Landis Store, Bob's Bread Barn, Frecon Farms, Maguire Products, Martin Stone Quarries
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