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County:

ADAMS

Proposal Name:

Rehabilitation and Weatherization of Interfaith Gardens

Organization:

Pennsylvania Interfaith Community Programs Incorporated

Funding Reserved:

\$182,975 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project will replace windows and entry doors at two HUD-subsidized housing complexes both built in the 1970s and an adjacent four-unit complex with mobility accessible units and project-based housing vouchers. The project will decrease utility costs for the tenants.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

2159 Centre Avenue

Organization:

Amani Christian Community Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

2159 Centre Ave. consists of the construction of an ~18,000 sq. ft. mixed-use development with ~1,700 sq. ft. of commercial space on the ground floor, and a total of 12 apartments on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors. The commercial space on the 1st floor will be split into an affordable and a market rate section.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

A Holistic Housing Intervention in the TriBoro Ecodistrict

Organization:

City of Bridges CLT

Funding Reserved:

\$160,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project is a holistic housing intervention in the boroughs of Milvale, Etna, and Sharpsburg. As a response to market-driven displacement, CBCLT will convert one currently vacant home to a long-term affordable rental unit and renovate 3 currently vacant, blighted structures acquired from the TriCOG Land Bank into permanently affordable homeownership.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Affordable Homeownership for Long-Term Tenants in Pittsburgh

Organization:

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Rising Tide Partners

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project will acquire and redevelop at least 30 single-family homes across three neighborhoods in Pittsburgh for new, affordable ownership opportunities.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Allegheny County's Alternative Dispute Resolution Eviction Prevention Demonstration Project

Organization:

Allegheny County Dept. of Human Services

Funding Reserved:

\$199,996 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This proposal will support an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) pilot project to be launched in select magisterial district court offices within the Fifth Judicial District, increasing mediation access and stabilizing housing for a greater number of Allegheny County residents at risk of eviction. The model allows mediation, resource navigation, and legal aid organizations to collaboratively ensure that landlords and tenants are equipped to resolve their housing dispute sustainably.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Bedford Dwellings Phase IB

Organization:

Bedford Dwellings Phase IB, LLC

Funding Reserved:

\$1,000,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Bedford Dwellings Phase I project will be the first phase of the Bedford Dwellings Redevelopment, Pittsburgh's oldest public housing complex. This development will utilize a twinning strategy, using both 9% and 4% LIHTCs from PHFA. The full Reed Roberts development plan includes 123 units. The 4% Phase will be composed of the remaining 62 units containing 53 one- and two-bedroom 55+ senior units in elevator served apartment and 9 general occupancy 3 bedroom triplex units.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Bethlehem Haven Women's Supportive Housing

Organization:

Bethlehem Haven of Pittsburgh, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

Bethlehem Havens property at 1410 Fifth Avenue is an extremely important part of their service provision in the City of Pittsburgh. This location serves as a long-term residential supportive housing for women who may not be capable of living independently or had been experiencing long term housing instability. Unfortunately, the building is in dire need of extensive renovations including conversion to Single Room Occupancy vs dormitory style living, mechanical upgrades and finishes.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Building Equity for New and Existing Homeowners

Organization:

Catapult Greater Pittsburgh Inc

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Catapult Greater Pittsburgh (CGP) will provide low- and moderate-income new homebuyers and existing low-income homeowners comprehensive trauma-informed financial education alongside closing cost assistance to first-time homebuyers. Additionally, Catapult will launch its Tangled Title Clinic as part of its post-purchase education program that will focus on foreclosure prevention and asset protection for existing low-income homeowners.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Community-Based Homeownership Services

Organization:

Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$325,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The requested funds would support the implementation of community-based homeownership programming, to include HUD-certified pre- and post-purchase homebuyer counseling, education, and down payment and closing cost assistance, through collaborative partnerships with community-based organizations, nonprofit and for-profit developers, and other key stakeholders.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Hazelwood New Construction Affordable Housing for Flowers Avenue

Organization:

Hazelwood Initiative Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$120,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Hazelwood Initiative, Inc. (HI) will construct 3 3-bedroom new construction housing units on Flowers Avenue in the heart of Hazelwood for affordable homeownership for very-low income, low-income, and low-to-

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moderate income households. The houses are the beginning of a new in-fill strategy for Hazelwood which has over 650 vacant parcels or houses that blight the neighborhood. This proposal is a significant step forward in HI's "Development Without Displacement" strategy.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Home Accessibility Program for Independence (HAPI)

Organization:

Urban Redevelopment Authority

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Home Accessibility Program for Independence (HAPI) provides grants to homeowners and renters for accessibility modifications to their homes in order to allow them to age in place and avoid displacement. The program works with specialized contractors to provide critical items such as stairlifts, bathroom remodels, and wheelchair accessibility modifications. The program allows seniors and people with disabilities to continue living in their homes, providing greater independence.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Home at Hamilton

Organization:

Center the C.A.R.E.S(Children/Adult Recreational and Educational Services)

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Center That CARES (CARES) is committed to providing quality opportunities to underserved individuals. Through PHARE, CARES will rehabilitate the former Holy Rosary Convent into 13 studio apartments for young adults providing supportive services & connection to employment. CARES will be rehabilitating an unused building & transforming into quality housing for young adults while simultaneously providing services, education, and training to young adults to transition to sustainable employment

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Homewood Townhomes II (Habitat Pittsburgh)

Organization:

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh (Habitat Pittsburgh) will develop two additional townhomes, adjacent to those detailed in our 2021/22 application, on Lincoln Ave. in the Larimer neighborhood of Pittsburgh which will be affordably sold to limited-income families.

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County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Housing Solution Specialist

Organization:

Allegheny County Dept. of Human Services

Funding Reserved:

\$97,453 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The proposed Housing Solutions Specialist will provide specialized housing case management to support successful transitions out of homeless system housing programs. The position will work across the array of homeless housing providers, helping to improve system flow, conserve homeless system housing units for those with the greatest need and reduce the length of time households experience homelessness.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

James T. Givner Building

Organization:

Operation Better Block, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Located at the pivotal intersection of North Homewood Avenue and Kelly Street, the James T. Givner Building will be the catalyst to the rebirth of the central Homewood Business District corridor. This mixed-use project entails the restoration of a long-abandoned three-story main street building that served numerous community needs throughout its nearly 100-year life. When complete, the building will house six one bedroom affordable housing units and two ground-floor commercial spaces.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Larimer & East Liberty Affordable Homeownership

Organization:

East Liberty Development Incorporated

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

ELDI's Larimer & East Liberty Affordable Homeownership will gut rehab 6 vacant houses for homeownership, including 2 for-sale homes for 50% MAI buyers.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Madiera Street Affordable Workforce Housing

Organization:

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Pennsylvania Affordable Housing Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Pennsylvania Affordable Housing Corporations is creating a "workforce housing" development in the Homewood neighborhood of Pittsburgh featuring 11 affordable, two-bedroom apartments and co-working space located within a five minute walk of a major start-up incubator and high-capacity transit to the two largest employment centers in the region.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

New Pennley Recapitalization

Organization:

The Community Builders, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$1,000,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

New Pennley is a multi-phase development in East Liberty, Pittsburgh, PA. The intent of the recapitalization is to complete a moderate renovation of 136 units. The units are dispersed across 16 townhomes and garden flat buildings (constructed in 2000) and one large apartment building (constructed in 1967, renovated in 1999). In addition to the renovations, strategic improvements and replacement of electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and fire protection systems will be made across the property.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Perrysville Avenue Commercial Corridor

Organization:

Perry Hilltop Citizens' Council, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Stabilization of a two-story mixed use building at 2131 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. The building will be converted into two affordable rental apartments, accepting Section 8 Vouchers. An architectural and engineering study on the building was conducted in April 2021. The findings from this investigation found evidence of structural failure; repair of retaining walls; shifting wood columns along the building core; roof assembly failure; and mold. The joists and all flooring need rebuilt.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

PHDC Housing Initiative

Organization:

Pittsburgh Hispanic Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

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\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Pittsburgh Hispanic Development Corporation (PHDC) Housing Initiative Program facilitates access to appropriate and affordable rental housing for low-income Latinos in Allegheny County. PHDC helps Latinos overcome language and cultural barriers preventing them from accessing rental housing by facilitating communication between renters and landlords, supporting Latinos throughout the entire rental process, and providing financial assistance.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

RHYTHM SQUARE Phase 1

Organization:

Studio Volcy LLC

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

RHYTHM SQUARE, located at 2239 Centre Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15219, is a mixed-use development in the heart of the Hills Cultural District. The project will include the renovation and expansion of the Centre Lumber Supply Warehouse. The upper levels will feature 5 affordable loft-style apartments and levels 1 and 2 will include 7,866 square feet of commercial space with nine distinct leasable spaces.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Safe and Healthy Homes in the Hill District II

Organization:

Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh (RTP) will complete 10 owner-occupied repairs in the Hill District that are focused on creating safe and healthy homes. Additionally, RTP will serve 10 households through its Building Connections program, a program designed to utilize RTP's established relationships with homeowners to identify and unlock additional qualifying public services and resources. These services can address utility assistance, food security, property tax relief programs, & estate planning.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Salon XO Housing, Spa and Wellness Centre

Organization:

Salon XO Pittsburgh, LLC

Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

As part of the Centre Avenue/Revitalization Project, these funds would be used for the rehabilitation of an abandoned multi-use building and new build to create 11 affordable housing units, the buildout of commercial space, housing a salon & spa, an apprenticeship program, impactful community programs, classrooms & outdoor courtyard. Other programs include free haircare services for the homeless, employment & employment assistance for non-violent offenders. Rents would be structured at 60% AMI

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Second Avenue Commons Homesless Assistance

Organization:

Second Avenue Commons, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Second Avenue Commons Homeless Assistance (SACHA) program will be an extension of the new Second Avenue Commons in downtown Pittsburgh. Multiple service providers in this one location are working collaboratively to assist individuals who are experiencing homelessness find the supports they need to move towards permanent housing. This Assistance program will provide needed financial support from this transition from homelessness to stable housing.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Supporting & Strengthening the Preventing Homelessness Program and Path to Self-Sufficiency Program

Organization:

The Jubilee Association, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Jubilee will use PHARE funds to expand our Preventing Homelessness & Path to Self-Sufficiency Programs to combat homelessness by preventing it in the first place, providing financial support to avoid evictions, prevent utilities from being turned off, & other life-altering crises. We will be able to serve more families & individuals, helping to meet short-term financial needs & stabilize their longer-term economic stability, while working to meet their emotional needs and wellbeing.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

The Salvation Army Family Caring Center

Organization:

The Salvation Army

Funding Reserved:

\$175,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Salvation Army Family Caring Center provides emergency shelter for street homeless families with or

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without children, as referred through the Allegheny County Department of Human Services Allegheny Link. The 36-bed shelter with individual living quarters for each resident family unit in the City of Pittsburgh's East Liberty neighborhood is devoted to keeping families together during housing crisis through strength-based case management and care.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh Homeownership Program

Organization:

Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh Homeownership Program will promote first time homebuyer education and sound financial management principles to provide increased access to asset building methodologies in underrepresented communities. By equipping individual and families with the strategies needed to build generational wealth, we are empowering our constituents to move along the continuum of economic stability to become self-sufficient.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

WAVE Housing Counseling Services

Organization:

Willissae's Agency for Vision and Empowerment

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

WAVE's mission is to create housing and economic stability for at risk individuals in low-income communities through personal empowerment, skill set development, problem solving and wealth building. Funding will assist with salaries for housing counselors. We offer housing counseling, homeownership workshops, direct services and trauma informed approaches that empower individual and community relationships, enhance protective factors, and build life skills to support stability.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Widows Home

Organization:

ACTION-Housing, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Originally constructed in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Widows Home has a long history of housing various types of vulnerable populations. After operating at a loss for years, the project has been sold to ACTION-Housing who is applying for HUD Project Based Vouchers to increase project income and stabilize the

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property. The project needs funding for large capital expenses that will qualify it for HUD funding and replenish the reserves.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Wilkinsburg Land Bank Residential Redevelopment Plan (WLBRRP), Phase 1, Acquisition for Resale

Organization:

The Wilkinsburg Land Bank

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The WLB is asking for PHARE funding of \$200,000 to begin the property acquisition process for Phase 1 of the Wilkinsburg Residential Redevelopment Plan (WRRP). Phase 1 will convert 20 vacant and abandoned houses into affordable home-ownership opportunities for low and moderate-income first time homeowners. The Phase 1 acquisitions will focus on the northeastern section of Wilkinsburg, near the border of Pittsburgh (East Hills) and Penn Hills, flanking Turner Elementary School.

County:

ALLEGHENY

Proposal Name:

Wilkinsburg Vacant Property Recovery Initiative

Organization:

Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

In Wilkinsburg Borough, nearly 1 out of every 4 properties is vacant (either land or structure). It means that property upkeep can become even more costly and difficult, due to deteriorating surrounding neighborhood conditions as well as decreased resident morale. Full repairs are often considered a luxury and emergency repairs tend to be more expensive. HARP provides technical assistance, repairs, legal advice, and process costs for residents seeking to strengthen their neighborhoods.

County:

ARMSTRONG

Proposal Name:

Brush With Kindness: Critical Home Repair Program

Organization:

Armstrong Habitat for Humanity

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Armstrong Habitat for Humanity's Brush with Kindness Program assists homeowners with critical home repairs. These repairs are crucial to the long-term health and well-being for everyone living in the the home and help to reduce neighborhood blight and build stronger and more resilient communities.

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County:

ARMSTRONG

Proposal Name:

Kittanning Housing Rehabilitation

Organization:

Armstrong Habitat for Humanity

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Armstrong Habitat for Humanity will rehabilitate two blighted properties that have already been acquired. The homes will be rehabbed by a volunteer workforce then sold to individuals/families in need via a low interest mortgage as part of the Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program.

County:

ARMSTRONG

Proposal Name:

PHARE Emergency Housing Program of Armstrong County

Organization:

County of Armstrong

Funding Reserved:

\$164,494 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

Rentals of apartment units to provide emergency shelter to households referred by local Social Service Agencies partnering together to provide a successful PHARE funded initiative. Case Management Services and Supportive Services are provided by the partnering agencies in the county while the shelter funds are provided by PHARE funding. Through this collaboration we are able to shelter people safely while permanent housing is secured for households served.

County:

BEAVER

Proposal Name:

Beaver County Housing Assistance Program

Organization:

The Salvation Army

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Funds from PHARE will be going to help assist clients below the poverty rate in Beaver County to support their lives with rental assistance, housing, utilities, furniture, client housing with rental repairs, and landlord assistance program. The goal The Salvation Army has with the PHARE funds is to help support clients by providing flexible financial support as needed to ensure sustainable housing to ensure that all clients will be able to support themselves after they exit the program.

County:

BEAVER

Proposal Name:

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See Beyond Disabilities Beaver County Home Rehabilitations

Organization:

INVISION FOUNDATION

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

InVision Human Services provides customized support services for people experiencing multiple intellectual and developmental disabilities, cognitive and psychiatric disorders, as well as neurological, physical, and environmental disabilities. We are requesting home remediation support for two people in our Residential program. InVision believes people with disabilities deserve a safe home of their own in a supportive community and the freedom to make decisions on where and how they want to live.

County:

BEAVER

Proposal Name:

Sheridan Rehabilitation Project

Organization:

Harbor Point Housing, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The grant will be used to rehab the apartments and improve the safety of the building. The apartments and the common areas will need paint, flooring, and doors where necessary. A new key system for the apartments and entryways will be installed.

County:

BEAVER

Proposal Name:

TCBC Men's Shelter Supportive Services

Organization:

The Cornerstone of Beaver County

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Cornerstone of Beaver County's Men's Shelter will be the only 24/7 men's shelter in Beaver County. The shelter will not only provide emergency housing for 20 men per night but will also provide casemangement and supportive services for this population.

County:

BEAVER

Proposal Name:

Wykes Street Rehabilitation

Organization:

Housing Opportunities of Beaver County, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$175,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

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Proposal Description:

Housing Opportunities of Beaver County (HOBC) is seeking funding to purchase and rehabilitate six homes in Beaver County along Wykes Street. These homes will be prioritized for low-income tenants, first-time home buyers, and transitional housing candidates, including those who engage with pre-purchase counseling through the HOBC. At the conclusion of the grant, six previously tax-delinquent and blighted properties will be rehabilitated and occupied by individuals under the area median income.

County:

Beaver/ Lawrence

Proposal Name:

Expanding Housing Counseling Service in Beaver and Lawrence Counties

Organization:

Housing Opportunities of Beaver County, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Housing Opportunities of Beaver County seeks to increase the scope and quality of existing programs to offer increased housing and counseling services to residents of Beaver and Lawrence Counties. These services currently include homebuyers and homeowners in pre and post-purchase counseling, mortgage delinquency, financial counseling, etc., and would expand to support potential tenants in rental counseling, group workshops, and otherwise shape education of and access to affordable housing.

