

Applicant/Location	Program Type	Tax Credit Amount	Project Description
<p>Housing Association &amp; Development Corporation - Allentown, Lehigh County</p>	<p>NPP 3/6</p>	<p>\$280,000</p>	<p>The Jordan Heights neighborhood in Allentown 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 eight unites 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, and a lack of marketable employment skills or job training. All construction will be performed by 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, life skills and leadership development to high school drop outs, ages 17-24. HADC will complete work on eight properties providing eight units of affordable housing, serving approximately 32 low income individuals. HADC will also begin a strategy of 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 14 jobs. HADC will also continue the YouthBuild initiative which formalizes our apprenticeship /job training approach to elevate the economic capacity of neighborhood youth. The program is unique to the area, specifically designed for high school drop outs to achieve employment readiness. At least 20-25 students will receive on-the-job training and skill development in the construction trade, as they work towards their GED/HISET diploma along with receiving life skills 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>

<p>Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem - Bethlehem, Northampton County</p>	<p>NPP 6/7</p>	<p>\$160,000</p>	<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 well being; 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. 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 retained, 2 Business/Economic Sustainability event facilitated, 2 residential façades, 1 housing organizer hired to address challenges at neighborhood level, Southside Ambassadors program continued, 2 parks and green space maintained, 2 youth-focused festivals/events executed, 30 youth participate in basketball, 2 youth learn the skills of theater performance, 4 student-created performances produced through workshops in Southside schools, 75 youth participate in Lynfield Community Center programming, 20 youth participant in 4H, 20 youth participate in dance camp, 50 youth participate in summer reading camp, 2 community gardens expanded/improved; 6 workshops held, 1 exercise loop created, Marketing campaign continued.</p>
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<p>Community Action Development Corporation of the Lehigh Valley - Allentown, Lehigh County</p>	<p>NPP 6/7</p>	<p>\$440,000</p>	<p>1) Lack of safe, affordable housing. 2) Commercial district in need of repair and renovation. 3) Low homeownership rate. 4) Perceptions of crime preventing revitalization. 5) Crime rate is slowly decreasing but need to continue to focus efforts on public safety. 6) Lack of trust between police and residents. 7) Lack of engagement of residents in Arts and Culture activities. 8) Low graduation rates. 9) Lack of communication between parents and schools. 10) Need for safe, clean and vibrant neighborhoods. 11) Need for safe, quality and affordable housing. 12) Need to increase businesses and jobs. 13) Need to prevent homelessness. 14) Need to foster resident and community engagement.</p> <p>1) Complete 5 residential facades &amp; 3 commercial facades. 2) Provide staff support/outreach for rehabs, facades &amp; porch paint projects. 3) Support up to 30 families to prevent homelessness. 4) Complete 6 litter abatement projects &amp; 4 neighborhood clean-up projects. 5) Increase number of residents participating in arts &amp; culture activities. 6) Increase communication, trust &amp; satisfaction between parents/families with school district through continued development of Parent Network. 7) Decrease in Part 1 (5%) &amp; 2 (8%) crimes. 8) Foster new relationships between Allentown Police Department &amp; community. 9) 35 students participate in Police Youth Academy, 15 students participate in Advanced Youth Academy &amp; 25 students participate in Civilian Police Academy. 10) 3 businesses started. 11) 5 jobs retained. 12) Community sponsored events will improve perception of Upside area. 13) Distribute neighborhood grants to foster resident &amp; community engagement. 14) Provide administrative oversight.</p>
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