



## LABOR-HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL 2010

Through the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations Act, Congress allocates funding for the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, and related agencies each year. In developing this legislation, Senators and Representatives are afforded the opportunity to seek funding for key labor training programs, health initiatives and technology, and education curricula and resources.

The projects for the Department of Labor have a positive impact on Pennsylvanians seeking employment. Through job training and workforce development, citizens across the state will have the opportunity to develop skills necessary to filling industry-specific jobs. These labor programs will help to prepare the Pennsylvania workforce.

The projects listed for Health and Human Services seek to bolster health care delivery while improving patient safety and treatment across the state. Many of these projects are focused on the renovation of equipment and upgrading of technologies in hospitals. The goal of this is to reduce medical errors and serve patients as accurately and efficiently as possible. The well-being of Pennsylvanians is my top priority.

Finally, the project listed for the Department of Education span a wide variety of academic and training needs. Generally speaking, the projects aim to give Pennsylvania students high quality of education and prepare them for their future careers. Investment in education is one of the best ways to inspire new ideas and innovation.

It is important to note that each of these projects has been subjected to considerable scrutiny. All potential recipients are required to complete a detail project questionnaire, and each of these questionnaires has been thoroughly reviewed by my staff in both Washington and Pennsylvania. In many instances my regional field representatives have visited the projects and applicants have met with my staff in Washington for further evaluation.

During this period of economic difficulties, I am mindful that American taxpayers expect that their elected representatives will avoid actions that will lead to waste, fraud, and abuse. I take this obligation seriously. In evaluating these projects, I focused on the job creation potential associated with each initiative as well the

project's potential to improve the quality of life in Pennsylvania communities. I am also committed to working with my colleagues in the Pennsylvania delegation and on the Senate Appropriations Committee to make sure that only meritorious projects that are in the best interests of taxpayers are funded through this process.

In the interest of transparency and accountability, I am posting these projects below for your review. As the appropriations process for fiscal 2010 moves forward, I plan on posting more information on the status of these and other projects in Pennsylvania.

The projects for which I am requesting congressionally-directed funding in this appropriations bill are as follows:

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Barnes-Kasson County Hospital  
**Location:** Susquehanna County, PA  
**Amount:** \$400,000  
**Project Name:** Obstetrical Care and Women/Prenatal Healthcare Education Program

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to maintain obstetrical care and create a prenatal health program for women. Since 1997, more than 36 OB units have closed across the Commonwealth. This has created a crisis of maternity care in Pennsylvania, especially in our state's rural areas where women must travel long distances for care. By funding this program, Pennsylvania families and infants will be provided the best possible start in life.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** City of Pittsburgh  
**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Amount:** \$1, 500,000  
**Project Name:** Pittsburgh Youth Employment Plan

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will allow the City of Pittsburgh to expand the Youth Summer Employment program through the implementation of a mentorship and internship program. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it gives urban youth skills that equip them for employment.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Community College of Allegheny County  
**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Amount:** \$300,000  
**Project Name:** Labor Management Institute and Urban Workforce Training Center

**Purpose:** The goal of this project is to provide the CCAC's Labor Management Institute with the necessary funds to promote student readiness for employment opportunities in trades. Federal funding of this project is justified because it will prepare students to join the workforce as skilled, credentialed workers.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Harrisburg Area Community College  
**Location:** Harrisburg, PA  
**Amount:** \$400,000  
**Project Name:** Midtown Campus Expansion

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used for HACC-Midtown to expand and update job training programs. HACC has already proven to be the leader in Pennsylvania for workforce development programs to meet the needs of industry, and to provide affordable and accessible educational programs to residents. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it provides sustainable jobs skills in engineering, electrical, and industrial technology occupations.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** The Hispanic Center, Inc.  
**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Amount:** \$84,516  
**Project Name:** Workforce Solutions (WFS) Project