County:

Bedford/ Fulton

Proposal Name:

PHARE 2022 Bedford & Fulton Counties

Organization:

Center for Community Action

Funding Reserved:

\$245,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The program will provide homelessness prevention assistance services to eligible clients in the form of short-term emergency shelter and rapid rehousing for the homeless, rental and utility assistance for those at-risk of homelessness, and landlord mitigation funds to address the need for rehabilitation of existing housing stock.

County:

BERKS

Proposal Name:

BCAP's "A Hand-Up" Homeowners' Assistance Program

Organization:

Berks Community Action Program, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) negatively impact low-income families. BCAP will use the PHARE Funds to assist low-income homeowners' who have fallen behind with mortgage and/or utility payments. The

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PHARE Funds will also provide BCAP wraparound services which help to address the SDoH and other underlying issues, which will help households obtain and sustain stability.

County:

BERKS

Proposal Name:

Berks County Homeless Emergency Preparedness

Organization:

Mary's Shelter

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Berks County Homeless Emergency Preparedness project is a regional partnership to ensure uninterrupted housing and supportive services for vulnerable populations throughout Berks County. The project will install a 400kW natural gas generator at Mary's Shelter, an organization housing and serving homeless youth. With an approved occupancy of 400 people in its 35,000 sq ft space, it has the added benefit of accommodating several committed partner organizations throughout the County/region.

County:

BERKS

Proposal Name:

Critical Safe House Renovations Project (CSHR) Project

Organization:

Safe Berks

Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

By increasing Safe Berks' capacity and access to services and supports available to the rapidly increasing number of DV/SA survivors throughout Berks County, especially marginalized and underserved populations, Safe Berks addresses the needs of the most vulnerable and at risk of becoming homeless as a direct result of experiencing DV/SA. Through this project, we will soon be able to provide emergency shelter for up to 70 survivors within the Safe House facility, a 40% increase in capacity.

County:

BERKS

Proposal Name:

TEENS Safety Net

Organization:

Berks Community Action Program, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Unaccompanied, homeless youth (ages 18-24) are an increasing concern in Berks County; the COVID-19 Pandemic has exacerbated this situation. The TEENS Safety Net program will provide financial assistance for temporary housing, wrap-around services to address the Social Determinants of Health, and financial assistance once stable housing has been obtained.

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County:

BLAIR

Proposal Name:

Blair County Housing Assistance Program

Organization:

County of Blair

Funding Reserved:

\$40,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

Blair County will utilize PHARE funds to provide financial assistance in the form of housing stabilization services and preventative assistance to approximately 70 households. Assistance will be provided in the form of mortgage (no more than 3 months), rent and utility assistance, emergency sheltering and delivery of metered and unmetered fuels that will target households who have exhausted LIHEAP allotment.

County:

BLAIR

Proposal Name:

Blair County Housing Rehabilitation - Basic System Repair Program

Organization:

County of Blair

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Blair County will utilize PHARE funds to provide financial assistance in the form of housing rehabilitation assistance to address emergency repairs under a Basic System Repair Program. Basic systems will be limited to dangerous electrical issues, water or gas service lines, leaking or broken sewer service or minor septic repairs, primary heating source repairs, roof leaks which have caused more than 4sqft or larger of ceiling collapse, and limited structural repairs to floors and joists.

County:

Blair/ Cambria

Proposal Name:

Blair County Community Action Program Housing Counseling Services

Organization:

Blair County Community Action Program

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Our philosophy is one of commitment to personal empowerment. BCCAP addresses the multidimensional and dynamic influences that impact low-income and socially disadvantaged individuals and families. Our Housing Counseling and Budget Counseling Services' mission is to provide education, assistance, guidance, and focus on increasing financial literacy to potential homeowners and tenants to assist them in improving their housing conditions and meeting the responsibility of homeownership or tenancy.

County:

Blair/ Cambria

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Proposal Name:

Blair County Community Action Program Homelessness Prevention Services

Organization:

Blair County Community Action Program

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Blair County Community Action Program (BCCAP) provides many services to prevent homelessness. Our programs and services include, but are not limited to, Case Management, Rapid Rehousing, Re-entry, Rental and Utility Assistance, Landlord-Tenant Mediation, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, Veteran Services, Supportive Services, and Addiction Disorder Services. Our program's mission is to promote self-sufficiency among our clients by administering services, counseling, and education.

County:

BRADFORD

Proposal Name:

Bradford County Homebuyer Assistance

Organization:

Trehab

Funding Reserved:

\$480,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

Trehab, submitting on behalf of Bradford County, is requesting \$480,000 in PHARE funds for the purpose of mitigating the effects of the Marcellus Shale housing shortage on low-mid income residents. Funds will be used to provide down payment and closing cost grants or repair funding (for repairs necessary for loan approval, general livability, or safety).

County:

BRADFORD

Proposal Name:

Bradford County Housing Program

Organization:

Bradford County

Funding Reserved:

\$185,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

These funds are designed to move homeless people quickly to permanent housing, and also prevent an individual/family from moving into an emergency shelter or an undesirable temporary living situation until a permanent solution is found, including but not limited to those living with serious mental illness, those in active substance use recovery, justice involved individuals, and those from historically marginalized populations.

County:

BUCKS

Proposal Name:

Gaudenzia Lower Bucks

Organization:

Gaudenzia Foundation, Inc.

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Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Gaudenzia Lower Bucks provides 34 units of residential substance abuse treatment for very low-income individuals in recovery, many of whom also have co-occurring mental health disorders and/or are homeless. The proposed scope of work is for the full replacement of the roof and the installation of a generator.

County:

BUCKS

Proposal Name:

Home Repair Program

Organization:

Habitat for Humanity Bucks County, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Habitat Bucks' Home Repair Program partners with low-income homeowners in Bucks County to repair or modify the home to make it safe and accessible for everyone living in the home. Without these repairs, homeowners and residents are at risk for illness and injuries which can affect their long-term health and quality of life. Affordable repairs help homeowners maintain their homes and prevent the value of the home (and neighborhood) from declining.

County:

BUCKS

Proposal Name:

Housing and Supportive Services for Victims of Human Trafficking

Organization:

Young Women's Christian Association of Bucks County

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

YWCA Bucks County, in partnership with Housing and Community Development, Network of Victim Assistance, The Well, and the Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking will address the complex needs of human trafficking victims through a comprehensive system focused on housing and specialized services. Our goal is to expand capacity to serve victims, strengthen connections to housing and victim-centered services, educate/train the community, and reduce barriers that prevent victims from being housed.

County:

BUCKS

Proposal Name:

Housing Counseling Program

Organization:

Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$40,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

Bucks County Housing Group (BCHG) proposes to utilize PHARE funding to help sustain for an additional year two Housing Counselors and one part-time Intake Specialist. This will allow us to keep up with the increased demand of Rental/Credit/1st Time Homebuyer/Foreclosure Counseling. We also expect the demand for foreclosure counseling to increase dramatically over the next year.

County:

BUCKS

Proposal Name:

Housing Link Adapting to a Post-Pandemic Economy

Organization:

Bucks County, Housing Services Department

Funding Reserved:

\$375,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The 2022/2023 Bucks County PHARE application, Housing Link Adapting to a Post-Pandemic Economy, requests funding for projects that are focused on reshaping and enhancing the system to adapt to these structural changes in the economy in a targeted and intentional way that serve the most vulnerable households more effectively in Bucks County.

County:

BUCKS

Proposal Name:

Housing Opportunities for Re-entry Population

Organization:

Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$300,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The HORP Program will provide housing, treatment, and supportive services for households who fall into one of the following categories: 1) incarcerated individuals diagnosed with a mental illness and/or substance use disorder and who are eligible for parole but who lack a permanent, verifiable address, or 2) households in the community who are under the supervision of probation and parole but are unstably housed and/or experiencing homelessness.

County:

BUCKS

Proposal Name:

Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention and Loss Mitigation Program

Organization:

Credit Counseling Center

Funding Reserved:

\$60,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This program will help distressed homeowners of Bucks County who may be facing foreclosure or imminent default regain long-term home sustainability. Counseling includes preparation for HEMAP, Homeowners

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Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (a loan program with the State) and the Bucks County Foreclosure Diversion Program which requires the lender and homeowner to meet.

County:

BUCKS

Proposal Name:

SOAR Case Manager

Organization:

Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$65,843 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Bucks County Housing Group proposes to continue to fund a full time SOAR Case Manager. This position would be an employee of BCHG however, they work with the entire Housing Continuum of Care of Bucks County (HCoC-BC) to increase successfully submitted SOAR applications. This will allow many who are eligible for SSI/SSDI benefits to receive them in an expedited fashion, allowing them to obtain housing and move towards self-sufficiency.

County:

BUTLER

Proposal Name:

Butler County Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program

Organization:

The County of Butler

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

The PHARE funds will be utilized to continue the Butler County Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program, also known as BAR, administered by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler. The BAR Program seeks out properties in the community that are in foreclosure, abandoned, have been on the market for an extended period of time, and/or blighted, to be purchased. The acquired property will then be either rehabilitated into an affordable rental unit, or demolished and new construction

County:

BUTLER

Proposal Name:

Butler County Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program

Organization:

Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler (RACB) will use the PHARE funding to continue the Butler County Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program. This funding will help to preserve and increase affordable rental housing, assist with families in foreclosure and eliminate blight in the County. The funding will be used to purchase properties to either construct new rental units or convert existing homes into family rental units, in various locations throughout the County.

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County:

BUTLER

Proposal Name:

Owner Occupied Housing Rehab - CT 9023 & 9025

Organization:

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler, Pennsylvania

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler (RACB) is proposing an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab Project with a grant not to exceed the 95% median value limit for the low/moderate income within the City of Butler. The funds will be leveraged w/CDBG & HOME funds to address all code deficiencies with the home along with any environmental concerns, such as lead-base paint, asbestos, flood plain impact, radon abatement, mold remediation, etc. in compliance with Federal & State regulations.

County:

CAMBRIA

Proposal Name:

Eviction Prevention Program

Organization:

Women's Help Center, Inc,

Funding Reserved:

\$120,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

For individuals in rental units who are at risk of eviction, the Eviction Prevention Program (EPP) will work with the individual, landlord, and legal system to help prevent the eviction and stabilize housing. Utilizing a combination of case management, housing and stabilization expertise, financial literacy and renters education, legal advocacy, and flexible monetary funds, the program will help high-risk households retain their housing and avoid homelessness.

County:

CAMERON

Proposal Name:

Cameron County Community & Economic Development Rehabilitation Program

Organization:

Cameron County Commissioners

Funding Reserved:

\$60,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Marcellus grant funds will be used to provide rehabilitation to one rental housing unit in the Emporium Borough. The program will facilitate renovations that provide a safe more efficient and affordable housing for current and future tenants. These renovations include new sidewalks, new front and back porches, new kitchen, upgrade to bathroom, new furnace, new hot water tank, etc.

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County:

CAMERON

Proposal Name:

Cameron County Homeless Prevention Program

Organization:

Cameron County Commissioners

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Financial assistance(short and medium term rental assistance, security and utility deposits, utility assistance). Case management, data collection and evaluation, and administration of the program.

County:

CENTRE

Proposal Name:

Centre County Housing Navigation Program

Organization:

Centre County Government

Funding Reserved:

\$30,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

The Housing Navigation Program, through Centre County Government's Office of Adult Services, will expand existing housing services to include landlord outreach and education, tenant education and advocacy, support to county and provider caseworkers, housing search assistance, and landlord/tenant mitigation services.

County:

CENTRE

Proposal Name:

HFHGCC Home Repairs Program

Organization:

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

PHARE funds will support HFHGCC's program "Home Repairs." Home Repairs will work with income qualified homeowners that fit our current income constraints of 40-80% area median income. Through this program critical systems that impact health and safety will be repaired, placed or built for families who could otherwise afford to accomplish these tasks. Often these homeowners are facing health concerns that would displace them from the home from an access or safety standpoint.

County:

CENTRE

Proposal Name:

The HOME Foundation Housing Counseling and Financial Education Program

Organization:

The HOME Foundation

Funding Reserved:

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\$25,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Home Foundation (THF) Housing Counseling and Financial Education Program offers a full spectrum of services throughout Centre County that lead to housing stability and help participants reach their long term housing goals. From housing stability counseling through to home ownership and foreclosure prevention, THF is able to help each step of the way.

County:

CENTRE

Proposal Name:

THF Energy Case Management Program

Organization:

The HOME Foundation

Funding Reserved:

\$55,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The HOME Foundation's Energy Case Management Program is an innovative housing solution that will provide opportunities for low- to moderate-income (LMI) households to reduce their energy cost burdens. The Energy Case Manager will assist each participant in scheduling and interpreting an energy audit in their home, and then accessing resources to pay for upgrades and repairs that will reduce energy bills and increase the comfort, health, efficiency and resiliency of the systems in the home.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Apartment Subleases & Trauma-Informed Case Management for Justice-Involved Women

Organization:

Pennsylvania Home of the Sparrow

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project will help Chester County women reenter the community from the criminal justice system by providing intensive case management services and rapid access to apartments leased by Home of the Sparrow where they will have wrap-around services to help find a job, become financially literate, address health and addiction issues, and reunify with children while living in a safe apartment on a sliding fee scale.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Chester County Eviction Prevention Court (EPC)

Organization:

Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Friends Association's Eviction Prevention Court (EPC) Program is the only legal service in Chester County

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solely focused on eviction prevention. EPC's goal is to prevent displacement, stabilize communities, and ensure housing equity in Chester County. EPC provides individuals and families with free legal services and social services on the day of and leading up to an eviction hearing, financial assistance, tenant rights education, and connections to supportive services.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Community Resource Navigator/Intensive Case Management

Organization:

Brandywine Valley Active Aging

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

BVAA will maintain and expand our Community Resource Navigator/Intensive Case Management program supporting individuals who are homeless, at-risk for homelessness or housing insecurity, or disaster survivors. While the program will serve anyone, regardless of age, the program provides maximum value for adults aged 50 and older. The program maintains traditional I&A services and expands to include mobile services.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Conservatorship Blighted Property Pilot Program

Organization:

Housing Partnership of Chester County, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Conservatorship Blighted Property Pilot Program will be used to address the Affordable Housing Crisis in Chester County. Utilizing the Conservatorship process, the Housing Partnership of Chester County will partner with local municipalities to identify abandoned blighted properties within their jurisdiction. After properties have been rehabilitated and made safe and secure, they will be sold to graduates of our First Time Home Buyer program.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Container Homes

Organization:

DMPA Investment Group LLC

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

New construction within the city of Coatesville is non-existent, primary factors are the cost of new construction versus comparable value. One of the answers to this problem would be to cut construction cost by 20%. This idea can be accomplished by constructing container homes and in the process addressing the growing housing shortage and providing a much-needed modern state-of-the-art facelift within an aging city.

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County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Habitat for Humanity of Chester County Affordable Homes Rehabilitation

Organization:

Habitat for Humanity of Chester County, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Habitat for Humanity of Chester County will purchase and renovate two homes in Coatesville. This will contribute to the revitalization of Coatesville and preserve the affordable housing stock in Chester County. PHARE funds will be used towards the purchase of the homes and the materials needed to complete the renovations. Habitat offers hard working families in our community a hand up to homeownership.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Homelessness Prevention for Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence

Organization:

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Domestic violence is one of the leading reasons individuals experience homelessness. The increase in the need for our counseling services did not diminish during the pandemic. In fact, it increased. Our goal is to enhance victim and survivor safety by maintaining current programs and services and expanding our capacity to meet the increasing need for our services to support victim-survivors. DVCCC offers clients trauma-focused-cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT) as the evidence-based treatment.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Homelessness Prevention in Southern Chester County

Organization:

Kennett Area Community Service

Funding Reserved:

\$60,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Kennett Area Community Service (KACS) seeks funding to support Homeless Prevention, Diversion, Emergency Housing, and Rapid Re-Housing as part of our Emergency Assistance Program for families and individuals experiencing housing crisis in the Southern Chester County region. This is a continuation of existing services.

