

GOVERNOR'S CENTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

PROVIDING LOCAL-LEVEL SOLUTIONS AND ASSISTANCE



TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



The Center provides a wide range of both technical and financial assistance for revitalization, recovery, planning, and more.

REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES

Through a network of peer consultants — former police officers — the Center plays an active role assisting municipalities interested in regionalizing police services. dced.pa.gov/police

REGIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Center provides technical and financial assistance to support regionalization efforts and continually recognizes successful ventures to encourage more departments to operate in this way. dced.pa.gov/fire

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND LAND USE

As the designated state entity responsible for land use assistance and monitoring, the Center offers technical and financial assistance to facilitate the understanding of planning activities and best practices, as well as tools to support wise decision-making related to land use, revitalization, preservation, and infrastructure, in all of Pennsylvania's urban, suburban, and rural communities. dced.pa.gov/planning

ACT 47: MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT

The Center provides professional financial management and public administration technical assistance, as well as financial assistance through the Distressed Municipalities Revolving Fund, to aid in the recovery process for Pennsylvania municipalities that are experiencing severe financial difficulties. dced.pa.gov/act47

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM (EIP)

The Early Intervention Program (EIP) provides guidance for municipalities interested in an improved fiscal position. The goal of the EIP is to promote best management practices and ultimately avert fiscal distress. dced.pa.gov/EIP

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

The Center provides technical and financial assistance to Pennsylvania's flood-prone municipalities in order to ensure compliance with regulations established by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). dced.pa.gov/insurance

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAPITAL PROJECT LOAN PROGRAM (LGCPLP)

Through the Local Government Capital Projects Loan Program (LGCPLP), eligible municipalities have greater purchasing power and access to equipment and facility loans at a fixed, low-interest rate of 2%. dced.pa.gov/LGCPLP

MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)

Through the Municipal Assistance Program (MAP), municipalities and counties may apply for grant funding to cover up to 50% of eligible costs related to:

- Community Planning
- Floodplain Management
- Shared Services

dced.pa.gov/MAP

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

The Center provides many resources to help local governments function more efficiently, including continuing education, training, and manuals — many of which are free online.

HANDBOOKS, REFERENCE MANUALS, AND GUIDES

The Center has more than 50 downloadable online publications containing useful information relating to all aspects of local government administration. dced.pa.gov/publications

PA LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAINING PARTNERSHIP (LGTP)

The LGTP offers in-classroom learning opportunities and online video training modules focusing on topics such as budgeting, planning, and emergency services to help keep municipal employees up-to-date on statutory requirements and best management practices. PAlocalgovtraining.org

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTOR QUALIFICATION PROGRAM

Offered through the LGTP, the qualification program for local property tax collectors enables tax collectors to meet their mandatory requirements to qualify as tax collectors.

dced.pa.gov/qualification

MUNICIPAL SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

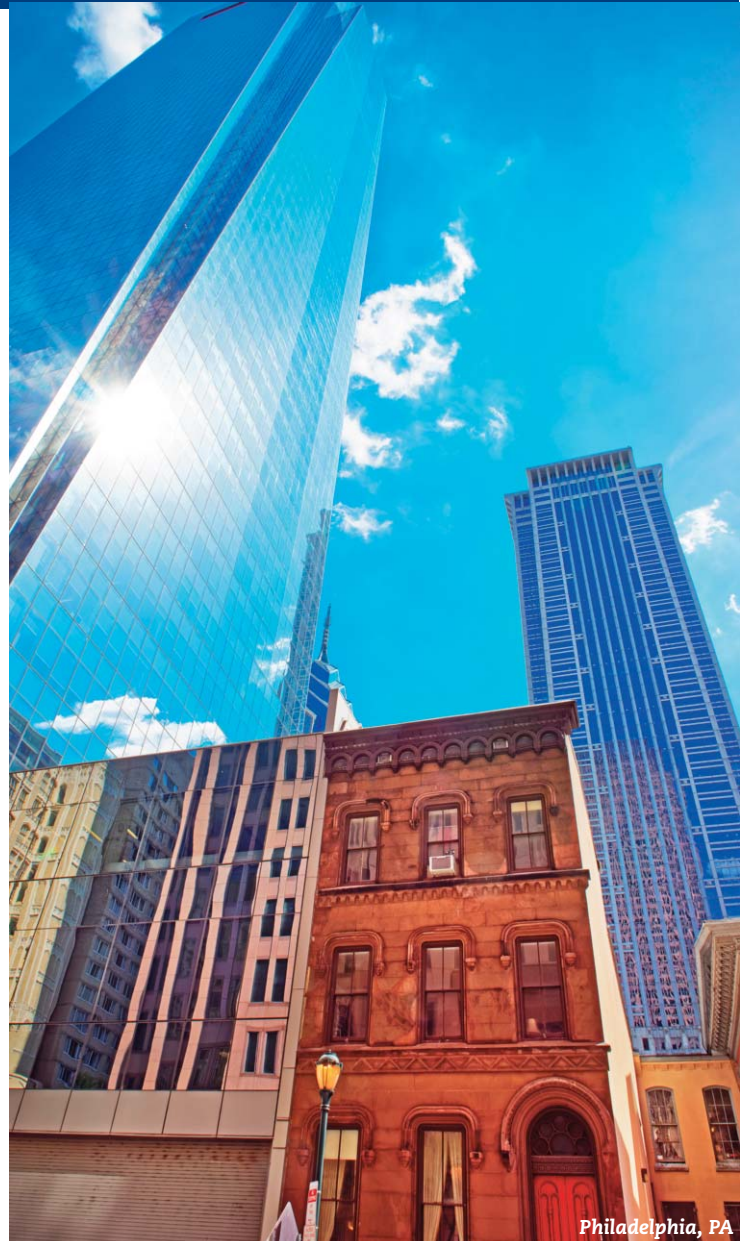
The Municipal School of Government provides advanced training opportunities for municipal officials. Courses focus on topics such as:

- ethics
- performance management
- data-driven decision making
- public policy development
- technical material facilitated by subject matter specialists

REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL AND CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY AT LVC

The result of a partnership between the Center, LVC, and the PA Municipal League (PML), the Regional Institute of Municipal and Corporate Sustainability at LVC serves as a resource for municipalities to promote and enhance sustainable policies and practices throughout Pennsylvania, and is designed to complement PML's Sustainable PA certification program.

The mission of the Governor's Center for Local Government Services (the Center) is to provide a full range of vital programs, training, and services to resolve problems at the local level.



Philadelphia, PA

PA CONSTRUCTION CODES ACADEMY (PCCA)/UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC) REPORTS QUALIFICATION PROGRAM

Building Code Officials (BCOs) throughout Pennsylvania are required to submit quarterly filings and payments to the Center associated with building permit issuances. The funds are divided equally between the PA Construction Codes Academy (PCCA) and the PA Housing Research Center (PHRC) at Penn State to provide training and certification opportunities for construction code officials, design professionals, contractors, and other individuals involved with the implementation and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) throughout Pennsylvania.

BCOs or delegated municipal employees can file quarterly reports online at dced.pa.gov/ucc.

Visit PAconstructioncodesacademy.org to register for PCCA courses.

CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

OTHER SERVICES

Municipal Statistics Office

The Municipal Statistics Office is a multifunction information repository that maintains data collected from each of Pennsylvania's 2,560 municipalities. An e-filing system is available to facilitate the submission of the following required Municipal Statistics forms:

- Annual Audit & Financial Report
- Survey of Financial Condition Form
- Report of Elected and Appointed Officials
- Tax Information Form
- Annual Report of Municipal Authorities

dced.pa.gov/municipalstats

Tax Equalization Division (TED)/ State Tax Equalization Board (STEB)

The Tax Equalization Division (TED) determines the aggregate market values of taxable real estate property in each political subdivision and school district while establishing a Common Level Ratio (CLR) of assessed value for each county, which is approved and certified by the State Tax Equalization Board (STEB). These market values are used by the PA Department of Education as a factor in the legislative formula for state subsidies distribution to each school district and in the process of appealing tax assessed property values.

dced.pa.gov/steb



Johnstown, PA

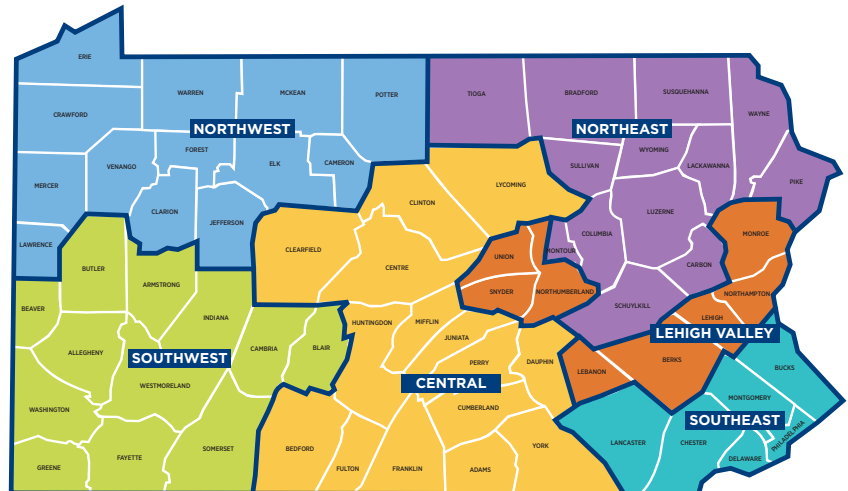
MEET THE TEAM

The Department of Community & Economic Development's regional offices are the first point of contact for local agencies and municipalities regarding economic development programs. Our department provides technical assistance to local and regional agencies relating to planning, implementation, funding opportunities, grant applications, and project management. We're invested in enhancing the quality of life for all Pennsylvanians through the revitalization of our cities and boroughs. Contact an office near you to get started!

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