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Proposal Name: Allegheny County Accessibility Program, **Allegheny County**

Funding Reserved: \$175,000

Proposal Description:

The Allegheny County Accessibility Program will use PHARE funds to assist with accessibility modifications allowing persons with permanent physical disabilities to remain in their homes. Participating households, when eligible, may also leverage funds from other local, state and federal programs for the completion of necessary weatherization upgrades. This program is available for both owner and renter occupied dwellings.

Proposal Name: Armstrong County PHARE Emergency Housing Program,
Armstrong County

Funding Reserved: \$55,000

Proposal Description:

The Armstrong County PHARE Emergency Housing Program is a continuation of the activities for which 2014 and 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to assist with rent and utility payments as scattered sites throughout the county utilized as emergency housing for the homeless population. Funds are also requested to assist with furnishings and cleaning expenses when units are being turned over to new households.

Proposal Name: Rental and Utility Assistance, **Beaver County**

Funding Reserved: \$25,000

Proposal Description:

The Rental and Utility Assistance program is a continuation of the activities for which 2014 and 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to address chronic homelessness and homeless prevention by providing rental and utility assistance to eligible households. It is anticipated that at least 25 households will be assisted through this program.

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Proposal Name: Blair County Rental Assistance Program, **Blair County**

Funding Reserved: \$50,000

Proposal Description:

The Blair County Rental Assistance Program is a continuation of the activities for which 2014 and 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to assist with rental and utility deposits and arrearages, emergency shelter (hotel/motel vouchers) and emergency fuel delivery of metered and unmetered fuels.

Proposal Name: Bradford County Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, **Bradford County**

Funding Reserved: \$175,000

Proposal Description:

The Bradford County Homeowner Rehabilitation Program will use PHARE funds to assist households with financing for health and safety, weatherization and energy conservation repairs and upgrades to their homes. The program is designed to restore existing housing stock as well as increase and maintain a safe and healthy housing environment while also preventing such housing from falling into a state of blight.

It is anticipated that at least 15 households will be assisted through this program.

Proposal Name: Bradford County Home Purchase Grant Program, **Bradford County**

Funding Reserved: \$535,000

Proposal Description:

The Bradford County Home Purchase Grant Program will use PHARE funds to assist with downpayment and closing costs as well as necessary repairs to the property in order to obtain loan approval or for the general liability and safety of the home.

It is anticipated that 15 households will receive purchase assistance with 12 of those also receiving repair assistance.

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Proposal Name: Butler County Acquisition/Rehab Program, **Butler County**

Funding Reserved: \$275,000

Proposal Description:

The Butler County Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program will use PHARE funds to acquire scattered site properties throughout the county and rehab them for use as affordable rental housing for vulnerable populations. Proceeds from future rental payments will be used to cover property expenses on those units as well as the acquisition and rehabilitation of additional affordable rental housing.

Proposal Name: Centre County PHARE Rental Assistance Program, **Centre County**

Funding Reserved: \$20,000

Proposal Description:

The Centre County PHARE Rental Assistance Program will use PHARE funds to make rental payments on behalf of households in host and contiguous municipalities in which unconventional wells are located. Eligible households are those whose gross income is at 176%-200% of the Federal Poverty Level, with preference given to households living below 50% of the Area Median Income.

It is anticipated that 10-13 households will be assisted with PHARE funds and an additional 20-27 with Act 137 funding.

Proposal Name: Clarion County's PHARE Rental Assistance Program, **Clarion County**

Funding Reserved: \$25,000

Proposal Description:

The Clarion County PHARE Rental Assistance Program is a continuation of the activities for which 2013 and 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to provide assistance to homeless and near homeless households in the form of rental and mortgage payments, security deposits, utility arrearages, emergency shelter and case management.

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Proposal Name: Rental Assistance & Case Management Program, **Clearfield County**

Funding Reserved: \$60,000

Proposal Description:

The Rental Assistance & Case Management Program will use PHARE fund to provide rental and utility assistance and security deposits to households at risk of homeless. Similar assistance will also be provided to those currently homeless so that they can quickly access safe affordable housing. A case management component will be employed to assess household needs and to ensure that there is no duplication of services, thus allowing more households to be assisted. It is anticipated that 30 households will be assisted through this program.

Proposal Name: Clinton County Rental Assistance and Education Project, **Clinton County**

Funding Reserved: \$41,000

Proposal Description:

The Rental Assistance and Education Project is a continuation of the activities for which 2014 and 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be to provide emergency shelter and rental assistance to vulnerable populations including mental health consumers, victims of domestic violence and individuals transitioning out of incarceration. An educational component also accompanies participation in the assistance program. It is anticipated that 17 households will be assisted through this program.