County:

CHESTER

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Proposal Name:

Housing Counseling Program

Organization:

Housing Partnership of Chester County

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Housing Partnership of Chester County (HPCC) seeks funding to support our Housing Counseling services that are provided to partner agencies. As of this point, HPCC does not receive any financial support for offering these programs and looks to expand our capacity to partner with other local agencies around financial literacy, credit counseling, and pre/post housing counseling. Between 2017 and 2022 HPCC has impacted over 2500 individuals with these services.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Housing Locator Program

Organization:

Housing Authority of the County of Chester

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The coordination of assistance provided by our Housing Locator team along with case management and Landlord Risk Reduction Funds allows the Housing Locator Program to function successfully under the umbrella of the Housing Authority of the County of Chester. This program best serves low-income residents within our community who need assistance with securing a unit based on their specific needs and becoming successfully and stably housed. Please see narrative and plan.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Individualized Intensive Case Management and Homelessness Prevention

Organization:

W.C. Atkinson Memorial Community Service Center, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

In 2019, a nurse mentioned her work in a Philadelphia hospital intensive care unit (ICU) caring for the most ill patients in the hospital. The Atkinson staff saw a correlation and adopted the term "Individualized Intensive Case Management" (IICM) to reflect our work with the most vulnerable persons in our county, men without a home. The IICM Team accepts men where they are, and together begins the pathway to identifying root causes, barriers and on to solutions to safe, affordable housing.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

NIA House

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Organization:

Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

NIA House is a transitional housing program for women returning to Coatesville, PA after incarceration. In addition to housing, the program provides supportive services that focus on key factors that impact successful reentry for women economic empowerment, long-term housing, healing from trauma, health and well-being, peer support, and family reunification. The program also includes a leadership development program to develop women into future leaders to act on issues impacting their lives.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Project Rehabilitation

Organization:

Human Services, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Human Services Inc. is seeking funds to rehabilitate and develop a vacant garage and land in which is currently uninhabitable in order to provide homeless support services to at risk and currently homeless individuals and families as well as Outpatient and Peer services in a centrally located area within the Coatesville area. These services are vital to the Coatesville area to limit transportation challenges as well as to provide revitalization to the Coatesville area.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Renovations to Housing for Domestic Violence Victims and Survivors

Organization:

Domestic Violence of Chester County

Funding Reserved:

\$175,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Research shows that housing is one of the main needs identified by survivors at the time of shelter entry. DVCCC is the only organization in Chester County providing emergency shelter and housing programs exclusively for victims of domestic violence and their dependent children, addressing both immediate and long-term needs. Additionally, survivors are provided with resources for food, clothing, and necessities, as well as trauma-informed counseling, legal advocacy, and access to a full range.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Safe Harbor Shelter & Case Management Program

Organization:

Safe Harbor of Chester County, Inc.

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Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

SHCC, a fully ADA approved emergency shelter in West Chester, is the largest and only shelter available for female, male, transgender, or non-binary adults in Chester County providing more than 65% of the total emergency shelter beds available for single adults. Through case management services, current residents are given full attention to help move them toward self-sustainability & permanent housing placement. SHCC also works with former residents to them not return to homelessness.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Street Outreach and Data Team Reinforcement Efforts

Organization:

Chester County Department of Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$375,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project will increase the capacity of our Street Outreach and Data Team, to meeting rising demand and allow for a more robust data tracking. This expansion will allow for more timely verification, intervention and help further reporting and data driven decision making. Outreach and data services are critical to making homelessness in Chester County rare, brief, and non-recurring.

County:

CHESTER

Proposal Name:

Targeted Homelessness Resource Coordination

Organization:

Open Hearth, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$110,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Targeted Homelessness Resource Coordination (THRC) program is a community-wide effort to end homelessness in Chester County led by the THRC program coordinator. The coordinator leads case conferencing and resource coordination with shelters, partner agencies and County representatives. This work includes creating and maintaining a By-Name list of those experiencing homelessness in the County and working with all housing providers to prioritize those on this list for permanent housing.

County:

Chester/ Lancaster

Proposal Name:

Home Repairs for Low-Income Homeowners

Organization:

Good Neighbors, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

Good Neighbors has been repairing homes for low-income homeowners in southern Chester Co at no cost to them for 30 years. Starting this year, we began a pilot program to begin this same work by repairing homes in southern Lancaster Co. We have a significant backlog of homes requesting repairs for leaking roofs, broken furnaces, unsafe steps, and wheelchair ramps and other critical needs. This grant would allow Good Neighbors to help 20 families have safe, dry, warm, and healthy homes next year.

County:

Chester/ Montgomery

Proposal Name:

Accessibility Renovations, Group Homes for Adults With Intellectual Disabilities

Organization:

KenCrest Services

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project will install accessibility modifications to three group homes for adults with intellectual disabilities. Each home houses 2-4 adults who need help with Activities of Daily Living, like bathing, showering or dressing. (10 individuals total) Many of these residents already use wheelchairs, and more will need to do so as they age. The modifications proposed will make bathing and using the restroom easier and safer for our clients.

County:

CLARION

Proposal Name:

Clarion County's PHARE Rental Assistance Project

Organization:

Community Action, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Clarion County's PHARE Rental Assistance Project serves the entire County of Clarion. This Project provides rental assistance in the form of rent, mortgage, utility, and security deposit payments to assist low-income households at risk of homelessness remain housed. Rental assistance in the form of rent, utilities, and security deposits for apartments, and payments for hotel rooms to assist households who are homeless obtain emergency shelter. Case management is provided to all consumers.

County:

Clarion/ Forest

Proposal Name:

CCHCDC Resident Services Program

Organization:

Clarion County Housing and Community Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The CCHCDC Residents Services Program will utilize PHARE funding to support a full-time skilled resident

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coordinator to initiate, refer and assist with the needs of all residents and program participants being served by the CCHCDC and the Clarion County Housing Authority in creating and maintaining healthy, productive living situations, coordinating services, determining and assisting with meeting needs, including eviction prevention and housekeeping issues.

County:

CLINTON

Proposal Name:

Clinton County Homes In Need Program

Organization:

Clinton County Commissioners

Funding Reserved:

\$300,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

On behalf of Clinton County, STEP, Inc. is requesting \$500,000 in 2022 PHARE funds to perform much-needed renovations to homeowner-occupied housing throughout the county. The need for a comprehensive approach to addressing housing issues is apparent as many residents are on limited incomes and the housing stock has not been continually kept up.

County:

COLUMBIA

Proposal Name:

Sponslers Terrace

Organization:

Community Strategies Group

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

In 2019, CSG completed a the LIHTC funded LaSalle Renewal project in Berwick PA. At the completion of that project, the 600 Block of LaSalle Street remained a priority for future activity. CSG will purchase a blighted apartment complex, renovate the building, and partner with Beyond Violence Women's Shelter to provide 6 apartments for women and their children who are fleeing domestic violence. The 6-24 month program will resemble Central Court (LIHTC) and West Street Church (PHARE).

County:

COLUMBIA

Proposal Name:

The Mills on Market

Organization:

Community Strategies Group

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Mills on Market is the fourth housing development activity to take place on the site of the former Bloomsburg Silk Mill. This project will construct a new 3-story building with a 5,708 sf footprint, consisting of three 3BR and six 2BR residential condominium units (9 total) available for home ownership to households

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with total incomes below 80% of the county MAI. The location is adjacent to CSG's Mulberry Mill Apartments and community center. Homeowners will have access to services.

County:

Columbia/ Luzerne

Proposal Name:

Housing Development Corporation - Schain Building Window Replacement

Organization:

Housing Development Corporation of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Funding Reserved:

\$99,636 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The proposed project will replace 42 aging drafty windows with modern, energy efficient, maintenance free windows thus reducing energy costs to the low income individuals residing in the Schain Building. The window replacement will help with the upkeep of the building as an affordable housing option within Columbia County.

County:

CRAWFORD

Proposal Name:

Affordable Re-entry Housing Units

Organization:

Center For Family Services, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

CFS will purchase a building and renovate the building into four housing units and office space. The units will be used to house participants of CFS's re-entry program who are the hardest-to-house inmates. Participants living in these units will be able to take advantage of all services CFS offers in the office space adjacent to their housing units. CFS will utilize the space to provide counseling and other services necessary to address their social determinants of health.

County:

CRAWFORD

Proposal Name:

Assisted Re-entry for Maximum Success

Organization:

Center For Family Services, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Assisted Re-entry for Maximum Success provides housing options for individuals being released from the three correctional facilities listed in the narrative. This program will target individuals who have limited options for housing. By providing intensive wrap-around case management and counseling services, the organization will assist these individuals by eliminating barriers to success such as health, job readiness, transportation, budgeting, and financial coaching.

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County:

CRAWFORD

Proposal Name:

Poplar Street Neighborhood Stabilization Project

Organization:

Common Roots

Funding Reserved:

\$300,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Common Roots develops affordable housing that empowers low-income residents to build wealth and security, while combatting blight and community deterioration. The Poplar Street Neighborhood Stabilization Project will rehabilitate five properties on Poplar Street in Meadville, PA, preserving four single-family homes as permanently affordable housing and creating two new units by renovating a blighted duplex.

County:

CUMBERLAND

Proposal Name:

Harbour House Permanent Housing

Organization:

Safe Harbour, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$175,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The proposed project will involve the renovation of three vacant, deteriorated apartments in a four-story brick structure at 132 East High Street in downtown Carlisle. The one two-bedroom and two one-bedroom apartments would be made available to households with an income below 50% of the AMI with a preference to people transitioning from the emergency shelter and transitional housing units located in Safe Harbours James Wilson Facility at 102 West High Street.

County:

CUMBERLAND

Proposal Name:

Homeless Prevention - Case management and Housing Assistance

Organization:

Carlisle C.A.R.E.S.

Funding Reserved:

\$40,682 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This Homeless prevention program will provide case management and financial assistance to households who are experiencing a housing crisis. Case management services will include working with clients, landlords, utility, and transportation services to help clients achieve housing stability and will provide client referrals to other community resources, including housing agencies.

County:

CUMBERLAND

Proposal Name:

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Rehabilitation of Affordable Housing Projects

Organization:

Redevelopment Authority of the County of Cumberland

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

CCHRA will be using PHARE funding to rehabilitate affordable housing units scattered across Cumberland County. This will include significant repairs to community rooms, HVAC systems, and roof replacements, as well as restoring historic facades.

County:

DAUPHIN

Proposal Name:

Coordinated Entry/Street Outreach/Winter Shelter

Organization:

Christian Churches United of the Tri-County Area

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

CCU will manage the Coordinated Entry System for those experiencing homelessness in Dauphin County, connecting the most vulnerable homeless population with housing opportunities. Our Street Outreach staff will reach out wherever needed in the community to connect homeless individuals and households to services and provide winter overnight shelters for men, women, and non-binary individuals each year from Dec. - March.

County:

DAUPHIN

Proposal Name:

Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area Homeownership Program

Organization:

Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area will provide affordable housing options through the construction of two new homes, one in Steelton and one in Uptown Harrisburg, for two families in its Homeownership Program. Through this program, families will learn the skills necessary to remain stably housed and will contribute sweat equity towards the completion of their home as well as attend a mandatory financial literacy workshop.

County:

DAUPHIN

Proposal Name:

HHA's Resident Assistance and Monitoring Program (RAMP)

Organization:

Housing Authority of the City of Harrisburg

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

HHA has designed the Resident Assistance and Monitoring Program (RAMP) to enhance safety. Components of RAMP are 1) volunteer resident engagement and involvement, 2) HHA and community accountability, and 3) individual independence/self-sufficiency. RAMP is intended to create a more safe and responsive community to the residents of HHA's elderly-only towers by focusing on resident participation in safety monitoring and security.

County:

DAUPHIN

Proposal Name:

North 4th Street Revitalization Project

Organization:

Tri-County HDC, Ltd.

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Tri-County is undertaking an affordable housing project that will construct five (5) new affordable townhomes on vacant lots in the 2100 block of North 4th Street in the City of Harrisburg. This vital homeownership Project, also known as the North 4th Street Revitalization Project (Project), is the culmination of a strategic partnership with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Harrisburg (HRA) and seeks to address the need for quality, affordable housing in the City.

County:

DAUPHIN

Proposal Name:

Opportunity Village

Organization:

Steel Works Construction, LLC

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Opportunity Village is a 4-unit mixed use development planned for the 300 Block of Frank S Brown Boulevard in Steelton PA. Situated on a 1-acre site, Opportunity Village has been designed with an eye toward sustainability and functionality. The project will be completed in two phases. Phase one consists of the creation of 4 units encompassing 4800 square feet of livable space. Phase 2 boasts over 4,000 square feet of commercial space dedicated to the Opportunity Workforce Development Center.

County:

DAUPHIN

Proposal Name:

Providing Permanently Affordable Housing to Prevent Ongoing Homelessness

Organization:

Brethren Housing Association

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

BHA will create opportunities for families to live safely in their own housing by providing permanently

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affordable housing and case management support through their Next Steps program. By providing permanently affordable housing, BHA is increasing the availability of affordable housing in Dauphin County, boosting the economy by helping families become rooted in the community, and increasing the likelihood of stability in the lives of the children who live there.

County:

DAUPHIN

Proposal Name:

Sycamore Homes

Organization:

Fernandez Realty Group LLC

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Sycamore Homes project is an affordable, low-income housing development in South Harrisburg. Located at 1400-1406 Sycamore Street, just a few blocks away from the State Capitol Complex in Harrisburg, residents will have access to shopping, entertainment, government services, and public transportation. This approximately \$3 million project has been thoughtfully designed with a heart for creating safe, affordable, and efficient housing.

County:

DAUPHIN

Proposal Name:

The @Home Program: Expanding Safe & Stable Housing for LGBTQ+ Young Adults

Organization:

LGBT Community Center Coalition of Central PA

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The LGBT Center of Central PA is committed to improving the availability and quality of housing resources for LGBTQ+ people in Central PA. The @Home Program provides transitional housing and intensive case management for LGBTQ+ youth ages 18-34 who are experiencing homelessness. Through this program, participants will receive a year of housing while working with a case manager to remove barriers to housing and obtain necessary life skills to live successfully in permanent housing.

County:

DAUPHIN

Proposal Name:

The Ecumenical Community

Organization:

The Ecumenical Community

Funding Reserved:

\$25,276 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The purpose of the grant is to upgrade the two elevators in Bldg III of Ecumenical which were installed during original construction in 2001. The elevators will be safer and more reliable with the addition of Optiguard Shield 3D and upgrading the oil. The majority of the elderly residents at Ecumenical have mobility issues and

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are not able to use the stairs in the three story building which makes it crucial to have properly working elevators.

County:

DELAWARE

Proposal Name:

CCIP's West-End Affordable Housing Initiative

Organization:

Chester Community Improvement Project, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Chester Community Improvement Project (CCIP) is seeking \$200,000.00 in (PHARE/RTT) Funding to support the site development costs of a vacant parcel of land for the construction of 14 new affordable homes in a neighborhood on the west-side of the City of Chester. Each home is anticipated to have 1500 sf. and have 3 bedrooms and 1-1/2 bathrooms. The project will address the lack of quality affordable housing options available for homeownership for low/moderate-income, first-time homebuyers.

County:

DELAWARE

Proposal Name:

Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County's Relocation and Housing Assistance Program

Organization:

Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

DAP's two year PHARE will help DAP staff work with DV survivors to identify safe housing, help assess safety in a new location within the community, provide advocacy in landlord negotiations, and assist survivors in identifying other community resources. Additionally, PHARE funding will provide financial assistance to cover the cost of security and utility deposits, furniture, replacing lost or stolen personal documents, etc.

County:

DELAWARE

Proposal Name:

Eviction Prevention for Delaware County Families

Organization:

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Delaware Valley

Funding Reserved:

\$229,470 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Clarifi's eviction prevention program utilizes a case-management counseling model to prevent evictions through income/expenses analysis, resource connections, technical assistance in applications, coaching through conversations with landlords, and by providing monetary assistance.

County:

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DELAWARE

Proposal Name:

HOMESHARING PILOT PROGRAM

Organization:

Media Fellowship House

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

MFH will pilot a homesharing program in Delaware County. This innovative housing solution will strengthen partnerships with County agencies, and establish and increase our capacity to address housing stability for low- to moderate-income Delaware County residents over the long term. Homesharing counseling services will match those seeking affordable housing options with those who have space available in their homes.

County:

DELAWARE

Proposal Name:

Housing Counseling and Financial Education Services

Organization:

Media Fellowship House

Funding Reserved:

\$80,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Media Fellowship House (MFH) offers financial education and counseling services to low- to moderate-income households in Pennsylvania to tackle inequalities and disparities in access to homeownership and to create housing stability for households at risk of homelessness.

