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Latest News

DCNR Accepting Applications for Grants to Fight Wildfires

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is accepting [applications](#) to help Pennsylvania's rural communities increase protection from wildfires. Funded through federal grants, this money helps fire companies in rural areas or communities with fewer than 10,000 residents with training and equipment purchases directly related to fighting forest and brush fires. Recipients are selected based on vulnerability and adequacy of existing fire protection. **Grant applications must be submitted electronically and are due May 11.**

Priority is placed on projects that include wildfire suppression equipment and protective clothing. Grants may also be used for purchasing mobile or portable radios, installing dry hydrants, wildfire prevention and mitigation work, training wildfire fighters, or converting and maintaining federal excess vehicles. Grants are on a cost-share basis and cannot exceed 50% of actual expenditures. The maximum grant is \$12,500. [Click here](#) for more information.

Reminder: AARP Community Challenge Grant Applications Due 3/15

The [AARP Community Challenge](#) provides grants to fund projects aimed at helping create livable communities for people of all ages. Townships are eligible to apply for funds across three grant categories and may apply for more than one opportunity:

- Flagship Grants fund projects that benefit residents, including improving open spaces, transportation and mobility improvements, high-speed internet expansion, and investments in disaster management, preparedness, and mitigation.
- Capacity-Building Microgrants fund projects that enhance neighborhood walkability and create community gardens.

- Demonstration Grants fund projects that demonstrate and encourage replication in areas of transportation and housing.

Applications must be submitted online by **March 15, 2023**. For more information, including a Q&A webinar, frequently asked questions, and application form, please visit the [AARP Grant webpage](#).

Legislation & Policy



The state Senate returns to voting session today while the state House of Representatives is now scheduled to meet in non-voting session. [Click here](#) to view the proceedings.

Learn

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

[Seeking Safety For Your Online Accounts - 3/1/23](#)

In this webinar, Tamara Kemmler of PLGIT will review the scope of cybercrime, as well as tools and security features you can implement to help mitigate some of these risks for your local government.



[Dealing With Difficult People - 3/2/23](#)

This webinar will highlight those things that may cause anger and discontentment in those whom you interact with on a daily basis and provide methods that you can use to defuse situations and achieve positive results.



Walk The Line...Tips For Leading Teams - 3/3/23

This presentation is geared toward workplace leaders, (particularly new ones), and will provide an overview of effective management practices and how best to toe the line as a manager or supervisor in the municipal workplace, avoid the gray area, and lead a successful team.

You Can't Say That! - From Hiring To Firing And Everything In Between - 3/14/23

These days what you say can get you in trouble. Using best practices, the Eckert Seamans team will explain what municipal employers can (and cannot) say in the workplace and which conversations can and will get employers in legal trouble.

Tracking Township Performance With Data - 3/15/23

In this webinar, we will discuss best practices for obtaining and analyzing data, identify reasonable KPIs that coincide with the level of detail available to your township, and additional tools that will assist you in developing other KPIs.



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