Proposal Name: South Main Street Neighborhood Improvement Program,
Crawford County

Funding Reserved: \$5,000

Proposal Description:

The South Main Neighborhood Improvement Program will use PHARE funds to assist very low income homeowners along South Main Street and Liberty Street in Meadville, with critical home repairs that will ensure the long term sustainability and affordability of the home. Eligible activities could include roof repair, window replacement, insulation and other energy efficiency needs as well as ADA accessibility modifications. It is anticipated that 25 households will be assisted through this program.

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Proposal Name: Elk County Accessible Housing Program, **Elk County**

Funding Reserved: \$38,000

Proposal Description:

The Elk County Accessible Housing Program is a continuation of the activities for which 2014 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to assist county residents with making accessibility modifications to their homes allowing them to age in place. The most common renovations will involve accessibility modifications to bathrooms, stairways, doorways and general habitual egress areas.

It is anticipated that 3 households will be assisted through this program.

Proposal Name: Housing Stability-PHARE, **Elk County**

Funding Reserved: \$25,000

Proposal Description:

The Housing Stability-PHARE program will use PHARE funds to assist households/individuals with serious mental illness, suffering from various forms of trauma, substance abuse disorders, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders with necessary housing assistance to ensure ongoing successful recovery and maintenance. Funds may be utilized to assist with mortgage, rent and utility arrearages, rental assistance, security deposits and as hotel/motel vouchers until safe and affordable housing is secured

Proposal Name: Fayette County Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative, **Fayette County**

Funding Reserved: \$150,000

Proposal Description:

The Fayette County Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative will use PHARE funds to assist with the development of up to 2, three bedroom, two bath single-family homes in Masontown Borough. The property is currently the site of a vacant, condemned grocery store and adjacent parking lot. Funds have already been allocated by the county assist with the demolition of the existing structure and construction of the new homes.

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Proposal Name: Parkview Knoll Apartments, **Greene County**

Funding Reserved: \$600,000

Proposal Description:

Parkview Knoll Apartments will use PHARE funds to assist with the renovation and preservation of an existing affordable housing complex consisting of three 2-story apartment buildings and two, 2-story townhouse buildings containing a total of 75 units. The proposal has received approval of a 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credit allocation.

Proposed Monthly Rent:

One Bedroom:	\$697	Three Bedroom:	\$996
Two Bedroom:	\$775		

Proposal Name: +55 Housing Efficiency Pilot Program, **Indiana County**

Funding Reserved: \$50,000

Proposal Description:

The +55 Housing Efficiency Pilot Program will use PHARE funds to assist county residents over the age of 55 with the replacement of inoperable and inefficient furnaces as well as assessing the home's overall energy efficiency for additional upgrades. Eligible additional efficiency improvements include installation of windows, entry doors, insulation and hot water tanks.

Proposal Name: Jefferson County Housing Emergency Repair Assistance Program,
Jefferson County

Funding Reserved: \$50,000

Proposal Description:

The Jefferson County Housing Emergency Repair Assistance Program is a continuation of the activities for which 2012, 2014 and 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to assist homeowners with making necessary emergency repairs to safeguard against imminent danger to human life, health or safety, and to protect the property from further structural damage. By completing the necessary repairs, homeowners may become eligible to seek additional assistance through Community Action, Inc.'s Energy Conservation and Weatherization Project. Additionally, the program will provide supplemental funding to homeowners participating in the Jefferson County Housing Rehabilitation Program to bring their homes into code compliance.

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Proposal Name: Countywide Housing Rehabilitation and Blight Removal Program,
Lawrence County

Funding Reserved: \$50,000

Proposal Description:

The Countywide Housing Rehabilitation and Blight Removal Program is a continuation of the activities for which 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to assist with rehabilitation efforts of existing occupied homes as well as for the acquisition and demolition of vacant and blighted structures.

Proposal Name: BNIP Homes-In-Need Program, **Lycoming County**

Funding Reserved: \$75,000

Proposal Description:

The Brodart Neighborhood Improvement Program (BNIP) will use PHARE funds to continue assisting homeowners through the Homes-in-Need program. Homes-in-Need was a component of the broader BNIP program for which grant funds were awarded in each prior PHARE Round. Funds will be used to assist with interior and exterior health and safety upgrades in the newly expanded target area within the Brodart neighborhood of Williamsport. It is anticipated that at least 3 households will be assisted through this program.

Proposal Name: Muncy Greene Senior Housing Development, **Lycoming County**

Funding Reserved: \$800,000

Proposal Description:

Muncy Greene Senior Housing Development will use PHARE funds to assist with the construction of 60 one-story, cottage style rental apartments for seniors 62 years and older. The development will provide much-needed affordable housing for seniors in the east end of the county and is easily accessible to the nearby YMCA, shopping mall and health care services.