**Purpose:** The purpose of this project is to strengthen the Latino/a workforce in southwestern Pennsylvania. This will be accomplished through training sessions to bilingual individuals in Spanish and English focusing on finance and bilingual customer service training. Allocation of federal funding for this initiative is justified because it will better equip the minority workforce in the Pittsburgh region.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Mount Aloysius College  
**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Project Name:** Federal Project and Contract Management Training Program

**Purpose:** The goal of this project is to develop a Federal Project and Contract Management Training Program. This Workforce Development program will provide federal project and contract management training that is critical to the regions steady growth in the acquisition of defense and other government contracts.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** PathWays PA  
**Location:** Delaware County, PA  
**Amount:** \$270,000  
**Project Name:** Delco Job-Ready Project

**Purpose:** The Delco Job Readiness Project will also provide assistance for those who have lost jobs through the current economic crisis. Specifically, it will provide displaced workers new skills in order to gain employment. PathWays PA will work with the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce to connect with the area employers in order to identify training and recruitment needs. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will help workers gain skills that will lead to gainful employment.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Pennsylvania Highlands Community College  
**Location:** Johnstown, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,500,000  
**Project Name:** Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Workforce Development

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to renovate space at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College for a Workforce Education Complex (WEC). This complex will be used to provide workforce education and specialized training to allow individuals to upgrade and enhance workforce skills. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it promotes workforce development in a region that has suffered economically for more than three decades.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Philadelphia Shipyard Development Corporation  
**Location:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Amount:** \$600,000  
**Project Name:** PSDC Small Business Supplier Training

**Purpose:** If awarded, funds will be used to create a more competitive small business Shipbuilding supplier network to reclaim the jobs that are otherwise going to offshore companies. The program will consist of classroom training and on the job training. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will save up to fifty jobs and creating fifty new jobs.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** United Way of Pennsylvania  
**Location:** Harrisburg, PA  
**Amount:** \$3,000,000  
**Project Name:** Pennsylvania 2-1-1

**Purpose:** PA 2-1-1 will provide easy to recall, efficient, and professional access to health and human service information and volunteer opportunities for Pennsylvania citizens. This service eliminates redundancy and current service inefficiencies, serving all programs and members of the community with one single, coordinated access point. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it will create jobs and be a valuable partner in emergency management situations.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Aadvantage Foundation, Inc.  
**Location:** Washington County, PA  
**Amount:** \$200,000  
**Project Name:** The Arc of Washington County

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used for the continued development of a membership and advocacy agency to enhance the health and well-being of individuals with disabilities in and around Washington County. Services provided will include but not be limited to community education and awareness, training, peer and family support, advocacy, community socialization, and parent/guardian resources. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will help disabled individuals gain employment.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Allied Services Foundation  
**Location:** Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, PA  
**Amount:** \$250,000  
**Project Name:** "Handle with Care" Patient Safety Initiative

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to purchase safe patient handling equipment and supplies for Allied's rehabilitation hospitals in Scranton and Wilkes-Barre and Skilled Nursing Center in Scranton. These assistive devices permit a nurse or aide to reposition or transfer even severely disabled or frail patients from bed to wheelchair, from wheelchair to shower, etc., in a safe and secure manner, with no manual lifting, which minimizes the risk of injury and discomfort to patients and caregivers. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it better protects patients and care givers.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Altoona Regional Health System  
**Location:** Altoona, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,220,000  
**Project Name:** Digital Mammography Equipment

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to purchase equipment in preparation of developing a breast imaging center in Altoona. Digital mammography is the strongest new ally in the fight against breast cancer. The digital images are clearer than plain film images, appear in seconds, and provide faster results that result in a better diagnosis. Early detection of breast cancer is critical. If detected before it spreads, early treatment assures a 96% survival rate five years later. Federal funding for this project is justified because Digital mammography is a necessary tool that leads to earlier detection and treatment.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** The Bloomsburg Hospital  
**Location:** Bloomsburg, Columbia County, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** Healthcare Access Initiative for Columbia County

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to increase availability and access to healthcare for residents of Columbia County. The development of an off-site hospital branch will also support economic development with the creation and sustaining of jobs within the county.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Bucknell University  
**Location:** Union and Montour Counties, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** Geisinger Health System Joint Research, Teaching, and Development Program

