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Shapiro Administration Awards \$3 Million in 2023-24 Senior Community Center Grants

Governor Shapiro secured an additional \$1 million in his first budget to provide smaller grants to SCCs that do not apply for competitive grants.







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Reading, PA – The **Pennsylvania Department of Aging** today announced 45 Senior Community Centers (SCCs) from 26 counties across the Commonwealth will receive one of the Department's 2023-24 competitive grants totaling \$2 million, ensuring older adults are supported in familiar, local places with services to stay healthy and connected to their communities.

Hundreds of other SCCs that didn't compete for the larger grants will get to divide up an additional \$1 million that **Governor Josh Shapiro** secured in his first budget for SCCs, which serve as social support lifelines in their communities. SCCs throughout Pennsylvania welcome thousands of older adults through their doors every day. The competitive grants help SCCs fund larger-scale projects such as updating and modernizing facilities, providing new health and entertainment programs, upgrading technology, and enhancing nutrition services.

The grant funding is appropriated by the General Assembly with proceeds from the Pennsylvania Lottery.

“The Department is grateful to Governor Shapiro and his ongoing commitment to supporting older adults in partnership with the General Assembly. With the additional \$1 million in non-competitive grant funding, we can reach those senior centers who may not need capital improvements but have equally important initiatives to improve access and programing for older adults,” said **Secretary of Aging Jason Kavulich**. “Our Senior Community Centers are a cornerstone in our communities and to the older adults they serve. A SCC may provide the only

interaction that an older adult has some days, and we want to make sure that our centers are welcoming, inclusive, and assets to the local area. The projects funded by both the competitive and non-competitive grants will help the recipients enhance the programs and services already in place as well as create new opportunities to welcome current visitors and attract new consumers.”

The additional \$1 million that **Governor Shapiro** secured in his first budget creates a new, permanent non-competitive track to the grant program. Since the competitive grants normally fund larger scale projects, the non-competitive grants will allow smaller needs to be met and more SCCs to benefit from the funding. A total of 392 SCCs were granted a non-competitive award of \$2,551 per center.

Today’s announcement took place at the Berks Encore Reading Center in Berks County, one of this year’s competitive grant recipients. Joining Sec. Kavulich at the podium were State Sen. Judy Schwank, State Rep. Manuel Guzman and Berks County local leaders, including the Berks County Area Agency on Aging.

Both the competitive and non-competitive grants will help SCCs fund projects based on their needs and the needs expressed by the older adults who attend them. This year, a total of 437 SCCs received competitive or non-competitive grant funds.

There are 484 Area Agency on Aging-affiliated Senior Community Centers throughout Pennsylvania that provide a variety of offerings, such as nutritious meals, educational opportunities, transportation services, financial and insurance counseling, and exercise programs.

For more information on other services and programs benefiting older Pennsylvanians, [visit the Department of Aging’s website](#).

Below is the list of Senior Community Center competitive grant awardees:

County	Senior Center	Amount	Project
Allegheny	CYA - Stephen Foster Center	\$62,558	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Allegheny	Elizabeth Seton Center	\$50,000	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Allegheny	Plum Senior Community Center	\$45,800	Capital Improvements & Renovations
Allegheny	Prime Time Activity Center	\$150,000	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Allegheny	South Side Market House	\$30,000	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Bedford	Hyndman Senior Center	\$31,135	Programs & Services
Berks	Berks Encore Reading Center	\$104,759	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Berks	Casa de la Amistad Senior Center	\$14,876	Technology
Blair	Central Blair Senior Center	\$58,300	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Cambria	Johnstown Senior Center	\$52,829	Nutrition Services
Chester	Kennett Area Senior Center	\$52,000	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Chester	Phoenixville Area Senior Center	\$17,400	Programs & Services
Chester	Surrey Services for Seniors - Devon	\$15,587	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Cumberland	Mechanicsburg Place Senior Center and More	\$36,487	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Cumberland	West Shore Citizens Senior Center	\$33,048	Capital Improvement & Renovations

Dauphin	Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg – JCC of Harrisburg	\$22,100	Programs & Services
Delaware	Surrey Services for Seniors, Inc.– Broomall	\$5,076	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Delaware	Wayne Senior Center	\$50,000	Nutrition Services
Erie	John F. Kennedy Center	\$65,589	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Fayette	Bullskin Senior Center	\$74,437	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Fayette	FairChance Center in the Bank	\$34,024	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Fayette	Mountain Citizens Action Group	\$40,184	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Greene	Carmichael's Senior Community Center	\$46,480	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Huntingdon	Three Springs Senior Center	\$92,162	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Jefferson	Brockwayville Depot	\$10,000	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Lackawanna	Dunmore Senior Center	\$5,760	Programs & Services
Lancaster	Luis Munoz Marin Senior Center	\$8,264	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Lehigh	Casa Guadalupe Center	\$14,089	Programs & Services
McKean	Eldred Senior Center	\$73,922	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Mifflin	Lewistown Senior Community Center	\$35,000	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Montgomery	The Open Link	\$34,154	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Montgomery	Salem Adult Citizens Center	\$52,000	Programs & Services
Philadelphia	Center in the Park	\$132,250	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Philadelphia	KleinLife	\$16,065	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Philadelphia	Marconi Center	\$51,000	Programs & Services
Philadelphia	Northern Living Center	\$25,000	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Philadelphia	Philadelphia Senior Center on the Avenue of Arts	\$73,000	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Snyder	Beaver Springs Senior Center	\$33,359	Programs & Services
Snyder	Selinsgrove Senior Center	\$21,000	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Washington	Burgettstown Senior Center	\$17,190	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Wayne	Hamlin Senior Center	\$11,500	Capital Improvement & Renovations
Westmoreland	New Florence Center for Active Adults	\$8,022	Capital Improvement & Renovations
York	Golden Connections Community Center	\$135,026	Capital Improvement & Renovations
York	September House	\$33,704	Capital Improvement & Renovations
York	Stewartstown Area Senior Center	\$24,864	Capital Improvement & Renovations

[A complete list of the non-competitive grant recipients is available here.](#)

Note: Video and photos of the event are available at [PAcast.com](#).

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