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| Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress - Hazleton, Luzerne County | NPP 1/6 | \$80,000 | <p>For the past several years the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress, the non profit organization that administers the DCED Main Street Program, has been working in close partnership with the Hazleton Art League (HAL), the City of Hazleton, Penn State Hazleton, CAN DO, and other economic development and community partners to revitalize Downtown Hazleton in accordance with a Strategic Plan. The past five years have been focused on the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of blighted and vacant properties in the core of the downtown, which is being rebranded as an Arts & Innovation District. This includes the development of new Arts Center, City Park, and Penn State Launchbox (business incubator). Funding is now needed to support new programs that will make use of these new facilities, particularly serving low income youth and the Hispanic community, as well as other projects and programs identified through the strategic planning process that will nurture business growth and integration. This NPP program will fund four areas of need: Education and Entrepreneurship Assistance; Expanded Arts & Cultural Programming, Hispanic Business Integration & Community Leadership Development; and Marketing & Business Recruitment. This will involve delivery of a Youth Entrepreneurship Summer and Afterschool Program in partnership with the Penn State Hazleton LaunchBox; planning and delivery of a Youth Arts Summer Program in partnership with the Hazleton Art League; additional arts and cultural events in association with First Friday; bilingual marketing and advertisement of art and cultural programs and events; and the development of an Art Entrepreneurship program in partnership with the Hazleton Art League and the Penn State LaunchBox. It will also involve the development of a program designed to help integrate the Hispanic business community and increase non profit and community organization board leadership, and the development of a Marketing and Business Recruitment Plan.</p> |

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| <p>Commission on Economic Opportunity - Luzerne County</p> | <p>NPP 1/6</p> | <p>\$200,000</p> | <p>The Goal of the Project is to end hunger in Northeast Pennsylvania by 2025. When we say we will end hunger – we don't mean no one will ever enter a state of food insecurity or hunger. The emergencies that can occur and push a family into hunger will not stop. Families will always face medical emergencies, unexpected unemployment and other situations that can result in financial devastation of a household and result in food shortages and hunger. Rather, an “end to hunger” means the resources and food will be readily available in the community to stabilize the household and give them a stable foundation for moving forward – out of hunger, into stability and, potentially upward, and out of poverty. The theory or approach that is at the foundation of this Project and the Plan to End Hunger is that increasing food access will decrease food insecurity and that as a result of decreasing food insecurity there will be a corresponding improvement in health and household stability. The Project includes five major initiatives with related activities and metrics. In order for our region to achieve the goal of ending hunger by 2025, we must invest in these five areas: 1) food acquisition, 2) food distribution, 3) partner network, 4) household level access, and 5) public awareness.</p> |
| <p>Geisinger Health Foundation - Minersville, Schuylkill County</p> | <p>SPP</p> | <p>\$375,000</p> | <p>It is crucial to the health and well-being of our seniors to have access to quality housing and medical services that are affordable. This is especially challenging for local low-income seniors. Geisinger Health Foundation is requesting NAP funds under the SPP designation for the Health and Housing Initiatives to construct a LIFE Geisinger Health Services facility to be integrated with an affordable rental housing development for seniors 62+ located in Minersville, Schuylkill County. This facility will be located in a 13,500 gross square foot commercial space on the second floor of the Miners Lofts development. The goal of a LIFE Geisinger facility is to enable frail older adults within a community to continue to live independently in their homes for as long as possible. The LIFE Center will include the construction of medical office space, examination rooms, patient shower rooms, kitchen, and occupational rehabilitation area. The Miners Lofts development will complete the adaptive reuse of a former garment factory that has been vacant for over 50 years. At the end of the 13 month construction period, the rehabilitation of this five-story building will have created, in conjunction with a PHFA allocation of 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, a garage servicing the entire building located on the first floor; 13,500 gross square feet of commercial space for LIFE Geisinger Health Services to have an independent facility to service the elderly population of this residential community, as well as the elderly population of Minersville Borough; and 30 senior (62+ in age) affordable rental housing units on the three subsequent floors. At the completion of this project, the LIFE Geisinger Health Services facility will create 50 new permanent jobs and will service the almost 1,100 seniors living within the Borough. Additionally, there will be 20-30 temporary construction jobs created by this project.</p> |

