

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROGRAM (STMP)

BUILDING FISCALLY STRONG COMMUNITIES



The Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP) offers tools and consultant services to improve a municipality's managerial, administrative, and financial capacity. Through the program, local officials learn how to effectively manage municipal finances through open, transparent, and pro-active fiscal planning.

Through STMP, local officials work with consultants to create short and long-term financial, managerial, and economic development strategies for the municipality. A 3 to 5-year financial plan, management review, and recommendations are submitted to the municipality in a final report.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Pennsylvania counties, cities, boroughs, towns, townships, and home rule municipalities may apply to participate in STMP.

SERVICES

STMP includes grant funding (up to \$200,000) to support the hiring of independent financial consultants. Grant applications require a 50/50 local match. Reduced local cash matches may be considered based on financial hardship. Full guidelines and application details are available at dced.pa.gov/STMP.

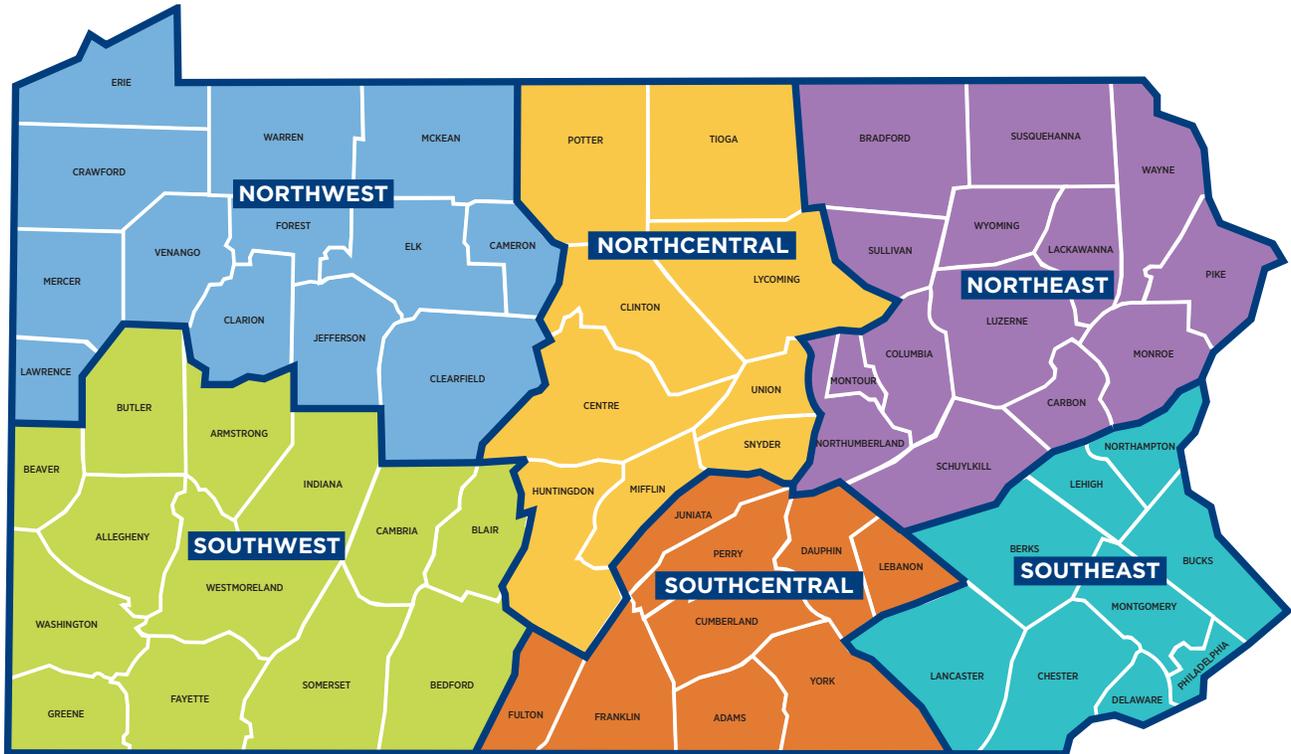
STMP funding can be used for professional consultant services supporting the development, adoption, and implementation of:

- Multi-Year Financial Management Plans
- Improved management practices and/or financial administration procedures
- Multi-municipal or regional intergovernmental cooperation initiatives and cost sharing strategies
- Other activities recommended in the plan, including training for local officials

IMPROVING MUNICIPAL FISCAL POSITIONS THROUGH:

- The development, adoption, and implementation of Multi-Year Financial Management Plans.
- Professional consultant services to assist a municipality in the adoption and implementation of Multi-Year Financial Management Plans or related municipal financial and management initiatives and improvements.
- The development of related studies, including an audit as required by GCLGS guidelines, to improve the management practices and/or financial administration procedures of the local government.
- The development of multi-municipal or regional intergovernmental cooperation initiatives and cost sharing strategies.
- Implementation activities recommended within the adopted STMP report.
- Training and capacity building activities that meet basic requirements to assist in the implementation of the plan recommendations.
- Contracts with professional services consultants to develop and implement recommendations related to eligible activities contained in an adopted STMP report.

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ADDITIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE

The Governor's Center for Local Government Services provides technical assistance on a variety of planning, land use, and development matters to planning commissions, zoning officers, zoning hearing boards, and other local government officials. For more information visit dced.pa.gov/planning.

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