**Purpose:** Bucknell University & the Geisinger Health System are seeking funding to provide new laboratory instrumentation in biology, chemistry, geology, physics and engineering and to support collaborative research activities between the University and the Geisinger Health System in medical robotics, medical device development, cancer research and the development of new treatment technologies and medications.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Butler Health System  
**Location:** Butler Township, Butler County, PA  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Project Name:** New Equipment Purchase

**Purpose:** The purpose of this project is to purchase and implement a new PACs data archive storage and new PACS equipment for Butler Health's three imaging centers and an angiography suite for diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular-related diseases and ailments. This will improve cardiovascular patient care.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Center for Foodborne Illness Research & Prevention  
**Location:** Grove City, PA  
**Amount:** \$250,000  
**Project Name:** Foodborne Illness Registry – Concept Development

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to engage federal/state governmental agencies; NGOs; researchers and medical providers, through a collaborative Working Group, to evaluate models for examining the sources, trends and long-term health impacts of foodborne illness, as well as evaluating preventive strategies. A final report will summarize the findings.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** The Chester County Hospital

**Location:** Chester County, PA

**Amount:** \$2,400,000

**Project Name:** New Inpatient Building

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to build and equip a new state-of-the-art inpatient building at the Chester County Hospital in West Chester. This project will increase access to care for residents of one of the fastest growing counties in Pennsylvania; increase the number of hospital beds available; and replace an outmoded, aging facility

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** The Children's Home of Pittsburgh and Lemieux Family Center

**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Amount:** \$1,000,000

**Project Name:** Electronic Medical Records Implementation Project

**Purpose:** Electronic medical records are expected to improve health care quality, lessen medical errors and reduce health care costs. Chronically-ill pediatric patients at The Children's Home of Pittsburgh will benefit in the long term from electronic medical records and will serve as a national model for small hospitals.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Children's Hospital of KidsPeace

**Location:** Lehigh County, PA

**Amount:** \$500,000

**Project Name:** Children's Hospital of KidsPeace Therapeutic Treatment Program Modules

**Purpose:** Funding will be used for construction and equipment at the Children's Hospital of KidsPeace. The proposed renovation will allow KidsPeace to enclose one of four open second-floor balconies to be used as a secure group therapy room in which to provide individual, group and family therapy to children and their families. As children with high acuity levels are unable to utilize an open balcony, the enclosure will allow them to use the space while receiving critical treatment. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it will allow for enhanced therapeutic programming, a crucial aspect of mental health treatment of children.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Amount:** \$ 2,500,000

**Project Name:** Expanded Neurosurgery Center

**Purpose:** If awarded, the requested funding will be used to purchase a new CT scan for its neurological center. Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh provides more than \$31 million of free care each year to local families who are unable to pay for the costs of their children's health care. In 2008, Children's served a 13,476 in-patient children and 61,173 emergency patients. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will assist doctor's performing surgery and help save lives.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh  
**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** Researching the environmental triggers and susceptibilities of autism

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used for research related to enhancing the treatment of children with autism, while building regional leadership in the field of environmental health. Centers for Disease Control declared autism an urgent public health issue with one of every 150 children having autism. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will identify environmental factors that may lead to autism.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** City of Philadelphia  
**Location:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** Electronic Parental Care Registry

**Purpose:** If awarded, The Philadelphia Department of Public Health will use this funding to establish a city-wide electronic prenatal care registry, the first of its kind in the nation. It will serve as a virtual medical chart for every pregnant woman in Philadelphia and will be accessible to every provider caring for them. Through this initiative, Philadelphia will use IT to solve complex health care challenges, provide patients with the care that they deserve, and reduce the risks associated with delivery.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Clarion University  
**Location:** Clarion County, PA  
**Amount:** \$391,000  
**Project Name:** Laboratory Buildout of Incubator

