

App. ID	Applicant/Location	Program Type	Tax Credit Amount	Project Description	Contributors
202008306916	United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern PA - Scranton, Lackawanna County	NPP 5/6	\$160,000	While South Scranton experiences an influx of foreign-born residents with untapped skills, knowledge, and energy, the struggling economy and neighborhood blight continue to be major challenges. Through this project, United Neighborhood Centers will enhance the business district of the Cedar Avenue Corridor by: instituting an incubator for small businesses, offering entrepreneurship and leadership skills to the new immigrant community, and expanding the Farmers Market through an increase in vendors and customers. The Market will bring fresh foods to a neighborhood that has been categorized as a food desert. COVID-19 has brought new challenges to the project and UNC has adapted by adding additional safety measures including pre-ordering and curbside pickup at the market, as well as strict safety precautions. The development of the Peoples Security Bank building into a permanent site for the business incubator and offices for UNC and the United Neighborhood CDC. COVID-19 has created challenges to how we serve our community and we are incorporating new guidelines into the development of the bank building allowing more flexibility of working space. We will move the winter farmers market to Peoples Security Bank building to allow a safer shopping experience as well as utilize the larger space for community gathering, once renovations are complete. UNC estimates that 1,540 residents will be impacted by one or more aspects of this revitalization project over the next year. Our focus with the business association has pivoted to connecting businesses with relief and funding opportunities in 2020. UNC is partnering with the Scranton Area Foundation and Penn State Scranton to institute a small business incubator, which will move permanently to the Peoples Security Bank building when renovations begin, along with two floors of administrative offices for UNC and UNCDC.	People's Security Bank, PNC Bank, PPL
202008316961	Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress - Hazleton, Luzerne County	NPP 2/6	\$80,000	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 the programs that are making 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 are nurturing business growth and integration. This NPP program will continue to 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 programming in partnership with the Hazleton Art League; additional arts and cultural events; bilingual marketing and advertisement of art and cultural programs and events downtown; and the development of a Food Entrepreneurship program in partnership with the Hazleton Art League and the Penn State LaunchBox. It will also involve the delivery of a program designed to help integrate the Hispanic business community and increase non-profit and community organization board leadership, and implementation of the Marketing and Business Recruitment Plan, soon to be completed.	Wells Fargo, Reading & Northern Railroad

202009176098	Commission on Economic Opportunity - Luzerne County	NPP 2/6	\$200,000	<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>	Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation
202008266777	Geisinger Health Foundation - Minersville, Schuylkill County	SPP	\$375,000	<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, 501(c)3 nonprofit, is requesting NAP funds under the SPP designation for the Health and Housing Initiatives. Geisinger Health Foundation is also requesting COVID-19 Pandemic and Social Justice Issues. If awarded, the NAP funds will be used to construct a LIFE Geisinger Health Services facility integrated with an affordable rental housing development for seniors 62+ located in Minersville, Schuylkill County. This facility will be located 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, which is especially important in times when self-isolation is needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. 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 15 month construction period (two months longer due to COVID-19), the rehabilitation of this five-story building will have created, in conjunction with a PHFA allocation of 9% LIHTCs, 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>	Mid Penn Bank

202008286835	Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency, Inc. (SLHDA) - Scranton, Lackawanna County	SPP	\$93,750	<p>Additional classroom capacity is required for SLHDA's early learning programs. CDC guidelines & social distancing standards stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in a reduction of SLHDA education hours to children 3 to 5 years of age. SLHDA is seeking to expand classroom space by acquiring and developing a Pre-Kindergarten Center of Excellence to offer in-person education services to children of low-income families. The CDC recommends that child care classes include the same group each day, & that the same child care providers remain with the same group each day. Additionally, it is recommended to consider a separate classroom or group for children of healthcare workers or other first responders. Furthermore, the Scranton School District will be dissolving its pre-kindergarten programs as part of the school district's financial recovery plan. SLHDA will begin to assume responsibility for the operation & administration of these programs. SLHDA is acquiring & developing the Holy Rosary School located at 316 William Street in Scranton for a Pre-K Center. Upon completion, SLHDA is expecting to serve between 120 & 160 children and their families as part of SLHDA's early learning programs. SLHDA offers a comprehensive child development program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social, and additional services to enrolled children and families. The Center will also house a daycare facility that will assist school age students whose parents are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic & schools transitioning to virtual classrooms. These programs will address the immediate need for expanded classroom capacity and assist essential workers with educational daycare offerings while they perform essential duties.</p>	Fidelity Bank, FNCB Bank, M&T Bank, PNC Bank, RJ Walker Co., Ufberg & Associates, Peoples Security Bank, Cummings Insurance, The Dime Bank.
202008286879	NeighborWorks Northeastern PA - Scranton, Lackawanna County	SPP	\$22,500	<p>NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania (NeighborWorks) seeks to continue its crucial foreclosure-prevention services in the City of Scranton for 2020 and 2021. Through this program, NeighborWorks will assist city residents with critical homeownership services to help prevent future mortgage delinquency and foreclosure. Assistance will be provided through: 1) outreach to prospective and current homeowners and education about steps to avoid foreclosure; and 2) financial coaching and loss mitigation counseling to assist borrowers who are currently delinquent on their mortgage payments; and 3) referrals and representation of delinquent clients in Lackawanna County's Residential Foreclosure Diversion Program. All our services focus on practical education and counseling for sustainable homeownership and identifying the best possible outcome for any homeowners who are behind on their mortgage and/or taxes. The most direct way to measure the impact of this project is by evaluating how many Scranton homeowners will be assisted/how many foreclosures will be averted through the provision of counseling and loss mitigation services. In each of the past 3 years, NeighborWorks has provided between 150 and 225 residents in the City of Scranton with foreclosure prevention education, counseling, and services. In 2020-2021, we plan to work with at least 185 Scranton homeowners and prospective buyers through this program. Also, as our priority is prevention, we note that many more homeowners will avoid mortgage delinquency through our upfront foreclosure-prevention education and budgeting assistance. We anticipate several hundred thousand dollars in direct and indirect savings to the city of Scranton for averted foreclosures as a result of work provided through this project during the performance period.</p>	M&T Bank, Honesdale National Bank, NBT Bank.