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| <p>Treatment Court Advocacy Center of Lackawanna County - Scranton, Lackawanna County</p> | <p>SPP</p> | <p>\$41,250</p> | <p>Veteran Education and Training. Veteran Treatment Court (VTC) participants will be assessed for needs and provided with needs assistance, life skills training, recovery skills training, educational and employment training opportunities all through a structured, collaborative approach. Completed Outreach Family Functional Assessments. Completed employment assessments by Goodwill and Outreach. Recovery skills training via Treatment Team and Veteran Peer Mentors completed outcome surveys. Local college educational and vocational assessments. Completed referrals to Career Link and OVR.</p> |
| <p>Scranton Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. dba Neighborhood Housing Services of Lackawanna County - Scranton, Lackawanna County</p> | <p>SPP</p> | <p>\$7,500</p> | <p>Although all communities are vulnerable to blight, Scranton and other municipalities in Lackawanna County—like similar post-industrial municipalities in the Northeast—are particularly susceptible due to their high poverty rate, old housing stock, and a large elderly population. In Scranton, for example, 20.4% of residents live below the federal poverty line, compared to just 12.6% in the state and 14.3% nationwide. 58.9% of homes in Scranton were constructed before 1940, compared to just 27.5% statewide and 13.7% in the United States. Of the roughly 75,000 residents of the City of Scranton, 16.4% are over the age of 65, which is higher than the percentage of elderly people in the state and country, which is 15.4% and 13.7% percent, respectively. NWNEPA plans to stabilize and maintain vacant lots that have long been a nuisance to neighbors and an impediment to redevelopment efforts. NWNEPA plans to stabilize and maintain vacant lots that have long been a nuisance to neighbors and an impediment to redevelopment efforts. With the assistance of local developers, we will turn a highly visible and underutilized property into a welcoming gateway into West Scranton. We will also remediate vacant, blighted properties on Luzerne Street in West Scranton. NWNEPA will stabilize this land by cleaning and greening it. Construction debris from previous demolitions and garbage that has been dumped on the properties will be removed. Then, trees and overgrowth will be removed and the lots will be graded and seeded. After being stabilized, NWNEPA will work with residents and community stakeholders to identify the highest and best long-term use of the property.</p> |

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| <p>Upper Valley YMCA dba Greater Carbondale YMCA - Carbondale, Lackawanna County</p> | <p>SPP</p> | <p>\$22,500</p> | <p>The YMCA is striving to move forward and improve on our services. We are seeking funding for two major projects. There are limited outdoor recreational opportunities within the City of Carbondale. The Community Park will tie into the Lackawanna Riverwalk system and open up new opportunities for recreation, play, exercise, and community events. Phase 1 was completed in Summer 2019. Funding will assist with Phase 2 - pavilion, toddler playground, splashpad, and additional walking loop. The Lower Level of the YMCA is underutilized. The Y has a vision to create and enlarged Early Learning Center to meet the educational and child care demands of the Upper Valley. The YMCA serves over 250 children from infant through school age, in addition to Early Head Start and Head Start. Classrooms are currently at capacity with a waiting list. Additionally, the kitchen serves over 7,500 meals a month. Funds will be used to create additional classrooms as well as expand and upgrade the kitchen. The YMCA is working with local architects to design a comprehensive capital plan (developing an ADA accessible community park and lower level renovations to accommodate a growing demand for high quality early learning programs). Financial commitments have been received from several sources and several grants are pending. The YMCA is able to phase the project as needed to use funds appropriately and responsibility without incurring additional capital debt. In addition, the YMCA has been working with several community organizations on these projects. All organizations have been completely supportive of these projects.</p> |
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| <p>Scranton Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. dba Neighborhood Housing Services of Lackawanna County - Scranton, Lackawanna County</p> | <p>SPP</p> | <p>\$48,750</p> | <p>NeighborWorks of Northeastern Pennsylvania (NWNPEA) is seeking funds to support the renovation of its new HomeOwnership Center located in West Scranton. According to the US Census Bureau, the total number of individuals in West Scranton who are living below the poverty level sits at a staggering 18.1%. The effects of poverty on these families cannot be ignored, the American Psychological Association asserts that the effects of poverty include: substandard housing and homelessness, inadequate nutrition and food insecurity, lack of access to health care and unsafe neighborhoods. Increasing poverty rates and decreasing affordable housing options, coupled with a human service system that is over-capacity has created an increased need for services with decreasing access to those services. We will utilize this space as a hub for affordable housing and supportive services in this neighborhood and the City as a whole. By renovating this space, we will provide a critical new location for the delivery of affordable housing services in an underserved neighborhood. The completion of this project will also lead to specific outcomes in homeownership, blight remediation, resident engagement and development, and more (outlined in the community measures report). Convening Space. Provide a modernized meeting space with state-of-the-art technology and ample parking and an opportunity for community-building activities, trainings, educational events, and other assembly that will benefit the residents of this underserved neighborhood. Transportation. Move our operation to this new site in West Scranton, with ample parking and access to public transportation will allow easier access to our services for those in our community who are challenged by limited means of transport. Healthcare. We will help fill the void of accessible healthcare by including a service kiosk in partnership with Geisinger.</p> |