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to build-out 12,000 square feet of laboratory space in the Gregory Barnes Biotechnology Business Development Center at Clarion University. This facility is to be completed in fall 2009 and will house a business incubator with KIZ/KOZ status and the Clarion Small Business Development Center.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Conemaugh Health System  
**Location:** Johnstown, PA  
**Amount:** \$350,000  
**Project Name:** Acute Care Surgery Training Program

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to develop an Acute Care Surgery training program at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center to serve a rural and traditionally underserved population. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it will fill the urgent need to train individuals in the area of acute care surgery, especially in rural regions such as western and central Pennsylvania.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Corry Memorial Hospital Association  
**Location:** Corry, Erie County, PA  
**Amount:** \$6,000,000  
**Project Name:** Replacement Critical Access Hospital

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to construct a replacement Critical Access Hospital in Corry, Pennsylvania. It will provide access to health care for the area residents. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will help to save the 260 jobs of Corry Memorial Hospital and other 80 indirectly related to the hospital, and also to provide access to quality health care to residents of our rural service area.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Commonwealth Medical College  
**Location:** Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA  
**Amount:** \$5,000,000  
**Project Name:** Center for Simulation And Clinical Skills Excellence

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding would be support ongoing development of a new medical school in the city of Scranton. Specifically, requested funding would be used to develop a regional Clinical Skills and Simulation Center to train health professionals to work in a team in a safe environment to reduce medical errors, improve quality of care and keep community based providers trained for effective disaster response.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Cumberland Perry Association for Retarded Citizens (CPARC)  
**Location:** Cumberland County, PA  
**Amount:** \$100,000  
**Project Name:** Creating Community Opportunities for Persons with Autism and Mental Retardation

**Purpose:** Funding will be used for two collaborative programs between CPARC and United Cerebral Palsy of Central PA in Mechanicsburg and Carlisle, Pennsylvania – Hanover Street Neighbors and Mechanicsburg Neighbors - for a Behavior Consultant, one full time and an additional part time staff person(s), who would create volunteer and/or employment opportunities in the community for people with the dual diagnosis of autism and mental retardation. Instructor(s) would develop programs and subsequently teach participants through behavior techniques how to relate/interact with others in these community and/or work settings.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Elk Regional Health Center  
**Location:** Elk County, PA  
**Amount:** \$100,000  
**Project Name:** ERHC Fetal Monitoring Project

**Purpose:** The purpose of this project is s to purchase a new fetal monitoring system for the Family Unit. This will better serve the patients and their families.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Endless Mountain Health Systems  
**Location:** Susquehanna County, PA  
**Amount:** \$5,000,000  
**Project Name:** Facility Replacement

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to purchase equipment related to the operating room, emergency room, and imaging and information technology. This equipment will be placed in the replacement facility. This will improve patient care and create thirty new jobs.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Friendship House  
**Location:** Scranton, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,400,000  
**Project Name:** Northeast Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders

**Purpose:** The goal of this project is to create regional hub and pool of autism experts that will improve the adaptive, cognitive and coping skills of this of people with autism. The cost of intensive early intervention and outcome-based strategies pales in comparison to a life time of care. Of no less significance is the tremendous pool of undeveloped talent and intelligence that resides in a large minority of individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Therefore, early intervention is critical in the life of a child with autism, to provide him/her with the tools necessary to live his/her life fully and independently.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Gannon University  
**Location:** Erie, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** 21st Century Integrated Healthcare

**Purpose:** Gannon University, the largest regional resource for practitioners, students and healthcare providers proposes to work collaboratively with Hamot Medical Center to (1) Improve education for Pennsylvania's students in the discipline of health science (2) Enhance Pennsylvania's economic vitality by addressing critical labor shortages across many important healthcare occupations and (3) Enhance the health and well-being of Pennsylvanians. This joint effort entitled 21st Century Integrated Healthcare will establish a regional training resource for advanced healthcare information technology to improve health care and patient safety.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Geisinger Health System  
**Location:** Danville, PA  
**Amount:** \$750,000  
**Project Name:** Neurosurgery Operating Room Equipment