Proposed Monthly Rent:

One Bedroom: \$610-\$661 Two Bedroom: \$270-\$810

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Proposal Name: City of Williamsport Historic Properties Rehabilitation Program,
Lycoming County

Funding Reserved: \$225,000

Proposal Description:

The City of Williamsport Historic Properties Rehabilitation Program will use PHARE funds to assist with the rehabilitation and preservation of historic residential structures by offering assistance to both owner-occupied and rental properties. The program will help maintain the city's historically significant housing stock and help ensure these properties remain economically viable for homeowners and landlords. Property owners will be required to contribute financially towards the rehabilitation.

It is anticipated that 9 households will be assisted through this program.

Proposal Name: Second Ward Neighborhood Housing, **McKean County**

Funding Reserved: \$50,000

Proposal Description:

The Second Ward Neighborhood Housing project will continue the use of PHARE funds in a target region of the City of Bradford. This effort will focus on the construction of a new single-family home as well as assisting low-income households with renovations necessary to comply with current housing codes. The new home will be marketed to a moderate income homebuyer.

It is anticipated that 4 households will be assisted through this program.

Proposal Name: MCHA Homebuyer Assistance Program, **Mercer County**

Funding Reserved: \$35,000

Proposal Description:

The MCHA Homebuyer Assistance Program will use PHARE funds to rehabilitate two targeted homes for sale to low-income homebuyers. Additional support will be provided in the form of downpayment assistance to the income-eligible families as well as financial counseling and homebuyer education to ensure successful homeownership.

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Proposal Name: Potter County Homeless Prevention Program, **Potter County**

Funding Reserved: \$40,000

Proposal Description:

The Potter County Homeless Prevention Program is a continuation of the activities for which 2013, 2014 and 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to provide homeless prevention services in the form of short and medium term rental assistance, and security and utility deposits to low-income households who are at risk of becoming homeless. The programs will also use funds to re-house individuals and families that are newly homeless as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Proposal Name: Sullivan County Rental Assistance Program, **Sullivan County**

Funding Reserved: \$70,000

Proposal Description:

The Sullivan County Rental Assistance Program is a continuation of the activities for which 2012, 2014 and 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to provide rental assistance for up to three consecutive months, or two months plus a security deposit. This program will allow the county's Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funding to be used exclusively for utility payment assistance to low income household along with food pantry support.

Proposal Name: Susquehanna County Rental and Utility Assistance,
Susquehanna County

Funding Reserved: \$124,000

Proposal Description:

Susquehanna County's Rental and Utility Assistance Program is a continuation of the activities for which 2013, 2014 and 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to assist individuals and families facing eviction or homelessness by providing rental, utility, and security deposit assistance. The program will help stabilize Susquehanna's affordable housing market by providing short term assistance while matching families with vacant, affordable rental units and decreasing homelessness in this rural county with no homeless shelters.

It is anticipated that 75 households will be assisted through this program.

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Proposal Name: Transitional Housing Reentry Program, **Susquehanna County**

Funding Reserved: \$396,000

Proposal Description:

The Transitional Housing Reentry Program will use PHARE funds to purchase and renovate a building in Great Bend to be used as transitional housing for county ex-offenders with histories of substance abuse. After renovation, the building is anticipated to contain up to 25 beds and accommodate residents for an estimated 3 months. Wrap-around services offered will include health care, drug and alcohol treatment, workforce and academic tutoring services as well as transportation to and from work and appointments when needed. Facility operations will be funded through Medical Assistance funding.

Proposal Name: Susquehanna County Home Buyer Assistance Grant Program,
Susquehanna County

Funding Reserved: \$127,000

Proposal Description:

The Susquehanna County Home Buyer Assistance Grant program will use PHARE funds to provide downpayment and closing cost assistance to eligible home buyers. Assistance will be based on need. Prior to closing, participants will also be required to take an on-line Homebuyer Education course and meet with a housing counselor in face for two hours, in order to be eligible for assistance.

It is anticipated that 15 households will be assisted at through this program.

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Proposal Name: Forest City Affordable Housing, **Susquehanna County**

Funding Reserved: \$435,000

Proposal Description:

The Forest City Affordable Housing project is a continuation of the activities for which 2013 and 2014 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used for the construction of a fourth affordable rental housing duplex at the existing Forest City site. Prior applications anticipated construction of four duplexes. However, due to increased development costs associated with stormwater and erosion control, only three were able to be completed.

Proposed Monthly Rent:

Two Bedroom: \$650-\$700

Proposal Name: Tioga County Department of Human Services, **Tioga County**

Funding Reserved: \$72,000

Proposal Description:

The Tioga County Department of Human Services is a continuation of the activities for which 2013 and 2014 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to assist with homeless prevention activities including rental, utility, relocation and hardship assistance to eligible individuals and families.