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| <p>The Wright Center for Community Health - Scranton, Lackawanna County</p> | <p>SPP</p> | <p>\$7,500</p> | <p>The Wright Center for Community Health (TWCCCH) intends to respond to a critical need by expanding access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT), behavioral health and other recovery support services for individuals, including pregnant women, who struggle with opioid use disorder (OUD). TWCCCH is heavily invested in fighting the opioid epidemic, and is currently reporting all OUD measures to the state. In response to the opioid crisis, Pennsylvania Department of Health and Human Services (PADHS) launched an initiative to implement an OUD Center of Excellence (OUD-COE) program to treat individuals in high-quality care settings. TWCCCH was selected as one of Pennsylvania's OUD-COEs and became operational January 1, 2017. 1. Increased patient engagement in their health and healthcare, 2. Additional 7,000 low-income patients/21,1000 patient visits accessing and engaging in care, 3. Increased satisfaction for patients and providers, 4. Decrease in cost of care overall, value-based savings generated, increased staff productivity, 5. Reduced ER use/hospital admissions, 6. Improved health outcomes (e.g., immunization rate, diabetes, asthma controlled), 7. Increased patient access to social supports (e.g., transportation, housing, insurance). 1. Dental clinic completed & opened by the end of summer 2019, 2. 3,000 dental health patients annually, 3. 2,275 low-income dental health patients annually, 4. 9,100 dental health visits annually, 5. 5,005 adult dental health visits annually, 6. 4,095 pediatric dental health visits annually. 49 FTE employees created in the first year of the tax credit period, adding to TWCCCH's existing 364 FTE employees.</p> |
| <p>Susquehanna County Recreation Center - Harford Township, Susquehanna County</p> | <p>SPP</p> | <p>\$11,250</p> | <p>The Susquehanna County Recreation Center, a non-profit group interested in further developing indoor recreational opportunities in Susquehanna County to be open to all residents. The very rural Susquehanna County lacks this type of recreational opportunity, leaving residents and children to travel many miles to utilize such facilities for recreation and sports training. This also results in dollars leaving the County and being spent in other areas helping other economies. Lack of recreational opportunities for the youth of the County result in increases in drug use, obesity, and crime. The opportunity to provide sports clinics, leagues, and camps provides opportunities for keep our youngsters active and for families to enjoy recreation together. This funding would provide the engineering design and specifications necessary to pursue future funding and support from fundraising and grants for construction of a facility that would be a win for Susquehanna County. There would be great economic benefits such a facility could provide to this rural area. The purchase of materials and labor needed for the project will assist local businesses such as hardware stores, concrete facilities, local contractors, etc. The surrounding restaurants and stores will see additional patronage as more people travel to the County to utilize the facility, especially during sporting events. Preliminary designs include potential office space for possible doctors offices, day care, physical therapy offices, and more.</p> |

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| <p>Scranton Lackawanna Resource Development Corporation - Scranton, Old Forge; Lackawanna County</p> | <p>SPP</p> | <p>\$57,750</p> | <p>SLRDC seeks to apply for the NAP/SPP designation with the goal of raising \$63,300 by September 30, 2019 for properties it owns at 524 N. Rebecca Ave., Scranton, 2428 N. Main Ave., Scranton, and 119/121 Grace St., Old Forge. Our plan is to rehabilitate/upgrade these abandoned/run-down properties to improve neighborhood appearance and allow for those with low-to-moderate incomes to access more safe, more affordable and more modern housing that will assist hem on the road to self-sufficiency. This project also serves to beautify the neighborhoods by refurbishing antiquated structures and offering below-market rents for income-eligible individuals. Jim Wansacz, agency weatherization director, is coordinating and spearheading this entire initiative and his resume is attached. He will assume the agency executive director post on July 1, 2019. 1. Develop a two-apartment site at 524 N. Rebecca Ave. Scranton; upgrade/provide feasibility analysis of an existing SLRDC housing project at 2428 N. Main Ave., Scranton; provide energy-efficient upgrades to 3-units of an owned complex complex at 119/121 W. Grace St., Old Forge, to accommodate families of lower incomes. 2. Goal: to improve neighborhoods in each location by rehabilitating properties. Create modern, clean, safe and attractive units allowing those of lower incomes to access better living conditions. 3. Market these locations for residential use to those with low-to-moderate incomes; offer affordable rental rates including targeting veterans. Timeline is Summer-Fall 2020. 4. Partner with Johnson College to incorporate its resources and students' talents into the design and fabrication of these structures - this is known as a learning laboratory. 5. Partner with for-profit businesses by enlisting donations to help underwrite costs of supplies. Goal: \$63,300.</p> |
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