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to equip two neurosurgery operating rooms to meet the growing demand for neurosurgery services in north central and northeastern Pennsylvania and to provide state-of-the-art technology to enable rural Pennsylvanians and rural hospitals to receive neurological services currently unavailable in the region.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Grand View Hospital  
**Location:** Bucks County, PA  
**Amount:** \$705,000  
**Project Name:** Electronic Health Record Project

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to support the expanded use of Electronic Health Records throughout our community. Such use is expected to improve patient safety, enhance the efficiency of care delivery, and reduce the cost of providing healthcare services.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council (GPLC)  
**Location:** Allegheny County, PA  
**Amount:** \$400,000  
**Project Name:** General Operating Support

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to provide basic reading, writing, math, English language, computer and workforce skill instruction to men, women and families in Allegheny County. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will provide men and women skills to gain employment and participate productively in their community.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Hamot Medical Center  
**Location:** Erie, PA  
**Amount:** \$800,000  
**Project Name:** The Regional ALS (Advanced Life Support) Transportation Mechanism

**Purpose:** This project will promote a regional approach to EMS (Emergency Management System) delivery in the rural communities of McKean and Potter Counties of Pennsylvania. Currently, there is a significant lack of ALS, trained paramedics and equipment to provide timely transfer of critically ill patients from the rural communities to a tertiary care center. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will better serve the residents of McKean and Potter counties during medical emergencies.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Hanover Hospital, Inc  
**Location:** York County, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,500,000  
**Project Name:** Electronic Medical Record (EMR)

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to deploy a single electronic medical record at Hanover Hospital to provide immediate access to evidence-based medical and clinical information. This will improve efficiency, decrease medical errors, eliminate redundant testing, diminish patient wait times, and cut costs.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Heritage Health Foundation, Inc.  
**Location:** Braddock, PA  
**Amount:** \$7,000,000  
**Project Name:** 4 Kids Early Care & Education Academy & Professional Training Center

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to provide basic reading, writing, math, English language, computer and workforce skill instruction to men, women and families in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania so that they may reach their fullest potential in life and participate productively in their community.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Heritage Valley Health System  
**Location:** Brighton Township, Beaver County, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,550,000  
**Project Name:** Extending e-Prescribing to additional clinicians

**Purpose:** If awarded, the requested funding will be used to extend e-Prescribing capability to an additional 125 clinicians. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because E-Prescribing can reduce medical errors and improve health outcomes.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Holy Spirit Healthcare System  
**Location:** Camp Hill, PA  
**Amount:** \$234,000  
**Project Name:** Purchase of the 'Smart' Infusion Pump System for Holy Spirit Hospital

**Purpose:** If funding is awarded, Holy Spirit Hospital will replace infusion pumps, many up to 20 years old, with a new 'Smart' infusion pump system which features a 'Guidrails Software' program that provides computerized decision support to nurses and physicians at the patient's bedside, helping to prevent serious dosing errors. This updated technology will allow medication information to be collected and assimilated into the patient's record. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because technologies in medication administration have greatly reduced human error providing significantly greater levels of patient's safety.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Inglis Foundation  
**Location:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Amount:** \$423,793  
**Project Name:** Comprehensive Care Management services

**Purpose:** Funding will be used for the provision of comprehensive care management services for low-income seniors and adults with severe physical disabilities in Philadelphia to promote and maintain independent living; including provision and maintenance of a specialized web-based community resources database which provides immediate access to services and resources that support independent living. The requested funding will provide care management services for between 120 and 160 consumers over a one year period. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because comprehensive Care Management services can reduce the number of hospitalizations, emergency room visits and nursing home placements for this population.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Indiana Regional Medical Center (IRMC)  
**Location:** Indiana County, PA  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Project Name:** Indiana Regional Medical Center's Electronic Medical Record Initiative

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to implement an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system to allow for the flow of patient data between Indiana Regional Medical Center and local physician offices, which will increase patient safety and enhance the care process.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Jameson Memorial Hospital  
**Location:** New Castle, PA  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Project Name:** Renovation of Emergency Room