202008296903	Treatment Court Advocacy Center of Lackawanna County - Scranton, Lackawanna County	SPP	\$26,250	<p>Veteran Treatment Court(VTC) participants and their family members will receive recovery and life skill training and coaching. Additionally VTC participants will receive educational and employment training opportunities. Train Veteran Peer mentors and assist qualified Veteran Peer mentors to secure Certified Recovery Specialist CRS Certification. enhance recovery skills programming and sober social activities.Training opportunities for Veteran Treatment Court Team, provide the Court with incentives for VTC participants. Completed recovery capital assessments by TCAC Veteran mentor Certified Recovery Specialist staff, employment assessments by partnering agencies, recovery skill training from Treatment Court Team staff, TCAC staff and Veteran Peer Mentors along with completed outcome surveys. local college educational and vocational assessments, referrals to Carrer Link and OVR. Close collaboration with Veterans Administration Representative and local Veteran advocacy organizations</p>	Waste Management, FNCB Bank, Fidelity Bank
202008316962	NeighborWorks Northeastern PA - Scranton, Lackawanna County	SPP	\$15,000	<p>NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania (NWNEPA) is seeking funds to support Phase 2 of 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 24%. 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. 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>	Community Bank, One Point Inc.

202008316988	NeighborWorks Northeastern PA - Scranton, Lackawanna County	SPP	\$37,500	<p>NWNEPA's Beautiful Blocks program addresses two problems in the City of Scranton: 1) a high incidence of blight and 2) a lack of access to conventional home repair loans, especially for minorities and women. Scranton is particularly susceptible to blight due to its high poverty rate and very old housing stock. In 2019, 23.7% of residents lived in poverty, compared to just 12.2% 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. Together, these factors have created an uncharacteristically high incidence of blight in the City. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that many residents, especially low-to-moderate income minorities and women, find it difficult to obtain loans to repair their homes. Beautiful Blocks removes these barriers by providing matching funds for home improvement projects that empower and incentivize Scranton residents to improve their homes and neighborhoods. Beautiful Blocks provides matching funds for exterior home improvements and encourages residents to work collaboratively to not just complete their individual projects, but also to develop a culture of cooperation that leads to further improvements in their neighborhoods. The physical improvement portion of the program is critical, as it stabilizes neighborhoods that are at risk of decline. Just as important, the program requires neighbors to work as a team to complete projects, and to plan ahead for continued improvements in their neighborhoods. This year, despite the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, a total of 105 households from 10 block groups were awarded more than \$100,000 in matching funds. Our goal for the 2021 Beautiful Blocks program cycle is to provide matching funds for exterior home improvements to approximately 120 households, grouped into 12 block groups. We expect to award approximately \$115,000 in matching funds through this program.</p>	PNC Bank, Fidelity Bank, FNCB Bank, NBT Bank
202008316996	Columbia County Housing Corporation - Bloomsburg, Columbia County	SPP	\$11,250	<p>We will purchase a vacant lot in downtown Bloomsburg, satisfying phase 1 of our downtown arts development activities: site control. Phase 2 (development of mixed-use pocket park and outdoor arts venue) and Phase 3 (rehabilitation of fire-damaged Bloom Moose Lodge and its redevelopment as a community center for visual and performing arts) are not included as part of this application. This application aims for site control. We have a signed agreement of sale for the purchase of the property being targeted with this application. We are now in fundraising phase and hope to reach full funding through NAP. We are developing a fundraising plan for any potential funding gaps remaining after NAP awards.</p>	First Columbia Bank and Trust, Fulton Bank.

202008136249	Commission on Economic Opportunity - Lackawanna County, Luzerne County, Susquehanna County, & Wyoming County	CFP	\$275,000	<p>Through the Neighborhood Assistance Program CEO will solicit both cash and food donations to increase the CEO Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Banks ability to reach food insecure, low -income person throughout the Food bank service area. Through this program CEO will continue to attempt to provide an increased amount of fresh nutrition food which is a vital resource to those who may have limited access in our communities. While CEO does currently partner with lower growers in our local communities, tax credits under the Charitable Food program provide an increased incentive that will enable us to expand the number of vendors we partner with and leverage additional resources for the food bank. In turn, the increased amounts of healthy nutritious food that come through the food bank will be distributed to partner agencies and into the homes of low income households. The COVID 19 pandemic has brought about a dramatic increase in the needs of those served by the food bank. The CEO Weinberg Regional Food bank continues to focus on the goal of ending hunger in Northeast Pennsylvania by 2025. This effort has been made even more challenging by the COVID 19 pandemic. There are countless families who have not had to utilize the services of our partners pantry's which has increase the demand on the food bank to get an increase amount of food products to our partners. We will continue to work collaboratively with our partners throughout our service area to get food into the homes of families that are in need. In order to do this we solicit both food and funds from local vendors, provide training and capacity building to our partners, recruit new partners, provide nutrition education at various distributions throughout the food bank service area, continue to expand and increase Children's Produce Markets and Mobile Food Pantry's. All these activities are an effort increase healthy food distribution by 1.5 million pounds per year.</p>	Gerrity's Supermarkets, Cargill, McClane Eastern, Navient, Pride Mobility Products, US Foods, Wegmans.
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