County:

DELAWARE

Proposal Name:

Housing Opportunities Program for Equity (HOPE)

Organization:

The Foundation for Delaware County

Funding Reserved:

\$240,749 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

HOPE provides an innovative and comprehensive suite of services to Delaware County families with low incomes to ensure they have safe and stable housing. Services include case management, civil legal services, placement, access to housing vouchers, tenant rights education, support in accessing benefit/assistance programs, and direct financial assistance. HOPE also works to build a more equitable housing system in Delaware County through advocacy, convening, and collaboration.

County:

DELAWARE

Proposal Name:

Pursuit to Creating Caring Clean & Cost Efficient Housing II

Organization:

Caring Housing Solutions Co

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Funding Reserved:

\$299,162 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Our objective is to rehabilitate homes in underserved low-income communities to improve blight, and unsafe areas due to abandoned and neglected homes. We plan to use PHARE funds to rehabilitate two properties - one for low-income housing and one for supportive housing. We'll hire architects and contractors experienced in designing homes and rental properties, ensuring the home meets the unique needs of our residents.

County:

DELAWARE

Proposal Name:

Rent and Utility Assistance - Delaware County

Organization:

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

CAADC is an important part of the CoC in Delaware County and a primary provider of social services including Rent and Utility Assistance. However, there is a gap in resources available based on the need of economically disadvantaged households in crisis, especially since the Pandemic. Additional funding for Rent and Utility Assistance will help to assure that homelessness is prevented and/or eliminated for many residents providing them with safe and affordable housing.

County:

DELAWARE

Proposal Name:

Ruth L Bennett Homes Renovation Project

Organization:

Housing Authority of the City of Chester

Funding Reserved:

\$499,867 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

In general, the work on this renovation project consists of the interior renovation of twenty (20) existing housing units, including HVAC system repairs, fire suppression system repairs, carbon monoxide detector installation, renovated kitchens and bathrooms, installation of energy compliant appliances and led light fixtures.

County:

DELAWARE

Proposal Name:

Wesley House Shelter

Organization:

Wesley House Community Corporation, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

The Wesley House Shelter is an important part of the Continuum of Care in Delaware County and a vital provider of emergency shelter care. The need for safe and decent short-term emergency shelter continues to be significant in Delaware County. The Wesley House Shelter helps to meet local homeless needs by preventing homelessness through the provision of emergency shelter and supportive programs. Participants are also supported with moving along the CoC towards stable housing.

County:

Delaware/ Montgomery

Proposal Name:

Critical Home Repair

Organization:

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Critical Home Repair supports homeowners who are seniors, Veterans, and people with disabilities, whose income does not exceed 80% of the area median income. By repairing homes with system failures for low/moderate income homeowners or who are on a fixed income, we are able to preserve the existing housing stock, provide the homeowner with a safe, functioning, decent home that allows them to age in place, improve health outcomes, and promote generational wealth building through homeownership.

County:

Delaware/ Philadelphia

Proposal Name:

Comprehensive Housing Counseling Initiative

Organization:

Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

AHCOPA will educate and engage households of color primarily to help them achieve their housing goal of home purchase, avoidance of eviction or foreclosure. Encompassed in our program, counselors will assist households on improving their credit, money management skills and financial capacity. Homeownership offers the benefits of stability, community and intergenerational wealth generation.

County:

Delaware/ Philadelphia

Proposal Name:

Southwest Philadelphia Affordable Housing Programs & Services III

Organization:

Southwest Community Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

PHARE Funds will support Southwest CDC's Housing Counseling Program. Services include pre-

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purchase/home buying, resolving or preventing mortgage delinquency or default, credit counseling, and post purchase counseling.

County:

Delaware/ Philadelphia

Proposal Name:

Southwest Philadelphia Housing Phase IV

Organization:

Southwest Community Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Moderate rehab of 2 Philadelphia rowhomes including new roof, windows, kitchen & bath, applicants, etc. The completed houses will be sold for affordable homeownership, to people who earn 80% or below of AMI. Home buyers will be graduates of SWCDC's Housing counseling program and/or qualified buyers from the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

County:

ELK

Proposal Name:

CAPSEA - Everything Under One Roof Elevator Project

Organization:

CAPSEA-Citizens Against Physical, Sexual, Emotional Abuse

Funding Reserved:

\$175,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

Citizens Against Physical, Sexual, and Emotional Abuse (CAPSEA) Inc. purchased a building in Ridgway Borough to house all their trauma, violence and abuse services. The building is 5 stories tall, a large basement that has plans for, first floor office space, 2 floors of apartments and the last floor will house CAPSEAS office space. CAPSEA is in need of a new updated elevator; the current elevator is approximately 70 years old, and is dilapidated a hazard to the citizens that reside there.

County:

ELK

Proposal Name:

Elk County Housing Rehabilitation, Accessibility Modifications and Slum & Blight Remediation

Organization:

Elk County Planning Department

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

PHARE funds will be utilized for consumers with Handicap Accessibility needs in order to assure their safety and allow them to stay in their home rather than a nursing home facility. Housing Rehabilitation funds will be used to rehabilitate homes that are in poor condition in order to preserve the housing stock. Slum and Blight funding (county match) will be utilized to help remove four (4) properties within Elk County that are in the county's repository.

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County:

ELK

Proposal Name:

Housing Stability

Organization:

Cameron-Elk Behavioral & Developmental Program

Funding Reserved:

\$60,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Housing Stability will allow individuals the opportunity to acquire safe affordable housing. PHARE Funds will assist them in securing, as well as, sustaining housing in the community of their choice. This funding will "fill in" the already identified gaps that have prevented individuals from securing/sustaining housing. These identified gaps are "non-allowable" expenses with current funding that is being used for scattered site projects.

County:

ELK

Proposal Name:

Supportive Transitional Housing Program

Organization:

Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$35,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This program will provide safe, affordable, and livable housing for individuals who are transitioning back into the community from incarceration and in need of transitional housing and support. While living in the transitional home, the house manager will provide a wide variety of specialized supportive and referral services to tenants in the areas of mental health, drug and alcohol, independent living, securing and maintaining employment, health, budgeting, and community outreach.

County:

ERIE

Proposal Name:

1319 Parade Street

Organization:

Housing and Neighborhood Development Service

Funding Reserved:

\$160,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Housing and Neighborhood Development Service (HANDS), an Erie-based 501c3 Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) with a 55-year history of service, is proposing to round out 20+ years of concerted stakeholder efforts in Midtown by adaptively reusing the only remaining blighted building on this highly visible block of Parade Street. The "capstone" project will add 4 units of quality affordable housing for low income individuals and families in a targeted area of the City.

County:

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ERIE

Proposal Name:

2023 Housing Stability Project

Organization:

St. Martin Center

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The St. Martin Center (SMC) 2023 PHARE Housing Stability Project goal is to improve the lives of low-income clients (85% below 50% of the area median income (AMI), and 50% of clients will be served that are below 30% AMI) in the City of Erie, and Erie County, Pennsylvania. PHARE funds will be used to increase housing stability for over 300 individuals (in approximately 100 Households) by improving self-sufficiency through rental and mortgage assistance.

County:

ERIE

Proposal Name:

Better Housing Modernization & Neighborhood Stabilization Project Phase III

Organization:

Erie City Housing Authority

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Phase III of the Better Housing Modernization & Neighborhood Stabilization Project will include replacing the front stoops at all 52 units, replacing the siding at all buildings and the storage sheds, removing the parking lot and playground and replacing with green space, and installing 450 feet of 6' wrought iron fencing.

County:

ERIE

Proposal Name:

Cornerstone Community Land Trust

Organization:

Erie County Land Bank

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Erie County Land Bank and partnering organizations seek to form the Cornerstone Community Land Trust in Erie County, PA., a 501(c)3 community-based organization committed to creating and preserving a permanent supply of affordably priced housing throughout Erie County. The CCLT will focus on increasing the supply of permanently affordable and available housing stock, while also mitigating the impacts of future gentrification in neighborhoods experiencing disinvestment in recent decades.

County:

ERIE

Proposal Name:

Homeownership Rehabilitation and Training Program

Organization:

GMA Development Group, LLC

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Funding Reserved:

\$90,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Erie 180 HRT program takes a holistic approach to impact the City of Erie by: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Addressing blight and aging housing stock through the renovation of 12 homes ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Addressing the lack of homeownership by low to moderate income families WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Addressing unemployment and underemployment of our youth and re-entry offenders through training.

County:

ERIE

Proposal Name:

Housing Counseling Project

Organization:

St. Martin Center, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$42,500 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The project will reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness and those at imminent risk for homelessness. The goals for the Housing Counseling Project is to assist 300 individuals in approximately 100 households. Those assisted will include high-risk populations, Veterans, female head of household and the BIPOC community.

County:

ERIE

Proposal Name:

Landlord Incentive Program

Organization:

Erie County Department of Human Services MH/ID Office

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The project is a landlord risk mitigation program that will provide signing bonuses, additional security deposit, damages and vacancy loss to help gain new landlords and keep current landlords to rent affordable housing to the targeted population listed above. It is to address the needs of persons in our housing programs where our housing providers report difficulty in finding landlords to rent to this population.

County:

ERIE

Proposal Name:

MACC Building Project

Organization:

Mercy Center for Women, Incorporated

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

Renovations to Mercy Center for Women's Mercy Anchor Community Center (MACC) Building will benefit approximately 40 residents (women with children), 1,000 neighborhood residents through low-income and homeless prevention programming and educational support services.

County:

FAYETTE

Proposal Name:

FCCAA Financial Counseling and Coaching Initiative

Organization:

Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$90,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc. (FCCAA) is proposing to expand its Financial Education and Coaching Initiatives through increased utilization of its Financial Opportunity Center (FOC) by having a devoted full time Financial Coach available all of our families that are served at our agency in any financial capacity. A FOC is designed to help disadvantaged families and individuals realize lasting economic stability.

County:

FAYETTE

Proposal Name:

Mission Place Phase 3

Organization:

City Mission - Living Stones

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Completion of Mission Place-Phase 3 project which entails the construction of one new apartment complex consisting of 4 units of independent living for youth aging out of the foster care program

County:

FAYETTE

Proposal Name:

Shamrock Heights Homebuyer Development Project (Phase I)

Organization:

Fayette County Redevelopment Authority

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Shamrock Heights Homebuyer Development Project represents a collaborative homeownership initiative being undertaken by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania and Threshold Housing Development. Phase I of this project will initiate this development through site preparation and infrastructure improvements, which will allow for the construction of up to 7 new homes which will be sold to low-to-moderate income homebuyers.

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County:

GREENE

Proposal Name:

Greene County HOPE (Housing Opportunity Programs and Education)

Organization:

Greene County Redevelopment Authority

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Program will construct three new homes in Crucible, which is an area of interest for County Development. At least one of the projects will be sold to individuals on our Land Installment Purchase Contract (LIPC) waitlist. The LIPC Program is a housing services program that assists low-moderate income buyers with the purchase of a home that is owned by the RDA. The Buyer attends credit counseling, and the RDA acts as the bank for 3-4 years until the buyer can obtain a mortgage.

County:

GREENE

Proposal Name:

Kinship Advancement for Rehabilitation Emergency Services (KARES) & Greene County Human Services Housing Program

Organization:

The County of Greene

Funding Reserved:

\$295,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

The Kinship Advancement for Rehabilitation Emergency Services (KARES) will advance homeowners on an existing rehabilitation waitlist, that are considered most in need-based on set criteria to include over the age of 62, and/or disabled, and/or a veteran and/or are over 62 raising/housing children under the age of eighteen (18). The 2022 PHARE grant will assist the County to fill three major gaps in its comprehensive range of housing services with the goal of preventing and ending homelessness.

County:

GREENE

Proposal Name:

Waynesburg House Rehabilitation

Organization:

The County of Greene

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Waynesburg House provides much needed affordable housing opportunities to elderly and disabled community members and households. The rise in cost and decrease in availability of housing over the past decade does not look to be self-correcting and that is why we believe it is imperative to continue to invest and support Waynesburg House, so it may continue to provide homes to those who are the most vulnerable.

County:

HUNTINGDON

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Proposal Name:

PHARE 2022 Huntingdon County

Organization:

Huntingdon County Commissioners

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The program will provide homelessness prevention assistance services to eligible clients in the form of short-term emergency shelter and rapid rehousing for the homeless, rental and utility assistance for those at-risk of homelessness, and landlord mitigation funds to address the need for rehabilitation of existing housing stock.

County:

INDIANA

Proposal Name:

55+ Roof and Heating Systems Replacement Program

Organization:

Indiana County

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The 55+ Roof and Heating Systems Replacement Program will assist applicants, who meet program eligibility requirements, with the replacement of inoperable, unsafe or inefficient furnaces, and/or severely leaking damaged roofing systems. Furnaces will be replaced with either fuel oil, natural gas, propane or electric. Roofing systems will be replaced with either shingled or metal roofing systems. Severity of need such as no heat is a priority. A Waiting List has been established.

County:

JEFFERSON

Proposal Name:

Community Action, Inc.'s PHARE Rental Assistance Project (Serving Jefferson County)

Organization:

Community Action, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Community Action's PHARE Rental Assistance Project serves the entire County of Jefferson. This Project provides rental assistance in the form of rent, mortgage, utility, and security deposit payments to assist low-income households at risk of homelessness remain housed. Rental assistance in the form of rent, utilities, and security deposits for apartments, and payments for hotel rooms to assist households who are homeless obtain emergency shelter. Case management is provided to all consumers.

County:

JEFFERSON

Proposal Name:

Jefferson County Housing Emergency Repair Assistance Program

Organization:

Jefferson County

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Funding Reserved:

\$77,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

Jefferson County is requesting \$77,000 of 2022/2023 PHARE monies for the continuation of the countywide Housing Emergency Repair Assistance Program (HERAP). The program is designed to assist residents of Jefferson County make repairs to their homes to safeguard against imminent danger to human life, health or safety, and to protect the property from further structural damage.

County:

JUNIATA

Proposal Name:

Juniata County Stable Housing Initiative

Organization:

Mifflin County

Funding Reserved:

\$28,257 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Stable Housing Initiative will prevent homelessness by increasing safe/affordable housing opportunities; strengthening existing housing stock; addressing long term affordability; coordinating local, strategic housing approaches; maximizing the leveraging of resources; and fostering sustainable partnerships. The SHI provides a sustainable, long-lasting opportunity to prevent homelessness and meet the housing needs of low-income residents and/or those with historic disparities.

County:

Juniata/ Mifflin

Proposal Name:

PHARE 2022 Juniata & Mifflin Counties

Organization:

Center for Community Action

Funding Reserved:

\$125,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The program will provide homelessness prevention assistance services to eligible clients in the form of short-term emergency shelter and rapid rehousing for the homeless, rental and utility assistance for those at-risk of homelessness, and landlord mitigation funds to address the need for rehabilitation of existing housing stock.

County:

LACKAWANNA

Proposal Name:

One Stop Shop for Housing Services

Organization:

United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Funding Reserved:

\$175,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

UNC offers a free housing counseling program for those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or looking

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to improve their current housing situation. Program consists of housing intake, budgeting, financial assistance, and case management. Program serves the needs of hundreds of residents in Lackawanna County through one-on-one counseling and group format educational workshops. Advocacy for those in need is an ongoing function contributing to UNC's long history of supporting neighborhoods.

County:

LACKAWANNA

Proposal Name:

Saint Joseph's Center

Organization:

St. Joseph's Center

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

PHARE funds will be used to support two residential Programs, Walsh Manor and Mother Infant, which have a significant impact on the health and safety of pregnant women and women with infants experiencing homelessness. The systematic change addressed by these two Programs is that by providing participants shelter, support, life skills, medical care and counseling, they will be able to secure permanent housing, education, employment, childcare, etc. to provide for their children and themselves.

County:

LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

Accessible Housing Solutions Initiative

Organization:

United Disabilities Services Foundation

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

UDSF will utilize PHARE Funds to support the Accessible Housing Solutions initiative for low income people with disabilities in Lancaster County. In partnership with HDC MidAtlantic, UDSF and our Home Modification division will be renovating 33 units located in 6 low income apartment buildings in Lancaster County to have accessible features for independent living and safety.

County:

LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

ECHOS Homestead Housing Program

Organization:

Elizabethtown Community Housing & Outreach Services

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Homestead Housing Program is a transitional housing program that provides affordable and safe housing and supportive services to low-income older adults. This program increases the availability and quality of housing and prevents and reduces homelessness for older adults and veterans. The program assists clients in

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accessing sustainable resources in the community to support independence and build the proper foundation necessary to support permanent housing.

County:

LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

Farnum St. East Electrical System Upgrade

Organization:

Housing Authority of the City of Lancaster

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

LCHA will utilize PHARE funding to replace the 169 unit building's main electrical switch system, which is outdated and of which the manufacturer has gone out of business. This system needs to be replaced prior to the beginning of a large-scale HVAC system replacement for the building. Any excess funds after the electrical project will go towards starting the HVAC project.