It is anticipated that 250 households will be assisted through this program.

Proposal Name: David's by the Lake, **Tioga County**

Funding Reserved: \$83,000

Proposal Description:

David's By the Lake is a continuation of the activities for which 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to supplement the HUD Continuum of Care grant by providing rental assistance, on-site supportive services and building operations costs. David's by the Lake offers 3 two-bedroom apartments for homeless families with children or older couples without children.

It is anticipated that 3 households will be assisted through this program.

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Proposal Name: Kenner Court/Garnet House, **Tioga County**

Funding Reserved: \$91,000

Proposal Description:

Kenner Court/Garnet House is a continuation of the activities for which 2014 and 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to supplement the HUD Continuum of Care grant by providing for rental subsidies, building operations and the on-site supportive services offered at the two facilities. Combined, Kenner Court and Garnet House provide 22 single room occupancy (SRO) units for homeless individuals.

It is anticipated that 22 persons will be assisted through this program.

Proposal Name: Tioga County-St. James Relocation Expenses, **Tioga County**

Funding Reserved: \$92,000

Proposal Description:

The St. James Relocation Expenses will use PHARE funds to assist with expenses associated with the temporary relocation of 22 individuals currently being served by the Bridge Housing, Mental Health Residential Supportive Housing and Transitioning Youth Independent Living programs. An independent developer, with the county's support, is seeking an award of Low Income Housing Tax Credits for the redevelopment of the current St. James Complex.

It is anticipated that at least 55 households will be assisted through this program.

Proposal Name: Veterans Fairweather Lodge, **Venango County**

Funding Reserved: \$15,000

Proposal Description:

The Veterans Fairweather Lodge will use PHARE funds to support the initial start-up and operating costs to house four homeless veterans as part of Pennsylvania's first Veterans Fairweather Lodge pilot program. The Lodge will provide evidence-based supportive housing to four veterans with mental health diagnoses while promoting employment and health living practices.

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Proposal Name: Warren County Roofing Program, **Warren County**

Funding Reserved: \$30,000

Proposal Description:

The Warren County Roofing Program will use PHARE funds to assist homeowners with needed roof repairs in order to maintain the safety, energy efficiency and overall health of the home. Once necessary repairs are complete, eligible households may also be referred to the Weatherization Department for additional energy improvements. It is anticipated that 12 households will be assisted through this program.

Proposal Name: Washington Trust Building, **Washington County**

Funding Reserved: \$750,000

Proposal Description:

Washington Trust will use PHARE funds to assist with the historic preservation and rehabilitation activities related to the conversion of the Washington Trust Annex Building's second through tenth floors into 24 one-bedroom, general occupancy, affordable units. Four units will be fully accessible for persons with physical impairments with two additional units being equipped for persons with hearing and visual impairments, addressing a critical need for accessible units in the city and borough.

Proposed Monthly Rent:

One Bedroom: \$615 (20-50% AMI)
\$630 (60% AMI)

Proposal Name: Westmoreland County Homeownership Program/ Shaner Heights Rental Rehabilitation Project, **Westmoreland County**

Funding Reserved: \$150,000

Proposal Description:

The Westmoreland County Homeownership Program is a continuation of the activities for which 2014 and 2015 PHARE grant funds were awarded. Funds will be used to acquire and rehabilitate homes, within the seventeen participating Land Bank municipalities, for resale to income eligible homebuyers.

The Shaner Heights Rental Rehabilitation Project will use PHARE funds for roof repairs and furnace replacements in 16 units of the Sewickley Township affordable housing development. Shaner Heights open in 1996 and was funded in part with Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

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Proposal Name: Wyoming County Home Buyer Assistance Grant Program,
Wyoming County

Funding Reserved: \$126,000

Proposal Description:

The Wyoming County Home Buyer Assistance Grant program will use PHARE funds to provide downpayment and closing cost assistance to eligible home buyers. Assistance will be based on need. Prior to closing, participants will also be required to take an on-line Homebuyer Education course and meet with a housing counselor in face for two hours, in order to be eligible for assistance.

It is anticipated that 10 households will be assisted at through this program.

Proposal Name: Wyoming County Rental Assistance Program, **Wyoming County**

Funding Reserved: \$15,000

Proposal Description:

The Wyoming County Rental Assistance Program will use PHARE funds to provide up to two months of rental assistance to very low income residents. The funding will allow the county's Emergency Food and Shelter Program to focus their funds on providing utility assistance, mortgage assistance and food pantry support.

It is anticipated that 10 households will be assisted through this program.