



DAG's Popular Pennsylvania Municipal Grants

A 2027 Planning Guide

Seven high-use programs that PA municipalities return to year after year. Application windows below are the officially published annual cycles — confirm agency-posted 2027 dates before submitting. Plan resolutions, matches, estimates, and pre-application scoping during the 2026 budget cycle so files are ready when windows open.

Grant Program	Agency	2027 Application Window (annual cycle unless noted)	Award Cap / Match	Best Fit
DCNR C2P2 Community Conservation Partnerships (parks, trails, rivers, land acquisition, planning)	PA DCNR	Opens: Mon, Jan 11, 2027 Closes: Fri, Apr 30, 2027 Annual: 2nd Mon Jan – last biz day Apr	Up to \$2M (LWCF) Match varies by program	Park rehab, trail construction, open-space acquisition, master site planning
GTRP Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program (Act 13 / Marcellus Legacy)	CFA / DCED	Opens: Mon, Feb 1, 2027 Closes: Mon, May 31, 2027 Annual: Feb 1 – May 31	Up to \$250,000 15% match	Trail development, greenway easements, streamside restoration, park amenities
Multimodal Transportation Fund CFA/DCED-administered (distinct from PennDOT's MTF)	CFA / DCED	Opens: Mon, Mar 1, 2027 Closes: Sat, Jul 31, 2027 Annual: Mar 1 – Jul 31	Up to \$3M No match required (through Dec 2027)	Streetscapes, sidewalks, bike facilities, ports, rail, aviation, transit
Green Light-Go Municipal Signal Partnership Program (Year 13 anticipated)	PennDOT	Pre-app scoping due: early Jan 2027 (2026: Jan 2) Application window: March 2027 (2026: Mar 1–31)	~\$40M statewide pool 20% match	Traffic signal upgrades, retiming, LED conversions, adaptive/connecting systems
ARLE Automated Red Light Enforcement Transportation Enhancements Grant (Year 19 anticipated)	PennDOT	Pre-app scoping due: Apr 30, 2027 (anticipated) Application window: Jun 1–30, 2027 (annual: month of June)	~\$14M statewide pool No match required	Intersection safety, turn lanes, pedestrian crossings, signage/stripping
LSA – Statewide Local Share Account (non-host gaming counties)	CFA / DCED	Opens: Wed, Sep 1, 2027, 9:00 AM Closes: Tue, Nov 30, 2027, 11:59 PM Annual: Sep 1 – Nov 30	Varies (gaming revenue) Min. project cost \$25,000	Public safety equipment, community facilities, infrastructure, econ. dev.
CDBG – Competitive Community Development Block Grant (non-entitlement)	DCED (federal HUD pass-through)	Rolling annual cycle 2027 window not yet officially announced — historically late-summer/fall	Min. request \$100,000 70% must benefit low/mod-income persons	Housing rehab, water/sewer, ADA, demolition, public facilities & services

What to do now, during your 2026 budget cycle

· Adopt an enabling resolution authorizing officials to sign and submit. · Budget the local match (15% GTRP, 20% Green Light-Go, project-dependent others). · Line up engineering estimates, site control, and community engagement. · Create a Keystone Login and pre-load applicant profile in the Enterprise eGrants System. · Submit Green Light-Go pre-application scoping in early January and ARLE scoping by late April.

Editorial note. Dates shown reflect each program's officially published annual cycle. Where an agency has not yet posted its 2027 round, we use the recurring window and label the year as anticipated. Distinguish calendar year, PA fiscal year, application year, and award year. Do not conflate CFA/DCED's Multimodal Transportation Fund with PennDOT's separately administered MTF (typical Sept–Nov window). Verify agency guidance before submitting.

Sources (verified Sep 6, 2026): DCNR C2P2 — pa.gov/dcnr · GTRP — dced.pa.gov/gtrp · Multimodal (CFA/DCED) — dced.pa.gov/mtf · Green Light-Go — penndot.pa.gov/glg · ARLE — penndot.pa.gov/arle · LSA Statewide — dced.pa.gov/lsa-faq · CDBG — dced.pa.gov/cdbg.

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