**Purpose:** To function more efficiently in meeting the expanded capacity for emergency care, Jameson's emergency room's physical facilities must be renovated for a positive patient experience with a physical environment that offers the space and out-of-the-art technology necessary to promote healing. Federal funding for this project is justified because the emergency room must be expanded to meet a growing community need due to the closing of another local hospital.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Jefferson Regional Medical Center  
**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Project Name:** Jefferson Regional Medical Center Surgical Suite Expansion Project

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used for the renovation and expansion of the Center's Surgical Suite. With the advances in surgical technique, clinical information systems and the use of digital equipment imaging, JRMC must upgrade their equipment and technology in order to be reflective of current surgical procedures and programs. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will improve patient care.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Lancaster General Hospital  
**Location:** Lancaster, PA  
**Amount:** \$200,000  
**Project Name:** Enhanced Medication Management Implementation for Lancaster General's Ambulatory EHR

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding is sought to assist and support design and programming necessary to completely implement the integration of SureScripts and RxHub (with the ongoing EHR implementation. This project will enhance the health and well being of all patients treated by Lancaster General Hospital and its partners participating in the EHR initiative through more accurate reconciliation of current medication at time of treatment.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Lehigh Valley Health Network  
**Location:** Allentown, PA  
**Amount:** \$368,477  
**Project Name:** Medical Interpreter Training

**Purpose:** Simple bilingual communication is not enough to create optimal health outcomes in non English speaking patients. This program will provide training in medical terminology and procedure as well as language proficiency. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it will positively impact the health care of our non-English speaking patients.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Lower Bucks Hospital  
**Location:** Bucks County, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** Upgrades to Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to upgrade Lower Bucks Hospital’s existing catheterization laboratory with state of the art equipment. The equipment being replaced is more than 10 years old and at the end of its useful life cycle. With an upgraded cath lab, lower Bucks County residents with severe cardiac and vascular disease will no longer need to travel far from home to undergo the latest cardiac catheterization, angioplasty, medicated stent insertion, or major cardiac bypass or reconstructive surgery. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will better serve patients of Lower Bucks Hospital; many of them lower income and pensioned residents.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Maternal and Family Health Services, Inc.  
**Location:** Scranton, PA  
**Amount:** \$100,000  
**Project Name:** Medical Social Worker/Patient Navigator for the MFHS Circle of Care Center

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to hire a medical social worker to provide intensive case management for high-risk pregnant women enrolled in the Healthy Beginnings Plus Prenatal Program and the Nurse-Family Partnership Program at the Maternal and Family Health Services’ Circle of Care health center. The social worker will work as a patient navigator with socially and/or medically high-risk pregnant women, providing ongoing assessment of educational, nutritional, psychological, and social needs; and intensive case management and follow up to ensure clients receive necessary health and human services and referrals to reduce adverse birth outcomes. Federal funding for this project is justified because it will ensure quality care for mothers and children.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Mercy Hospital  
**Location:** Scranton, PA  
**Amount:** \$150,000  
**Project Name:** Creating a “Lift-Free” Environment to Improve Safety for Patients and Healthcare Providers

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to create a “lift-free” environment at Mercy Hospital, Scranton, Pennsylvania. The project will both improve patient safety and employee safety by reducing the potential for injuries occurring during patient transfer.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Milford Health and Wellness Center  
**Location:** Pike County, PA  
**Amount:** \$520,000  
**Project Name:** The Milford Health and Wellness Center Modernization Initiative

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will go towards outpatient diagnostic center to renovate the existing facility and expand diagnostic services, providing area residents with much needed lab, X-ray, and CAT scan services. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it will improve cardiac, spinal, and head injury patient care with new technology.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Millcreek Community Hospital  
**Location:** Erie, PA  
**Amount:** \$250,000  
**Project Name:** Millcreek Community Hospital Advanced Clinical Informatics Project – Phase III

