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Latest News

Census Bureau Releases Data for 10-Year Funding and Reapportionment

Yesterday, the U.S. Census Bureau released detailed 2020 Census results that will direct the flow for federal and state funding for the next decade. States will also use the data to redraw congressional and state legislative district boundaries. The statistics, which provide a snapshot of where people were living as of April 1, 2020, are reflective of pre-pandemic conditions and show the cities having grown from 2010 which will drive significant funding there for the next decade. Unfortunately, as more and more people have left urban centers for more suburban and rural settings in the past post-pandemic 14 months, the demands on township infrastructure will not benefit from state or federal population driven funding. Stay tuned for a more detailed breakdown of pre-pandemic population trends relative to townships in next week's morning news.

Overall, the 2020 Census recorded 331 million people in the U.S., a 7.4% increase over the 2010 data. However, Pennsylvania's population only grew at a 2.1% since 2010 and now stands slightly over 13 million. As a result, Pennsylvania will lose one congressional seat, going from 18 to 17. To learn more about the 2020 Census and yesterday's data release, [click here](#).

Rural Health Care Funds Available

The Biden-Harris Administration has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making up to \$500 million available in grants to help rural health care facilities, tribes, and communities expand access to COVID-19 vaccines, health care services, and nutrition assistance.

Applicants may apply for two types of assistance: [Recovery Grants](#) and [Impact Grants](#).

Recovery Grants may be used to increase COVID-19 vaccine distribution and telehealth capabilities; purchase medical supplies; replace revenue lost during the pandemic; build and rehabilitate temporary or permanent structures for health care services; support staffing needs for vaccine administration and testing; and support facility and operations expenses associated with food banks and food distribution facilities. Recovery Grant applications will be accepted on a continual basis until funds are expended.

Impact Grants are available to help regional partnerships, public bodies, nonprofits, and tribes solve regional rural health care problems and build a stronger, more sustainable rural health care system in response to the pandemic.

Impact Grant applications must be submitted to your local USDA Rural Development State Office by 4 p.m. local time on October 12. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Today in History...

Shortly after midnight on August 13, 1961, East German soldiers begin laying down barbed wire and bricks as a barrier between Soviet-controlled East Berlin and the democratic western section of the city. This division between communism and democracy, and what became the Berlin Wall, stood until 1989.

Be sure to join us in Hershey for PSATS' 2021 Business Meeting, which takes place in just nine weeks! [Click here](#) to learn more! Registration is open!

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PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

Emergency Management Fall Exercise Forum

This full-day class is designed for everyone responsible for your municipality's emergency management program, including elected officials, municipal managers, road crew/public works personnel, and, most importantly, local emergency management coordinators (EMCs).



[10/28/21 – PSATS \(Cumberland Co.\)](#)

[11/4/21 – West \(Washington Co.\)](#)

[11/9/21 – East \(Montgomery Co.\)](#)

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