County:

LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

HOME (HOME OWNERSHIP MADE EQUAL PHASE III)

Organization:

Building and Supporting Entrepreneurship of Southeast Lancaster, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Base will use PHARE funds to further develop and implement Phase III of the HOME program, which will continue to empower, encourage, and assist minority families, of low to moderate income, realize the dream of owning their first home.

County:

LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

Lancaster Lebanon Habitat Wheatland Build

Organization:

Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Lancaster Lebanon Habitat's Wheatland Build is six new homes located at 913 Wheatland Avenue in Lancaster City and is part of the redevelopment of the former St. Joseph's Hospital campus, led by HDC MidAtlantic. The modest, well-built, functional, low-maintenance homes will fit in with the character of the surrounding community, will have three or four bedrooms, and one and a half bathrooms. All Habitat homebuyers are low-to moderate-income, first-time homebuyers.

County:

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LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

Manor Youth House

Organization:

Community Basics, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

If provided funding, CBI will develop 6 (furnished) single room occupancy units with common living areas and 3 (furnished) one-bedroom apartments set aside for youth ages 18-26 aging out of foster care/homeless youth. CBI will partner with Valley Youth House who will provide 24-7 on site supportive services to all residents with the goal of teaching life skills that will propel them towards independent living and financial stability.

County:

LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

New Rental Units in Columbia Borough

Organization:

Lancaster County Land Bank Authority

Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The focus of this project is to develop four new, affordable rental units in a historically Black neighborhood in Columbia Borough, Lancaster County. The Lancaster County Land Bank Authority has purchased two adjacent parcels which currently contain attached fire damaged, blighted residential structures. The Land Bank plans to demolish the existing buildings and construct four new units.

County:

LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

OZFund, Inc.

Organization:

OZFund, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

OZFund, Inc. is a community-focused Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF) with plans to acquire distressed below-market properties located in the Opportunity Zones of Central Pennsylvania. The first project is the rehabilitation of the vacant and under utilized property at 800 South Queen Street, Lancaster PA. The property will be transformed into 52 working family rental apartments and a XXX square feet convenience/grocery store.

County:

LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

Partners With Purpose: Renewal of Affordable Rental Housing in Lancaster City

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Organization:

Partners With Purpose

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Partners With Purpose owns and operates 95 units of single-family, scattered-site, housing in Lancaster City. The PHARE Funds will be used to provide vital rehabilitation activities to 10 homes including, but not limited to: roof replacement, lead remediation, heating/cooling system improvements, and weatherization. Our residents are income-qualified, utilizing the Housing Choice Voucher program, and are our City's most economically vulnerable neighbors.

County:

LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

Scattered Site Acquisition and Rehab for First Time Homebuyers

Organization:

SACA Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

SACA Development will acquire five vacant homes located in Lancaster City's southeast and southwest neighborhoods for the purpose of rehabilitation and resale to low income first time homebuyers.

County:

LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

Tenfold's Housing and Financial Stability Services - Building Capacity and Coalitions to Meet Community Need

Organization:

Tenfold

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Tenfold's Housing and Financial Stability Services project is a comprehensive strategy to build capacity, resources, and coalitions to serve rising numbers of homeless and housing-vulnerable families in Lancaster County. The project will serve about 1,600 (unduplicated) households and prevent eviction/displacement or mortgage default for 80% of its participants.

County:

LANCASTER

Proposal Name:

YWCA Lancaster YForward Affordable Housing Expansion

Organization:

YWCA Lancaster, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

The project will construct 16 new affordable housing units to complement its existing 38. Based on a per-residential-unit estimate of \$175,000 (by the Architect of Record, Tippetts/Weaver, copy provided in Appendix II), a \$525,000 PHARE award will cover the construction cost of three new residential units (230 SF each), each with a private kitchenette and bathroom.

County:

LAWRENCE

Proposal Name:

Lawrence County Blight Removal Program

Organization:

Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$300,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

Our main goal is to continue working with our partners to implement a successful countywide blight removal program by collaborating with other funders and stakeholders to identify targeted tipping-point neighborhoods, prioritizing property maintenance to eliminate blight, completing housing rehabilitation in low and moderate income neighborhoods, assisting with the rehabilitation of affordable accessible housing and assisting businesses with funds for façade improvements.

County:

LAWRENCE

Proposal Name:

Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County Blight Removal Program

Organization:

Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Our main goal is to continue implementing the successful countywide blight removal program by collaborating with other funders and stakeholders to identify targeted tipping-point neighborhoods, prioritizing property maintenance to eliminate blight, completing housing rehabilitation in low moderate-income neighborhoods and assisting businesses with funds for façade improvements.

County:

LEBANON

Proposal Name:

Housing Accessibility & Senior Home Repair Program

Organization:

Redevelopment Authority of the County of Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Housing Accessibility & Senior Home Repair Program provides up to \$15,000 of grant assistance to older adults (age 60 and up) to make repairs to their homes and to persons with disabilities to make accessibility modifications to their housing. On the accessibility side, common improvements include wheelchair ramps,

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stair glides, and walk-in showers, while the senior repair part of the program targets major systems such as roofs, furnaces, and windows.

County:

LEHIGH

Proposal Name:

Gordon Street Revamp

Organization:

Valley Housing Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Gordon Street Revamp is the exterior and interior renovation of a 20-unit multifamily rental facility that has provided a permanent home to low-income persons afflicted with serious mental health conditions for the past 31 years. The physical rehab will install a fire sprinkler system and replace windows, doors, roof, siding, and lighting with 21st-century, energy efficient materials. The units will also receive new kitchens, baths, flooring and paint.

County:

Lehigh/ Lycoming

Proposal Name:

Affordable Housing Preservation for Pennsylvanians with Disabilities

Organization:

Community Options, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$80,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Community Options will use PHARE funding to rehabilitate and preserve supportive and affordable housing for people with disabilities who live in Lycoming and Lehigh Counties.

County:

Lehigh/ Northampton

Proposal Name:

Housing Counseling Program: First-Time Homebuyer Seminars

Organization:

Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$40,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

To expand home ownership opportunities, Housing Counselors and support staff conduct First-Time Homebuyer Seminars throughout the community, usually in areas of greatest need, such as low-income communities in the regions urban areas. Seminars are offered in English and Spanish, both in-person and online. Each seminar includes speakers from local lending institutions, realtors, home inspection agencies, insurance agencies, and settlement companies.

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County:

LUZERNE

Proposal Name:

Lower South Valley Land Bank Property Remediation

Organization:

Lower South Valley Land Bank

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Lower South Valley (LSV) Land Bank is made up of six municipalities and one school district, including: Ashley Borough, Hanover Township, Newport Township, the City of Nanticoke, the City of Wilkes-Barre, the Municipality of Kingston, and the Hanover Area School District. This project will address three blighted properties in LSV Land Bank jurisdiction. The Land Bank will acquire, secure, rehabilitate, and sell three blighted residential properties to low-to-moderate income households.

County:

LUZERNE

Proposal Name:

Market & Main Project

Organization:

City of Pittston

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Market & Main will include approximately 80,000 square feet of new construction in the Downtown Business District in Pittston City for a mixed-use development. This mixed-use complex will directly involve live art, higher education, economic growth through a range of new opportunities, and housing solutions for individuals in the surrounding region. We are requesting \$500,000 in PHARE funds for new construction of rental units that will be targeted for low-to-moderate income residents.

County:

LUZERNE

Proposal Name:

Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania, Brian's Place

Organization:

Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania's Brian's Place project will transform a vacant, blighted property in Wilkes-Barre into at least 5 units of affordable one-bedroom, energy-efficient units for adults experiencing homelessness or housing instability with persistent mental illness and offer supportive housing services. In addition to the units, the plan includes a common area that will serve as a day space option for a small number of persons in the community who are experiencing homelessness.

County:

LYCOMING

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Proposal Name:

American Rescue Workers - Rental Assistance Program

Organization:

Lycoming County Planning and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

ARW assists Lycoming County residents in danger of eviction or mortgage foreclosure and those needing to secure housing accommodations. The program provides financial assistance as well as housing-related services to help individuals and families succeed in finding and securing housing.

County:

LYCOMING

Proposal Name:

Asbury Foundation - Albright LIFE Lycoming Rental Assistance Program

Organization:

Lycoming County Planning and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$48,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

The Albright LIFE Program provides all-inclusive care Lycoming County for seniors 55+. LIFE offers a community model of care (residing in the community) vs. an institutional model of care (residing in a skilled nursing home). PHARE funds will provide rental housing assistance to program participants to continue to support seniors living in the community.

County:

LYCOMING

Proposal Name:

Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity - Home Construction Scott St. Build #2

Organization:

Lycoming County Planning and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$25,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

A new single family home will be constructed for one families at or below 50% of the county's MAI. GLHFH will plan and build the home through our traditional process of a paid construction supervisor leading the process, primarily volunteer labor. Partner families will be involved in each step of the process, as appropriate.

County:

LYCOMING

Proposal Name:

Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity - Home Preservation Program

Organization:

Lycoming County Planning and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$25,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

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Proposal Description:

The GLHFH Home Preservation Program, provides much-needed renovations to homeowner-occupied housing throughout Lycoming County. The Home Preservation Program consists of exterior work that includes painting, patching, minor repair, deck repairs/replacement, accessibility modifications and replacement of exterior materials for maintaining good, sound condition

County:

LYCOMING

Proposal Name:

Home Preservation Program

Organization:

Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity, Inc

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

We are working to bring strength, stability, and self-reliance through an array of housing solutions, including home repairs. We've created the Home Preservation Program which consists of exterior home repairs to homeowner occupied housing that includes painting, patching, accessibility modifications and replacement of exterior materials for maintaining good, sound condition of the home.

County:

LYCOMING

Proposal Name:

Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board - Interim Housing Program

Organization:

Lycoming County Planning and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$52,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

The Lycoming-Clinton Joinder's Interim Housing Program is a 24/7 voluntary, short-term emergency housing program individuals experiencing a mental health crisis for up to 30-days. Interim Housing will provide individuals with a temporary place to stay while the local crisis service provider provides referrals to community services to establish permanent housing or an improved living situation.

County:

LYCOMING

Proposal Name:

STEP, Inc. - Homes-in-Need

Organization:

Lycoming County Planning and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The STEP HIN program provides much-needed home repairs to qualified households throughout Lycoming County. Eligible homeowners may receive repairs such as code compliance, accessibility improvements, and weatherization. Clients also receive STEP's wraparound services which help to address any potential underlying issues.

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County:

LYCOMING

Proposal Name:

STEP, Inc. - Supportive Housing Program

Organization:

Lycoming County Planning and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The SHP assists Lycoming County residents in danger of eviction or mortgage foreclosure and those needing to secure housing accommodations. The program provides financial assistance as well as housing-related services to help individuals and families succeed in finding and securing housing.

County:

LYCOMING

Proposal Name:

STEP, Inc. - Urgent Need Program

Organization:

Lycoming County Planning and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

The Lycoming County Urgent Need Home Repair Program, run by STEP, provides housing repairs for eligible County homeowners to correct urgent health and safety hazards for homeowner occupied structures located in Lycoming County. The Program provides funding to perform the repairs necessary to remove the urgent health and safety hazards present in the homeowner occupied structure.

County:

LYCOMING

Proposal Name:

Transitional Living Centers - Master Leasing Program

Organization:

Lycoming County Planning and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

The Master Leasing Program is designed to help hard-to-place persons, such as those re-entering from prisons, persons with serious mental illnesses, and those at-risk for homelessness, gain housing stability. Transitional Living Centers leases units from local landlords to sublease out to the program clients. This program includes security deposit, rental payments, casework, and some utilities for up to 12 months.

County:

LYCOMING

Proposal Name:

YWCA Northcentral PA - Liberty House

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Organization:

Lycoming County Planning and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

The YWCA Northcentral PA's Liberty House program provides transitional housing for women and children experiencing homelessness in Lycoming County. Liberty House provides crisis housing with financial assistance and wrap around supportive services needed by participants to quickly move into permanent housing.

County:

MCKEAN

Proposal Name:

City of Bradford - Emergency Home Repair Grant Program

Organization:

City of Bradford Office of Economic and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

PHARE funds will be used to administer an Emergency Home Repair Grant Program within the City of Bradford. The Office of Economic and Community Development has successfully ran a whole-home housing rehabilitation program for over 30 years. There is a serious need in our community for a program that assists with emergency situations which are making homes unsafe for low-income homeowners.

County:

MCKEAN

Proposal Name:

YWCA Bradford Housing & Employment Services - Homeless Shelter

Organization:

Young Women's Christian Association of Bradford, PA.

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Housing & Employment Services program (HES) operates a 22-bed homeless shelter for families and individuals in McKean County. Shelter services include case management, life skills training, empowerment counseling and resource management. The HES program also offers Street Outreach services, locating and engaging literally homeless individuals and families. Staff assist families and individuals in the prevention of homelessness with diversion services, as well.

County:

MIFFLIN

Proposal Name:

Mifflin County Stable Housing Initiative

Organization:

Mifflin County

Funding Reserved:

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\$43,189 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Stable Housing Initiative prevents homelessness by increasing safe/affordable housing options; strengthening existing housing stock; addressing long term affordability; incorporating/coordinating local, strategic housing approaches; maximizing the leveraging of resources; and fostering sustainable partnerships. The SHI provides a long-lasting opportunity to prevent homelessness and meet the housing needs of low-income residents along with those with historic housing disparities.

County:

Monroe/Pike

Proposal Name:

Project Homelessness Prevention

Organization:

Family Promise of the Poconos, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Family Promise of the Poconos will provide homelessness prevention programs including rent/utility assistance, diversion services, rapid-rehousing and homelessness prevention to reduce the number of individuals/households who become homeless.

County:

MONTGOMERY

Proposal Name:

Exterior Improvements for Emergency and Transitional Housing Programs

Organization:

Family Promise Montco PA

Funding Reserved:

\$600,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Family Promise Montco PA will renovate the exterior of its building in Ambler, Montgomery County. This building includes eight transitional housing apartments, three day center units used by emergency shelter participants, a space used for educational programs, laundry facilities, and offices. The exterior renovations will provide ensure there are sufficient resources for shelter operations and provide a more pleasant and welcoming home for people experiencing homelessness.

County:

MONTGOMERY

Proposal Name:

Genny's Place Short Term Supportive Housing - RHD

Organization:

Resources for Human Development, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$300,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

RHD is renovating a building in Montgomery County, PA to open an innovative, collaborative, supportive

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short-term housing program called Genny's Place. It will provide transitional housing for up to 60 individuals at a time who are experiencing homelessness. Expected to open in 2024, Genny's Place will fill a critical need in our region, providing stability for individuals experiencing homelessness, connecting them to needed resources, and preparing them for attaining permanent housing.

County:

MONTGOMERY

Proposal Name:

Housing Counselling for Montgomery County

Organization:

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Delaware Valley

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Clarifis Housing Stability program utilizes a case-management counseling model to prevent evictions and foreclosures, assist in steps to homeownership including pre-purchase counseling, all to keep our clients in safe and sustainable housing.

County:

MONTGOMERY

Proposal Name:

MCHA - Sidney Pollock House Roof Replacement

Organization:

Montgomery County Housing Authority

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Sidney Pollock House is a 102 unit, senior/disabled subsidized rental housing building. The 36 years old roof is failing and beyond its useful life. It is repeatedly leaking in a variety of areas. Damage is spread throughout. Seams are lifting as well as the permit flashing. The MCHA has had to patch it twice a year for the last five years. Because of the continual prevention of water infiltration due to the poor condition of the roof, MCHA considers this a critical need.

County:

MONTGOMERY

Proposal Name:

Montgomery County Your Way Home

Organization:

Montgomery County - Department of Housing and Community Development

Funding Reserved:

\$800,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Montgomery County Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD), administers of the Your Way Home program, respectfully request \$1,000,000 from the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement/Realty Transfer Tax Fund (PHARE/RTT) to help end and/or prevent homelessness for at least 300 households. Funds will be used to provide supportive homeless prevention services and financial assistance to at risk individuals and families whose income is at or below 50% AMI.

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County:

MONTGOMERY

Proposal Name:

Mosaic CLT Homeownership Rehabilitation and Housing-Related Services Project

Organization:

Preservation Pottstown, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$220,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Mosaic CLT will rehabilitate an affordable community land trust home to a household that is low-income (between 50% and 80% MAI). We will also help homeowners below 50% MAI to access housing-related services through the Single-System Property Rehabilitation Grant Program in partnership with Genesis Housing. Genesis Housing will also provide homeownership counseling for prospective home buyers.