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be utilized to subsidize the implementation of advanced Nursing and Physician Documentation systems, including medication administration at the bedside and computerized physician order entry. The purpose of this project is to complete the third phase of the organization's enterprise electronic medical record implementation, with the principal benefits of a high availability solution, the improvement of patient medication safety, and enhancement of quality of care across the healthcare continuum.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Misericordia University  
**Location:** Luzerne County, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** College of Health Sciences Renovation Project

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used towards the renovation of the Frontier Communications Building into a multi-purpose community resource that will house the University's growing College of Health Sciences. This renovation project will enable Misericordia to meet its need for increased academic space necessitated by growing enrollment and services, graduate qualified health science students to address the critical shortage of health care professionals, and address the growing public need for free- or low-cost clinical services. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it will create twenty-five new jobs and train health care professionals.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Monongahela Valley Hospital  
**Location:** Washington County, PA  
**Amount:** \$200,000  
**Project Name:** Replacing Key Diagnostic Radiologic Equipment

**Purpose:** If awarded, fund will be used to replace three key pieces of outdated and inefficient diagnostic equipment. MonValley hospital serves such high proportions of publicly insured patients. New digital equipment will allow the hospital to continue providing these services to the residents of the Valley; will work more quickly and accurately; and will make the images available electronically through the hospital system's PACS system. Furthermore, those images will eventually become a part of a patient's electronic medical record.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Mount Nittany Medical Center  
**Location:** State College, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** Mount Nittany Medical Center Cancer Center

**Purpose:** This funding, if awarded, will contribute to the construction of a much-needed regional cancer center in Centre County. Mount Nittany currently serves a wide area of rural counties and this project will ensure that cancer patients in rural Pennsylvania will have a state-of-the art facility.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Moses Taylor Hospital  
**Location:** Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA  
**Amount:** \$247,000  
**Project Name:** Quality Care Through Technology

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding would support the creation of high performance Mobile Clinical Workstations to provide clinicians with access to patient information from any location.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Northeast Regional Cancer Institute  
**Location:** Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Wyoming, and Wayne Counties, PA  
**Amount:** \$800,000  
**Project Name:** Cancer Epidemiology Surveillance

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to expand cancer data collection throughout northeastern Pennsylvania, to include non-hospital based cancer treatment sites, and exploration of the potential to incorporate the collection and archiving of tissue and/or serum for selected patients. This two-year initiative will fill gaps in the current process providing a more complete picture of cancer incidence and mortality within the region, leading to a better understanding of cancer treatment outcomes.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Ohio Valley General Hospital (OVGH)  
**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Amount:** \$450,000  
**Project Name:** Nuclear Medicine Technology and Facilities Upgrade Project

**Purpose:** This project will help retain local jobs, improve the quality of care for the residents of the region and reduce costs for the hospital. An updated nuclear medicine camera and related facilities and equipment will ultimately lower overall costs as well by reducing unnecessary admissions, surgeries and other higher cost diagnostics, such as CT and MRI. OVGH currently conducts approximately 10,200 nuclear medicine scans per year.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Penn State Milton S. Hershey  
**Location:** Derry Township, Dauphin County, PA  
**Amount:** \$150,000  
**Project Name:** Promoting Patient Engagement in Health Promotion and Secondary Stroke Prevention

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to disseminate a comprehensive stroke recurrence prevention program in Hershey, Pennsylvania. This program will guide patients through their first year of recovery and supports patient adoption of best lifestyle choices. The program is supported by IT platforms that provide tracking of patient progress and collection of data to support continuous development of best practices.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Pennsylvania Association for the Blind  
**Location:** Statewide  
**Amount:** \$250,000  
**Project Name:** Specialized Services for the Blind and Vision Impaired

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to provide specialized services to persons with blindness or serious visual impairment in all 67 counties in Pennsylvania. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it will improve services for the blind and visually impaired across the state.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition  
**Location:** Lancaster County PA  
**Amount:** \$120,000  
**Project Name:** Free Treatment for Breast Cancer in Pennsylvania