County:

MONTGOMERY

Proposal Name:

Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities (PHPD) Project

Organization:

Indian Creek Foundation

Funding Reserved:

\$184,800 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities Project will increase the availability of quality housing for persons with disabilities and those who are dually diagnosed with a mental illness. Funds will enable this historically marginalized population to maintain their home of choice in the community they are accustomed to, regardless of their age or disability. The Project will address present housing needs for persons with disabilities and provide stability for the future.

County:

MONTGOMERY

Proposal Name:

VFPC Town Center Residential Project

Organization:

The Valley Forge Presbyterian Church

Funding Reserved:

\$600,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project will convert a currently underutilized 10,000 square foot building owned by Valley Forge Presbyterian Church into sixteen (16) affordable housing units. The proposed units will serve some of the communities most vulnerable populations. Half of the units will be reserved for individuals earning below 20% AMI. Because of its location, this project will have the opportunity to serve a mixture of incomes. The development will also include units for individuals between 60-80% AMI.

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County:

NORTHAMPTON

Proposal Name:

Evergreen Village Cooperative, Inc.- Community Wastewater System Improvements

Organization:

Evergreen Village Cooperative, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$300,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project would make necessary improvements and repairs to the community on-site waste treatment plant. These necessary major repairs will prolong the system's useful life as it exists to provide waste treatment service to 158 homes in this community. Evergreen Village Cooperative is a limited equity housing cooperative providing long term and permanent preservation of the land beneath 158 units of affordable housing units owned by seniors who live in this community.

County:

NORTHAMPTON

Proposal Name:

Northampton County Lead Hazard Reduction Program Borough of Northampton

Organization:

County of Northampton

Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Northampton County is requesting \$500,000 in RTT PHARE funds to assist the County reduce residential lead hazards in the Borough of Northampton. The PHARE grant, in combination with matching CDBG, HOME, and County funds will maintain affordable housing units for low- and moderate-income households and reduce lead hazards throughout Northampton County. The County's Lead Hazard Reduction Program provides housing rehabilitation grants for owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing units.

County:

NORTHAMPTON

Proposal Name:

Roofs for Seniors in Northampton County

Organization:

Valley Housing Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$450,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Keeping a roof over the heads of Northampton County seniors is the intent of this project. Funds will be used to preserve affordable housing by replacing six roofs at three sites that were built in the 1990's and still house 185 low-income senior households. Additional rehabilitation includes repairing and paving parking lots at two of the facilities, and replacing common area carpeting at one property.

County:

NORTHUMBERLAND

Proposal Name:

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Diamond Court Development

Organization:

Housing Development Corporation of Northumberland County

Funding Reserved:

\$422,060 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The proposed project (Diamond Court) involves the construction of five one story garden apartments in the unincorporated village of Diamondtown in Mount Carmel Township, Northumberland County for seniors (62+) with a preference for veterans. The one- bedroom apartments will be constructed on vacant ground at 412-422 N Maple Street. On June 15, 2022 HDCNC entered into a 36-month option agreement with the Township to acquire the property.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

1428 N 17th Street

Organization:

Pathways Housing Wellness Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

1428 N 17th Street is the redevelopment of a currently blighted, vacant lot in the rapidly gentrifying neighborhood of Sharswood. Once complete, the building will offer 3 units of housing affordable at incomes of 30% AMI or below. At least one unit will be set aside of an individual experiencing homelessness. Pathways to Housing PA will provide their full suite of wraparound services for that individual and as-needed services for all tenants.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

AHARI Veterans Village

Organization:

AHARI- A Home is A Right

Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

AHARI's mission is to provide permanent supportive housing services to at-risk homeless veterans and their families. The building will be three stories and comprised of twelve (12) accessible units. It will have green space, a community room, program and administrative offices. The project will provide a central location for housing, life skills training, mental health services,

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Attic Youth Center Homelessness Prevention for LGBTQ Youth

Organization:

The Attic Youth Center

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

The Attic Youth Center requests PHARE funds to support its Homelessness Prevention Program including rent/utility assistance/and supportive services to address the critical housing needs of LGBTQ youth ages 18-23, thereby increasing their access to safe, inclusive, affirming and culturally sensitive housing opportunities and reducing their risk of becoming homeless.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Bethesda Project - Facility Upgrade

Organization:

Bethesda Project

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Support from PHARE will fund a critically needed facilities project to renovate six bathrooms at Bethesda Project North Broad, a permanent supportive housing site for 49 formally homeless adults. Completing this necessary project will help Bethesda Project create a safe and welcoming environment for residents, and to fulfill its mission to be family with those who have none.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Blumberg-Sharswood and Bartram Village Enhancements

Organization:

Philadelphia Mural Arts Advocates

Funding Reserved:

\$351,750 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

PHARE funds will support a partnership between Mural Arts Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Housing Authority to benefit residents of two major housing developments, Blumberg Apartments in the Sharswood neighborhood and Bartram Village in Southwest Philadelphia. We will activate key corridors and public spaces with intergenerational programming through community art hubs and we will work with residents to develop public artworks and other physical enhancements.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Building Capacity for Marginalized Communities

Organization:

City of Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services

Funding Reserved:

\$299,250 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The purpose of this project is to develop policies and programs that promote economic growth, sustainable neighborhoods and quality affordable housing. The project aims to increase outreach and engagement with the Immigrant and refugee community in support of the Office of Immigrant Affairs. To increase awareness the

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Office of Homeless Services will continue to expand the use of Point-to-Language tools, in addition to developing trainings around hiring and recruitment practices.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Built to Last and Solarize for Low-income Households

Organization:

The Philadelphia Energy Authority

Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Built to Last will offer holistic home repairs to 100 low-income homeowners consisting of repairs to critical systems and a deep energy and health retrofit, combined with electrification and rooftop solar. The PHARE grant funding will also be utilized to increase low-income solar in Philadelphia by funding roof and electrical repair projects, which together will enable an additional 100 low-income households to add rooftop solar.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Ceiba Collective to Foster Sustainable Partnerships Committed to Meeting Housing Needs

Organization:

Ceiba, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

To foster sustainable partnerships committed to address housing needs over a significant period in the Hispanic Community of Philadelphia. The grant will be used to retain a Program Director to help coordinate and manage the activities of the Ceiba - Latino Equitable Development Collective (Ceiba -LEDC), a Ceiba Collective Impact initiative in the Latino community of Eastern North Philadelphia.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Comprehensive Transitional Housing and Trauma-Informed Supportive Services for Philadelphia Domestic Violence Survivors

Organization:

Women Against Abuse, Incorporated

Funding Reserved:

\$125,280 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project will provide support for transitional housing operations and quality, trauma-informed case management and supportive services at Sojourner House, the region's first transitional housing program for domestic violence survivors and their children. Sojourner House provides up to 15 families with physical safety and case management support at a time, including summer and after school programs for children, behavioral health services, and economic empowerment programming.

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County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

DIRT

Organization:

West Oak Lane Community Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

DiRT is a partnership between West Oak Lane CDC and Tru-Nature Inc. Tru-Nature will provide training/mentoring to young adults in the craft and art of horticultural and property maintenance. Tru-Nature will provide training in the development and maintenance of 2 vacant lots owned by West Oak Lane CDC. WOLCDC will provide participating and other interested youth with financial literacy education and an introduction to homeownership and its importance in maintaining community stability.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Expansion of Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program for Residents of Federally Subsidized Housing in Philadelphia

Organization:

Compass Working Capital, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Compass Working Capital, in partnership with Philadelphia Housing Authority, Clarifi, and private owners of affordable housing, will expand access to a financial coaching and savings program for residents of federally subsidized housing, and pilot a new model for delivering this program remotely to hard-to-reach populations. The FSS program supports families to build savings and work toward their financial goals, such as homeownership, saving for education, or establishing emergency savings.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Family Homelessness Prevention/Rapid Relocation Program

Organization:

Family Promise of Philadelphia

Funding Reserved:

\$175,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

To reduce family homelessness and achieve sustainable housing outcomes, Family Promise of Philadelphia will provide financial aid (rent/utility assistance, security deposits) housing case management, financial literacy and non-financial services to 75 ethnically diverse households under PHARE funding (250 ethnically diverse total households combining PHARE dollars with other leveraged funding) including those with significant rent barriers including disabilities.

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County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Gaudenzia WINNER

Organization:

Gaudenzia Foundation, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Gaudenzia WINNER serves 12 very low-income pregnant and parenting women in recovery from substance abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders, many of whom are also homeless, who are experiencing treatment while living with their children. The building was last renovated more than 15 years ago and requires a gut rehab to address energy inefficiency, improve the layout, improve the accessibility, and replace finishes.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

GNDC Housing counseling

Organization:

Grace Neighborhood Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$35,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Grace Neighborhood Development corporation chose the specific counseling categories and units-of-service shown in based on our programs goals, The major focus of the counseling and coaching is money management, budgeting, reducing and debt, establishing and improving credit, building a savings, and using safe banking products. Improve the financial health and stability of income, first time home buyer counseling, pre purchase, post purchase, Default and delinquent.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Hancock Manor Preservation Project

Organization:

HACE

Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

HACE proposes to acquire and rehabilitate Hancock Manor to preserve 45 units of affordable housing in a community with high rates of poverty and housing instability made worse by the pandemic. The units are at risk of loss due to a high vacancy rate and loss of revenues over the last few years. HACE proposes to rehabilitate the units for occupancy by persons 55 years of age and older, and persons eligible under the Section 811 Program.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

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Homelessness Prevention & Diversion Program

Organization:

People's Emergency Center

Funding Reserved:

\$300,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

PEC's Homelessness Prevention & Diversion Program assists Philadelphia households at risk for homelessness - particularly within communities of color and those with chronic illness - by maintaining their current housing or diverting them to alternative, safe options. Through short-term case management, direct financial assistance, mediation of landlord disputes, and access to housing resources, PEC helps families maintain permanent housing and avoid homelessness.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Homelessness Prevention for Returning Citizens in Philadelphia

Organization:

City of Philadelphia Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity

Funding Reserved:

\$388,212 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project will support stable housing for returning citizens through housing assistance grants and comprehensive financial and housing counseling. As a population, returning citizens in Philadelphia face immense roadblocks to their re-entry into society, and housing stability is vital to a successful re-entry. Through a highly supportive counseling model, we will ensure that returning citizens have a stable place to call home and are set up for long term success post-incarceration.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Indiana Ave - Kensington Home Repair Initiative and Crime Prevention Strategy

Organization:

Impact Services Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This initiative along Indiana Ave in the Kensington section of Philadelphia will build upon investments by PHFA in the affordable housing development of the Mill Redevelopment A & Indiana project. PHARE funds will leverage a commitment of \$775,000 from a private foundation . The foundation is funding home repairs for 10 existing residents and the greening of 10 lots. The PHARE funds will extend the program by renovating an additional 15 Homes.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Latino Equitable Development Inter-Agency Referral Program

Organization:

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Ceiba, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$55,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Ceiba respectfully requests PHARE Funding to enhance the ability of the Latino Equitable Development members to refer clients to one another. Use of the digital AirTable platform will allow the member organizations to increase the number of low-to-moderate income Philadelphians they connect to public benefits, housing counseling, and other financial services.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Los Balcones Rehabilitation Project

Organization:

Norris Square Community Alliance

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Norris Square Community Alliance (NSCA), the project nonprofit sponsor and property manager, has successfully managed these units with a low vacancy rate and they are in high demand. Los Balcones was built in 1993 and while the project has been maintained, many of the buildings' systems (envelope and mechanical) and finishes have reached the end of their usable life and need to be replaced. This project will repair and replace most of these building systems.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Mt. Airy CDC Housing Counseling

Organization:

Mt. Airy, USA

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Mt. Airy CDC (MACDC) is seeking PHARE funding to support its highly effective and award-winning Housing Counseling Program. MACDC's HCP delivers high quality counseling services to low and moderate income, first time homebuyers and homeowners. Within its Housing Counseling Program, Mt. Airy CDC helps low- to moderate-income individuals achieve financial stability and build wealth through (1) foreclosure prevention counseling, (2) eviction diversion, and 3) first-time homebuyers counseling.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

New Africa Center

Organization:

Mosaic Development Partners JV, LLC

Funding Reserved:

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\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Islamic Cultural Preservation and Information Council New Africa Center CDC is a 501C3 nonprofit coalition of university scholars, educators, multi-disciplinary artists, parents, and individuals striving to preserve, protect and elevate our cultural heritage of Islam in America. We are not a proselytizing organization; our purpose is to provide forums for the academic study & artistic expression of traditional & contemporary Islamic arts, culture, history, literature & beliefs.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Pathways to Affordable Homeownership in Kensington

Organization:

New Kensington Community Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

NKCDC will leverage a variety of tools and current programs to support a pipeline of clients and families into sustainable homeownership in Kensington. NKCDC will develop 21 affordable single-family homes and prospective new homeowners will be identified through our Housing Counseling programs, current rental tenants, and participants in holistic programming across NKCDC including violence prevention, youth mentorship, nutrition education, and green space activation.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

PCDC Pathway to Homeownership Program

Organization:

Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$147,964 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

PHARE funding investment will finance PCDC's Pathway to Homeownership program which supports first time homebuyers in setting roots down and building community by providing down payment assistance. Our community remains vulnerable as the effects of pandemic ripple through the economy three years later, and many struggle to recover a sense of safety, both financially and collectively. Funding will also support our expanded, HUD-certified Housing Counseling and Financial Literacy programming.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Philadelphia Home Stabilization Program

Organization:

Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$315,780 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

PHARE funds will support 30 home stabilization repair projects for low-income homeowners across the city. Funding will allow for HFHP to provide varying needed scopes of work to more households- and to do so most efficiently and strategically with other leveraged funds. The requested funds cover repair services that support occupants health, safety, and stability; ensure the useful and reasonable remaining life and integrity of a home; or respond to a critical emergent need.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Philadelphia Home.Buy.Now

Organization:

Urban Affairs Coalition

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Philadelphia Home.Buy.Now (PHBN) is an employer-assisted housing program. PHBN currently operates and is open to any employer across the city of Philadelphia offering homeownership incentives to employees purchasing homes within the city limits. PHBN provides an immediate solution to housing needs by providing matching grants to qualified LMI individuals to cover closing costs and down payments, opening more affordable options for home purchase to vulnerable populations.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

PhillySEEDS Proposal: First Time Homebuyer Closing Cost Assistance Program

Organization:

Philadelphia Housing Authority

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The PhillySEEDS first time homebuyer closing cost assistance program will provide a 1:1 match of Philadelphia Housing Authority residents' savings, up to \$2,000 per household. Funds will assist approximately 37 low-income households in attaining homeownership and building family assets. PHARE funds will be leveraged with PhillySEEDS own funds to serve a total of 50 low-income households.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Recovery Case Management at Inn of Amazing Mercy

Organization:

Project HOME

Funding Reserved:

\$210,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Case management staffing at Project HOME's newest supportive housing in Philadelphia will address ongoing needs for individuals in the Kensington neighborhood who have experienced or are at-risk of experiencing

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homelessness, with a focus on long-term recovery support for those with substance use disorders. PHARE funding will have crucial impact toward lasting change, supporting the prevention of future homelessness, and in turn improving safety and quality of life for all neighborhood residents.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Susquehanna Village Preservation

Organization:

Community Ventures

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Susquehanna Village is an existing 53-unit affordable housing development located within the Lower North Philadelphia neighborhood experiencing increasing market pressure and declining availability of affordable housing. PHARE funds will be used as part of a preservation project to make critical capital investments to sustain the affordability of these existing affordable units.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Sustaining Emergency Shelters And Supportive Services for Philadelphia's Survivors of Domestic Violence

Organization:

Women Against Abuse, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$115,912 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The project will provide support for emergency shelter operations and quality, trauma-informed case management and supportive services at WAA's two emergency safe havens, the only shelters specifically for survivors of domestic violence in Philadelphia. At Ameya's Place and Carol's Place, each client receives safe housing and comprehensive supportive services, all on-site and in a safe and confidential location. Together, the safe havens serve approximately 1,200 survivors and their children.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

The Behavioral Wellness Center at Girard

Organization:

The Behavioral Wellness Center at Girard

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Multiple repair and renovation projects, including residential unit bathrooms, nursing stations in multiple buildings, and an expansion of the acute psychiatric unit. Renovations will ensure the performance of the hospital is increased, staff can work more effectively, operating costs are reduced and the available site resources are fully realized. the effective treatment of psychiatric and substance use disorder reduces homelessness for an at risk population.

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County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

The Nest - Transitional Housing for Pregnant Individuals - RHD

Organization:

Resources for Human Development (RHD)

Funding Reserved:

\$442,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

RHD will renovate a vacant property in Southwest Philadelphia and outfit it to create new housing units to fill the housing gap for RHD members identified as pregnant and experiencing housing instability or homelessness. The new program, called The Nest, will be a safe haven for vulnerable pregnant people in Philadelphia, ensuring that growing families and new babies are given the best start possible.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

Urban League of Philadelphia's Housing Counseling Programs

Organization:

Urban League of Philadelphia

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

ULP Housing Counseling programs will utilize PHFA funding to provide counseling and Down Payment Assistance (DPA) funds to families in West and Southwest Philadelphia to assist in the acquisition of a home; disrupting the cycle of multi-generational poverty and improving ailing neighborhoods within Philadelphia.

County:

PHILADELPHIA

Proposal Name:

YouthBuild Construction Training Program

Organization:

Philadelphia Youth for Change Charter School

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

YouthBuild provides young adults (ages 17-20) with the training, skills and support they need to obtain and retain meaningful employment, which serves to break the cycles of poverty and inequity in our community. Through the Construction Training Program, youth develop hands on carpentry and employability skills as they complete the full-gut rehabilitation of a dilapidated property for sale or rent to a low-income family.

County:

PIKE

Proposal Name:

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Pike County Shallow Subsidy Program

Organization:

Pike County

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Pike County Shallow Subsidy Program is an innovative housing solution that will provide up to \$500 of rental assistance for 12 to 18 months. The program will pay for housing costs that exceed 30% of participating households income. To promote improved financial well-being, all participants in the program will develop a financial wellness plan with County staff to identify financial goals and create pathways to achieve those goals within the time assistance is received.

County:

POTTER

Proposal Name:

Potter County Homeless Prevention Program

Organization:

Potter County Commissioners

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

Financial assistance (short and medium term rental assistance, security and utility deposits, utility payments, case management, data collection and evaluation, and administration of the program.

County:

SCHUYLKILL

Proposal Name:

Schuylkill County Asthma Pilot Project

Organization:

Schuylkill Community Action

Funding Reserved:

\$225,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Schuylkill Community Action (SCA) is looking to support an Asthma Remediation Home Repair Pilot Program working with Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN). Through this program, income eligible households will be referred to the program by LVHN Emergency Department in Pottsville, PA. Patients referred will have had an asthma related hospitalization within the past 12 months. A home assessment is needed and then a referral is made to SCA for participation in the home repair program.

County:

SCHUYLKILL

Proposal Name:

Servants to All Homeless Prevention

Organization:

Servants to All

Funding Reserved:

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\$132,300 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Servants to All's Homeless Prevention Program provides assistance to targeted vulnerable populations in the form of financial assistance for security deposits, rental assistance, and financial assistance for arrears for low-income and BIPOC households to prevent eviction and resolve homelessness. PHARE funds will expand the program and enable Servants to All to reach 60 households facing imminent homelessness in Schuylkill County.

County:

Snyder/ Union

Proposal Name:

Comprehensive Housing Program

Organization:

Union-Snyder Community Action Agency

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Comprehensive Housing Program will reduce homelessness in Union and Snyder counties through homelessness prevention, diversion, rental assistance, case management, and supportive services. The program will foster and strengthen sustainable partnerships and promote regional strategic planning with the goal that no one will face homelessness or housing instability in the two-county region.

County:

SOMERSET

Proposal Name:

Cherry Lane Mobile Home Park Infrastructure Improvements

Organization:

Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

PHARE funds will be loaned to Somersetshire, Ltd. under a five-year forgivable loan to undertake water system improvements in the Cherry Lane Mobile Home Park located in Somerset, Borough, Somerset County.

County:

SOMERSET

Proposal Name:

Community Housing Development Project

Organization:

The Next Step Center

Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The scope of the 2023 PHARE grant will be to prioritize the implementation of phase 3 (architectural design and construction) on Glades Centre. This will encompass developing 4 handicap accessible units & a newly designed front entrance & increased office/lobby space to the first floor. New electrical, plumbing &

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maintenance will revitalize this once abandoned space. NSC will continue to offer diversion/mediation services throughout Somerset County to fill necessary gaps in services.

County:

SOMERSET

Proposal Name:

Tableland Services, Inc. NextGEN STEPS - A Young Adult Focused Supportive Housing Program

Organization:

Tableland Services, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$150,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

NextGEN STEPS - a youth focused housing program that will serve young adults between the ages of 18-24 years of age with a housing first focus. This client driven model focuses on assisting a high priority target population of vulnerable youth with a flexible and uniquely designed focus to best serve this generation. We are proposing that 10 households will be assisted with a scattered site model and an extensive system of mainstream resources.

County:

SULLIVAN

Proposal Name:

Sullivan County Rental Assistance Program

Organization:

Sullivan County Human Services and Housing Authority

Funding Reserved:

\$80,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

One time per funding cycle temporary rental assistance for up to 3 months' rent. There is a limit of \$2,100.00 per eligible application. Program will NOT cover partial rent, late fees, pet fees or any other fee that is not the base rent price. This program is available only for eligible households not already receiving subsidized rent.

County:

SUSQUEHANNA

Proposal Name:

118 Grand Rehabilitation

Organization:

Trehab

Funding Reserved:

\$700,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

This project will rehabilitate the building located at 118 Grand Street in Susquehanna, Susquehanna County. The property has apartments which are not currently livable; the building will be rehabilitated and the units will be renovated to create four two-bedroom units targeting low-income seniors.

County:

SUSQUEHANNA

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Proposal Name:

Susquehanna County Housing Rehabilitation Program

Organization:

Susquehanna County

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

Susquehanna County Housing/Redevelopment Authority will use PHARE funding to supplement its existing housing rehabilitation program. This funding will allow us to help 8 additional low income, homeowners with much needed home repairs including windows, doors, siding, heating system and electrical system upgrades to ensure the home is up to code and provides a safe place to live.

County:

SUSQUEHANNA

Proposal Name:

Susquehanna County Rental and Utility Assistance

Organization:

Trehab

Funding Reserved:

\$125,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

Trehab, submitting on behalf of Susquehanna County, is requesting \$125,000 in PHARE funds for the purposes of homelessness diversion and mitigation of the effects of the Marcellus Shale housing shortage on low-income residents. Funds will be used for direct assistance to pay limited rent and utility costs, as well as to pay part of a staff member's salary to assist those in need of these services.

County:

SUSQUEHANNA

Proposal Name:

Susquehanna Depot Revitalization Planning

Organization:

Trehab

Funding Reserved:

\$70,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project will allow for Trehab to participate in a multiphase planning process with community partners to identify potential for renovation and revitalization to promote mixed-use housing development in Susquehanna Depot, as part of a larger community development effort.

County:

TIOGA

Proposal Name:

David's by the Lake

Organization:

United Christian Ministries, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

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\$84,800 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

United Christian Ministries, Inc. is requesting funding for building operations, supportive services and administrative expenses for David's by the Lake, serving homeless adults with disabling conditions.

County:

TIOGA

Proposal Name:

Garnet House

Organization:

United Christian Ministries, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

United Christian Ministries, Inc. is requesting funding for building operations, supportive services and administrative expenses for Garnet House Supportive Housing, serving homeless adults with disabling conditions.

County:

TIOGA

Proposal Name:

Kenner Court

Organization:

United Christian Ministries, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

United Christian Ministries, Inc. is requesting funding for building operations, supportive services and administrative expenses for Kenner Court Permanent Housing, serving homeless adults with disabling conditions.

County:

TIOGA

Proposal Name:

Tioga County Homeless Initiative

Organization:

Tioga County Homeless Initiative

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

This proposal is for a construction assist of a new facility which will be more handicap accessible and eco-friendly. The new facility will give case workers and service providers a room to counsel.

County:

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VENANGO

Proposal Name:

Venango County Housing Rehabilitation and Blight Removal Program

Organization:

County of Venango

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Over the past several decades, Venango County's housing market has been destabilized by fluctuations in the industrial job sector -- most recently by the exodus of major employers in the mineral extraction and production sub-sectors. As household incomes fell, so too has critical home maintenance. To arrest these blighting conditions, the County will utilize PHARE funds to perform owner-occupied home rehabilitation projects, countywide. Our current applicant pool consists of 15 households.

County:

WARREN

Proposal Name:

Affordable Housing Units for Vulnerable, Low Income Households

Organization:

Warren and Forest Counties Economic Opportunity Council

Funding Reserved:

\$61,500 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Affordable housing in Warren County is an ongoing need currently being addressed by the Agency and other area service providers. The proposed project would utilize requested funds for the rehab and construction effort at a newly acquired duplex ideally located in downtown Warren. Requested funds would be used to turn the duplex into a 4-unit apartment building that would be affordable and safe for vulnerable populations - in particular; those individuals with mental health disabilities.

County:

WARREN

Proposal Name:

Transitional ReEntry Housing Program for Ex-Offenders

Organization:

Warren and Forest Counties Economic Opportunity Council

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The ReEntry Transitional housing program allocates 6 efficiency apartments for use as transitional housing for hard to place ex-offenders exiting the County Jail and working to reenter the community. Participants work with a dedicated case manager to develop an individualized plan for permanent housing. This may include supportive service, housing, and employment goals. The program also assists clients with transitioning from program housing to permanent housing options.

County:

WASHINGTON

Proposal Name:

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Castle Tower Apartments

Organization:

Serenity Farms, Inc

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Our efforts are undertaken to ensure that we create a sustainable, affordable housing options for Minorities, Persons with Physical and / or Mental Disabilities, Immigrants, and Seniors. We are renting 1 bdrms for \$675/2 bdrms for \$775. Tenants are responsible for Electric, phone and cable utilities. The windows and doors need replaced desperately, with the rising cost of energy, these essential replacements are paramount to keeping this site affordable and energy efficient for our most in need

County:

WASHINGTON

Proposal Name:

Char House Emergency Enhancements and Security Project

Organization:

Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington

Funding Reserved:

\$196,121 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project will involve installation of an updated pull cord system and security enhancements, and the replacement of fire rated entry doors and interior doors.

County:

WASHINGTON

Proposal Name:

Char House Improvements Project

Organization:

Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

This project involves repair and painting of balconies, interior painting, and replacement of PTAC units and carpeting at Char House.

County:

WASHINGTON

Proposal Name:

Claysville Fire Panel and Rooftop Replacement Project

Organization:

Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington

Funding Reserved:

\$60,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

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Proposal Description:

This project involves the replacement of the fire panel and HVAC rooftop unit at the Claysville Elderly Apartments.

County:

WASHINGTON

Proposal Name:

Financial Capabilities Center

Organization:

Blueprints

Funding Reserved:

\$37,500 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

Blueprints is requesting PHARE funding to target renters in four select Washington County Public Housing Authority communities as well as participants engaged in Blueprints array of programming that includes hundreds of Washington County families served through rent and utility assistance programs for group and individual financial literacy sessions through December 2024.

County:

WASHINGTON

Proposal Name:

Liberty Tower Parking Lot Reconstruction Project

Organization:

Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington

Funding Reserved:

\$86,940 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

This project involves the reconstruction of the existing parking lot at Liberty Tower Highrise for the Elderly.

County:

WASHINGTON

Proposal Name:

Reentry Housing & Self-Sufficiency Program

Organization:

Blueprints

Funding Reserved:

\$112,500 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

Blueprints is requesting \$112,500 in PHARE Funding to continue a Reentry Housing & Self-Sufficiency Program for inmates at the Washington County Correctional Facility through December 2024. Through the project, Blueprints will provide short-term rental/utility payment assistance to reentrants and help them achieve self-sufficiency related goals upon release in order to maintain their housing.

County:

WASHINGTON

Proposal Name:

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Route 837 Lot WP001 Monongahela, PA

Organization:

Mindful Building Concepts, LLC

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

When completed, this project will create housing opportunities for 75 families through both apartment style living options and single family dwellings. These opportunities will provide families in need the access that they currently do not have to home ownership to build equity or apartment options for those working toward ownership.

County:

WASHINGTON

Proposal Name:

WCHA Crumrine Tower Emergency Generator Replacement & Asbestos Flooring Removal Project

Organization:

Washington County Housing Authority via RACW

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Crumrine Tower Emergency Generator Replacement & Asbestos Flooring Removal Project will provide reliable emergency power for the tenants' elevators, HVAC heating and cooling, and essential electrical power for their oxygen machines during any power losses. All asbestos contaminated floor tiles will be removed and replaced with carpeting and asbestos free tile. Both of these items will preserve the health and safety of the elderly and physically impaired tenants of Crumrine Tower.

County:

WASHINGTON

Proposal Name:

WCHA Monongahela Manor Roofing Replacement Project

Organization:

Washington County Housing Authority via RACW

Funding Reserved:

\$250,000 PHARE/Marcellus Shale

Proposal Description:

The Monongahela Manor Roofing Replacement project will replace a twenty year old roof that has been periodically leaking into a 72 unit, 53,500 square feet, ten story high rise apartment building which houses low income and physically impaired individuals and families.

County:

WESTMORELAND

Proposal Name:

Homeless Prevention Assistance Program

Organization:

Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

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\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Westmorland Community Action's Homeless Prevention Assistant Program provides necessary supports to Westmoreland County residents in order to prevent homelessness. These supports are accompanied by case management in order to ensure the assistance will make a lasting impact on the individual or family and provide the tools necessary to help the individual or family reach self-sufficiency.

County:

WESTMORELAND

Proposal Name:

Housing Counseling Money Management Center

Organization:

Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$40,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Westmorland Community Actions Housing Counseling Money Management Center will provide various types of housing counseling, including pre and post purchase financial education, foreclosure prevention, and other forms of direct client counseling to assist homeowners and renters. These supports are accompanied by case management in order to ensure the assistance will make a lasting impact and provide the tools necessary to help the individual or family reach self-sufficiency.

County:

WESTMORELAND

Proposal Name:

Monessen Linden Project

Organization:

Serenity Farms, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Our project is running in conjunction with the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authorities blight removal project in Monessen, PA. The WCRA is slated to demolish over 250 blighted properties over the next few year period. Our efforts are undertaken to ensure that we create sustainable, affordable housing options for Seniors, Minorities, Persons with disabilities and the mentally disabled. We will be renting 1 and 2 bedroom units.

County:

WESTMORELAND

Proposal Name:

Supporting the Homeless Diversion and Intervention Programs

Organization:

Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

Union Mission will use PHARE funds toward our Homeless Diversion and Intervention programs, which divert households away from homelessness, and in cases where this is not possible, provides the crisis housing necessary to assist vulnerable populations while engaging them in their resolution of housing barriers as a part of their goal to achieve safe, stable housing.

County:

WESTMORELAND

Proposal Name:

Transitional Age Living Homes

Organization:

Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$150,430 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The main goal of the Transitional Age Living Homes Housing Program is to prevent homelessness and support youth and young adults as they prepare for independence to six transition-age youth (ages 18-24) who are homeless or at-risk for homelessness. All enrolled youth will receive supportive services from a Peer Support Specialist and Youth Housing Coach including assessing educational needs, job skills, financial stability, and transportation needs.

County:

WESTMORELAND

Proposal Name:

Westmoreland County Homeownership Program

Organization:

Redevelopment Authority of the County of Westmoreland

Funding Reserved:

\$257,500 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Westmoreland County Homeownership Program will dedicate monies to rehabilitate and modify single-family homes for low-income families in Westmoreland County especially for veterans, persons with disabilities, and first-time home buyers all in an effort to promote homeownership and support integrated housing opportunities for vulnerable populations.

County:

WYOMING

Proposal Name:

Wyoming County Renovation Assistance

Organization:

Trehab

Funding Reserved:

\$140,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Trehab, submitting on behalf of Wyoming County, is requesting \$140,000 in PHARE funds for the purpose of mitigating the effects of the Marcellus Shale housing shortage on low-mid income residents. Funds will be used to provide money for housing renovation grants to eligible home buyers and homeowners, allowing low-

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to-mid income residents to procure or retain safe and stable housing while capitalizing on existing housing stock in disrepair.

County:

YORK

Proposal Name:

Coordinated Street Outreach - F&N

Organization:

Friends & Neighbors of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Street outreach services to unsheltered neighbors to prevent recurring episodes of homelessness.

County:

YORK

Proposal Name:

Foreclosure Intervention for Senior Homeowners

Organization:

Community Progress Council, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$30,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Many senior homeowners (62+) face foreclosure as the result of property tax delinquency. The York Tax Claim office offers payment plans to delinquent seniors, but without financial coaching & housing counseling services, some homeowners are unable to pay the taxes, and risk losing their homes to a tax sale. With the assistance of Community Progress Council's Housing Counseling program, the seniors are able to resolve the tax delinquency and develop a sustainable budget to pay future taxes.

County:

YORK

Proposal Name:

Princess Street Apartments

Organization:

Mission First Housing Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$400,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Mission First Housing Group (Mission First), through its development arm, Mission First Housing Development Corporation (MFHDC), is submitting this application to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency's (PHFA) PHARE program for funding for moderate renovations for Princess Street Apartments in West York, PA. PHARE funds will be further leveraged by sponsor equity and York County HOME/CDBG funds. Princess Street Apartments is an existing affordable housing development consisting of 28 units.

County:

YORK

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Proposal Name:

Project Rehabilitation and Acquisition

Organization:

York Area Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$225,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Affordable Housing Advocates seeks to acquire and rehabilitate rental housing specific for households with the Housing Choice Voucher.

County:

YORK

Proposal Name:

Renter and Financial Literacy Education

Organization:

Community Progress Council, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$60,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

CPC will provide up to 18 renter workshops and up to 12 financial literacy workshops. The workshops are offered in English & Spanish. The renter workshop covers important information to include: searching and securing safe, affordable, housing, Fair Housing, understanding a lease, working with a landlord, & avoiding eviction. The financial literacy workshops cover goal setting, budgets, savings, credit building and banking. Counselors require national certifications & extensive training.

County:

YORK

Proposal Name:

Wise Home- Female Veteran Housing and Supportive Services

Organization:

Emanuel Community Development Corporation

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Need for Veteran Housing and Supportive Services Problems facing our veterans are insurmountable. Veterans are a vulnerable population due to high incidence of drug addiction, lack of affordable housing, social isolation, and the problem of accessing and navigating services to solve their problems. These problems mirror the same for veterans in York. There is a total of 32,011 veterans in York County with 5% (1828) residing in York City and 15% live below the poverty line.

County:

YORK

Proposal Name:

York City Low-income Housing Initiative

Organization:

Y Community Development Corp

Funding Reserved:

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\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Downtown York City Low-Income Housing Initiative will renovate 28 low-income housing units as part of the Y Community Development Corps community-wide efforts to revitalize and stabilize the downtown neighborhoods of York City, empowering individuals and families from low-income and historically marginalized backgrounds to live rich and fulfilling lives in safe and high-quality spaces.

County:

YORK

Proposal Name:

York County Rapid Re-Housing for Young Adults

Organization:

Valley Youth House Committee

Funding Reserved:

\$75,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Funding will support transition-age youth (ages 18-24) in gaining skills, knowledge, and connections to maintain their own housing after exiting the Rapid Re-Housing program. This proposal will underwrite 0.8 FTE of a Housing Stability Coach, who provides case management, housing education, and education/employment support. Funding will also support two educational youth groups, a Wednesday Lunch Program to provide homeless outreach, and a flex fund to address client barriers to stable housing.

County:

YORK

Proposal Name:

York Habitat for Humanity-Red Lion Project

Organization:

York Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

New construction of a duplex for homeownership in Red Lion.

County:

YORK

Proposal Name:

YWCA York Emergency Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence Enhancements

Organization:

The Young Womens Christian Association of York, Pennsylvania

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

YWCA York seeks to improve the safety of ACCESS York Emergency Shelter by replacing the wooden privacy fences that are in poor condition at several of our victim service locations. This includes ACCESS York Emergency Shelter, one of our transitional housing apartment buildings, and the Complex Trauma

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Transitional Housing building. In addition, we seek to replace the wooden decking at ACCESS York and the transitional housing apartment building.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

"Opportunity Knocks" (Down Payment Assistance Grant Program 2022)

Organization:

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Berks, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

NHSGB will be offering a forgivable grant program (Opportunity Knocks) up to \$5,500 to eligible low-income families at 50% or lower of the AMI as assigned by HUD. Eligible properties are single family, owner occupied, and principal residence located anywhere in the Commonwealth of PA. The grant can be used to cover closing costs and down payment assistance for conventional loans. Financing terms will be forgiven after 5 years. If prior to 5 years, repayment will be based on a per year basis.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Bond V

Organization:

Housing Development Corporation MidAtlantic

Funding Reserved:

\$1,000,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Bond V will renovate 148 existing affordable units in 3 properties in Luzerne, Dauphin, and Montgomery Co. Major physical systems will be repaired and replaced as necessary, including new roofs on all properties, new windows, energy efficient lighting and water-saving fixtures, kitchen appliance replacement, common area and unit flooring replacement, accessible unit upgrades to meet current ADA regulations, new HVAC systems, and painting and new flooring.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Building Resident-Owned Communities (ROCs) for Long-Term Affordability of PA Manufactured Housing Communities (MHCs)

Organization:

ROC USA LLC

Funding Reserved:

\$68,400 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Resident-Owned Communities (ROC) USA requests a PHARE grant to provide direct housing services in the eight counties above by training resident owners of manufactured homes to acquire and to manage the land beneath their homes as cooperatives (ROCs). When the land is owned by a third-party investor, homeowners

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risk closure, under-investment and rent/profit gouging of the manufactured housing community (MHC) in which their homes are located. As a ROC, low-income homeowners have control.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Comprehensive Financial Counseling Initiative

Organization:

Northwest Counseling Service, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$50,500 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The overall goal of this project is to encourage financial stabilization and aid in the creation, preservation, and maintenance of affordable housing opportunities, by applying strategies that: reduce the incidence of rental and mortgage delinquency; and encourage responsible home ownership,

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Comprehensive Housing Counseling

Organization:

Advantage Credit Counseling Service, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$145,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Advantage Credit Counseling Service provides free, comprehensive housing counseling services to any Pennsylvania resident that needs or requests it. For all clients served, it includes the development of a realistic spending and savings plan and an action plan outlining steps to meeting financial goals. It also includes helping individuals overcome barriers to homeownership, helping homeowners avoid a mortgage foreclosure and helping seniors determine if a reverse mortgage is a good option.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Democratizing Housing and Supporting Equitable Development

Organization:

Commonwealth Housing Legal Services

Funding Reserved:

\$300,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Democratizing Housing and Supporting Equitable Development Program is a multi-pronged strategy designed to increase the diversity of the affordable housing community and redress historical inequities in the affordable housing system.

County:

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Regional

Proposal Name:

Domestic Violence Housing First: Statewide Landlord Engagement Project

Organization:

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

PCADV requests \$3,465,000 to serve approximately 3,000 households [avg. \$1100 per HH] throughout the Commonwealth via funding and services to support access to stable housing, particularly in rural areas and for marginalized survivors, with specific focus on landlord engagement statewide. This funding will leverage Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and braid with other funding streams to provide flexible landlord incentives and supports to help survivors obtain and maintain safe and secure housing.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Eastern PA CoC Landlord Engagement

Organization:

United Way of Pennsylvania

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The proposed project is twofold, comprised of a flexible landlord incentive fund and capacity building activities with 160 anticipated households served and tangible work products, as outcomes, respectively. Since the mission of the CoC is to prevent and end homelessness within its 33-county region, all households benefiting from the proposed project will be experiencing either literal homelessness or near homelessness (losing their primary nighttime residence within 21 days).

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Establishment of a Homeless Action Board in Partnership with the Western PA Continuum of Care

Organization:

Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$45,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Union Mission is partnering with the Western PA Continuum of Care to establish a Homeless Action Board (HAB). Ending homelessness is only possible when the voices of people with lived experience are utilizing their expertise to change systems. Comprised of individuals who have previously experienced homelessness, housing instability or other systems involvement, the HAB will work to help make homelessness rare, brief & non-recurring by collaborating with CoC to guide planning & policy decisions.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

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Financial Literacy Education to Expand Housing Options

Organization:

Credit Counseling Center

Funding Reserved:

\$40,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Credit Counseling Center will expand our financial literacy education webinar series. After the workshops we provide one on one counseling sessions. Financial literacy can affect individuals knowledge and potentially the choices they make, which can impact their financial health. As a result, it is a critical factor in homeownership. Obtaining financial literacy education is one of the most important things an individual can do to ensure prolonged financial stability.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Home Helps Program

Organization:

Servants, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Servants, Inc's Home Helps Program completes critical home maintenance and repairs for senior homeowners living with low incomes in York, Lancaster, and Adams Counties. By providing home repairs and necessary modifications to improve safety, health, and independence, Servants preserves the homeowner's investment in their property and keeps them in their home for as long as possible. For seniors and other low-income households, "home preservation" is the best and most affordable housing option.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Homeward Bound

Organization:

Mental Health Partnerships

Funding Reserved:

\$350,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Mental Health Partnerships is seeking a generous grant from PHARE to purchase a new site for our Homeward Bound Community Residential Rehabilitation Program (CRR). Homeward Bound provides short-term residential support to adults with behavioral health challenges and co-occurring conditions. With this new site, there will be up to four more spots for people in need, with an emphasis on the LGBTQ+ community.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Housing Counseling Program

Organization:

Genesis Housing Corporation

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Funding Reserved:

\$60,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The 2022 PHARE funds would be used to continue to support our housing counseling staff to better serve our clients and community. The funds would be used to maintain the assistant housing counseling position. The funds will also be used to improve our technology to better serve clients by upgrading older computers, redesigning our website, improving cyber security and expanding options for classes.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Housing Stabilization for Seniors

Organization:

Scranton Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$500,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania (NeighborWorks) proposes an expansion of services, Housing Stabilization for Seniors, to be part of the Aging in Place program. This expansion will address the ongoing critical need to support low-income seniors in northeastern Pennsylvania in their desire to age in place. Specifically, the project will provide resources to enable older adults in Lackawanna, Luzerne and Wayne Counties to repair or replace aging, deteriorating roofs and/or furnaces.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Innovative Legal Advocacy For Families

Organization:

Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$800,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) proposes to continue to strengthen and solidify legal advocacy throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, funded by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), through programming that provides eviction prevention, housing discrimination/Fair Housing litigation, utility advocacy, and home preservation through tangled title assistance and legal education.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Liberty Resources, Housing Counseling Expansion (Delaware, Montgomery, and Chester Counties)

Organization:

Liberty Resources, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$147,204 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

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Proposal Description:

LRI is seeking PHARE funding to better serve the unmet needs of PWD and seniors residing throughout this new service area with a focus on preserving existing accessible housing in part by leveraging housing counseling services as we already do in Philadelphia today. If awarded, we will leverage PHARE funds to recruit and hire two additional housing counselors to expand these invaluable services to people with disabilities, including seniors living in Delaware, Montgomery, and Chester Counties.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

NeighborWorks Financial Resiliency Initiative

Organization:

Scranton Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania will use PHARE funds to build Financial Resiliency within Hispanic, Black/African American, persons with Intellectual Disabilities, and over the age of 60 communities through targeted efforts in Scranton, Hazleton, and Stroudsburg. PHARE funds will advance NWNPA's efforts to provide our financial coaching, homeownership promotion and retention services within these communities through targeted marketing to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

PA ECHO: Phase 4 Expansion

Organization:

Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$210,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The proposed project will fund the construction of two (2) ECHO units. ECHO stands for Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity. These are small, temporary residences that are placed in the side or rear yard of an older adult's friend or family member. The unit is relocated when it is no longer needed by the older adult.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Pocono Housing Stability Initiative

Organization:

Pocono Mountains United Way

Funding Reserved:

\$200,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Through rental assistance and case management services, the Pocono Rental Assistance Program will help prevent homelessness in the Pocono Regional Homeless Advisory Board (RHAB) area. Eviction Mediation and Housing Locator services are strategies specifically intended to maximize the impact of the limited rental

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assistance dollars. In addition, PHARE funding will help to support the Coordinated Entry Walk-In Site at Street 2 Feet; the only access site within the Pocono RHAB.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program at Misericordia University

Organization:

Misericordia University

Funding Reserved:

\$160,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

WWC is a holistic, two-generation model program at the university that provides comprehensive family programming, support, and life skills while mother's attend school full-time to achieve their college degree, go on to professional employment, and break the cycle of inter-generational poverty. Support of this program's housing component would provide the year-long housing that is vital for this program to exist and sustain itself for up to 16 families. (16 mothers, up to 34 children.)

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

SUN Habitat for Humanity Creating Affordable Housing in Sunbury

Organization:

Snyder-Union-Northumberland Habitat for Humanity

Funding Reserved:

\$100,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

SUN Habitat for Humanity is helping to make home ownership a reality for families in Sunbury. We are working on the first of three properties with the second due to begin in spring 2023. Applications for low-moderate incomes families seeking to become partner families with SUN Habitat. will be available approximately two months prior to the start of the project. When complete, partner families will own their homes with an affordable, zero-interest mortgage.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Supportive Services for Legacy Properties

Organization:

Housing Development Corporation MidAtlantic

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Six properties in HDC MidAtlantic's portfolio have no capitalized reserve for Resident Services. We are seeking \$50,000 in PHARE funds to leverage \$38,500 we raised through fundraising to provide comprehensive Resident Services to the 241 units in these properties. PHARE funds will allow us to increase residents' leadership capacity, build financial capability, forestall eviction, and help residents access medical care and benefits.

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County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

The Beatrice House (Phase 2)

Organization:

Sober Women Assistance Program, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$175,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

To provide safe, clean, and educational environment for those women and men returning to society from short and long term prison stay.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Tri-County Homebuyer Counseling Program

Organization:

Tri-County HDC, Ltd.

Funding Reserved:

\$50,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Tri-County Homebuyer Counseling Program will provide guidance and advice to help families and individuals improve their housing conditions and meet the responsibilities of homeownership. The goal of this Program is to help clients understand where they stand and what steps they need to take in order to save an adequate down payment, qualify for an affordable mortgage, and successfully manage the month to month costs of homeownership

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

Urgent Homelessness Prevention for VFI Personal Care Attendants

Organization:

Voices for Independence

Funding Reserved:

\$175,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

If received, VFI will use the funds to assist personal care attendants stay in their homes by assisting in emergency situations such as behind on rent with letters of eviction notices. If someone is behind on utility payments with imminent shut offs, VFI will assist when proper documentation is received. If their vehicle needs repaired and they do not have easy access to public transportation, support will be given so they can get to work to assist their consumer with disabilities.

County:

Regional

Proposal Name:

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Wheelchair Accessible Ramps for LifePath Residential Programs

Organization:

LifePath Foundation

Funding Reserved:

\$88,200 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The LifePath Foundation requests \$88,200 in funding for five (5) custom ADA complaint wheelchair accessible ramps, for five LifePath Residential Programs which are located in Bucks, Delaware and Northampton Counties, PA. Three of the requested ramps will be used to replace existing ramps that are structurally old, worn and at risk of failing. The two remaining ramps will be new to their property as the residents who live in the homes are aging and experiencing changing mobility issues.

County:

STATEWIDE

Proposal Name:

ACTION-Housing Preservation Funding

Organization:

ACTION-Housing, Inc.

Funding Reserved:

\$125,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

ACTION-Housing is applying for \$125,000 in PHARE RTT funding to support our development work preserving affordable housing in the Pittsburgh market. As the largest non-profit affordable housing developer based in Pittsburgh, we are a natural organization to take on the complicated challenges of preservation, both of projects with expiring deed restrictions and of natural occurring affordable housing.

County:

STATEWIDE

Proposal Name:

Preservation Working Group

Organization:

Neighborhood Allies Inc

Funding Reserved:

\$125,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

The Preservation Working Group is a dedicated network of policymakers, community stakeholders, and responsible nonprofit & for-profit owners and developers interested in the preservation of existing privately-owned affordable housing over the long-term. To realize the full potential of the Working Group and more effectively pursue the goals, Neighborhood Allies is requesting \$125,000 over two years to support the work of the Preservation Working Group.

County:

STATEWIDE

Proposal Name:

Statewide Community Stabilization Strategies

Organization:

Commonwealth Housing Legal Services

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Funding Reserved:

\$125,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

Commonwealth Housing Legal Services (CHLS) requests a grant of \$125,000 from the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund (PHARE) to fund a multi-pronged strategy designed to increase the stabilization of the affordable housing community and redress historical inequities in the affordable housing system.

County:

STATEWIDE

Proposal Name:

Statewide Housing Preservation Initiative

Organization:

Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania

Funding Reserved:

\$125,000 PHARE/Realty Transfer Tax

Proposal Description:

A main priority for the Housing Alliance is to provide more tools for those at risk of displacement to reverse their situation. The Housing Alliances Statewide Housing Preservation Initiative proposes to work with our local and state partners to analyze data to make the case for the need for housing preservation to be a priority, make recommendations for local or statewide strategies, and build a coalition focused on housing preservation.