**Purpose:** If awarded, Funding will be used to expand awareness of the free treatment available for breast cancer in Pennsylvania through the Breast & Cervical Cancer Prevention & Treatment Program

and to continue the work of the PA Breast Cancer Coalition's patient advocate. Federal funding for this project is justified because it will help more women receive treatment for breast cancer.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Pennsylvania Direct Care Workers Association  
**Location:** Lewisburg, PA  
**Amount:** \$100,000  
**Project Name:** Rising Up Together: Pennsylvania Direct Care Workers Association

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to develop training opportunities for direct care workers –nursing aides, home health aides and personal and home care aides. These training opportunities will be designed, developed, organized, and in some cases delivered by members of the Pennsylvania Direct Care Workers Association. Direct care occupations are projected to be among the fastest-growing occupations in Pennsylvania over the foreseeable future. While demand for direct care workers continues to rise, uncompetitive wages and low job quality exacerbate an already significant labor shortage.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** PinnacleHealth System  
**Location:** Dauphin County, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** Harrisburg Hospital Emergency Department Expansion and Renovations

**Purpose:** Funding will be used for the expansion and reconfiguration of the current Emergency Department (ED) at PinnacleHealth Harrisburg Hospital (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania) from 28 to 57 beds due to 55.7% increase in patient visits during the past 5 years. The ED expansion will increase square footage from 16,675 to 36,500 to provide sufficient capacity for the increased number of visits due to increased numbers of the uninsured, increased Medicaid population and increased numbers of psychiatric and homeless patients as a result of the closing of the Harrisburg State Psychiatric Hospital in 2005. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will increase the standard and efficiency of patient care.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Pocono Medical Center  
**Location:** Monroe County, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,400,000  
**Project Name:** Expanded Cancer Care

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to allow the Pocono Medical Center to expand its cancer care services, now in a cramped and outdated facility. The upgraded cancer center will be equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment equipment. This will better serve cancer patients in the region and create fourteen new full time positions.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** The Reading Hospital and Medical Center

**Location:** Reading, PA

**Amount:** \$100,000

**Project Name:** Simulation lab for disaster preparedness

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to construct a simulation lab for disaster preparedness training and planning. This will help medical practitioners increase their skills to better respond to emergency situations and improve patient care in the event of a disaster.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Robert Morris University

**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Amount:** \$250,000

**Project Name:** Veterans Entrepreneurial Training Project

**Purpose:** If awarded, the requested funding will be used for training, counseling and mentoring programs that benefit veterans pursuing entrepreneurship opportunities in Pittsburgh. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it assists qualified veterans and service-disabled veterans interested in starting their own businesses to accomplish their objectives of entrepreneurship. The program serves to recruit, prepare, support and develop veterans as successful business and franchise owners.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Sacred Heart Hospital of Allentown

**Location:** Allentown, PA

**Amount:** \$255,000

**Project Name:** Operating Room Equipment

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to purchase needed operating room equipment to serve the residents of center city Allentown. This hospital serves the most underserved residents of Allentown and this project will help to provide better care for patients.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Shamokin Area Community Hospital

**Location:** Northumberland County, PA

**Amount:** \$100,000

**Project Name:** Electronic Medication Administration System

**Purpose:** This project will implement an electronic medication administration system for a “closed loop” process for providing patient medications during a hospital stay. This system will incorporate an electronic medication administration record (EMAR), along with automated medication carts with bar-coding technology, utilizing the existing Hospital wireless network infrastructure. If awarded, funding

will be used to acquire an electronic medication administration system to reduce medication errors and improve patient safety.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Somerset Hospital  
**Location:** Somerset County, PA  
**Amount:** \$300,000  
**Project Name:** Telemetry and Vital Signs Monitoring Systems

**Purpose:** If awarded, these funds will go towards the purchase and implementation of advanced telemetry and vital signs monitoring systems that will integrate with other relevant patient information on a real-time patient data network. This initiative will benefit the entire community by increasing patient safety, enhancing efficiency, and reducing operational costs. Federal funding for this project is justified because updating this system will ensure that patients in a rural county benefit from the same advanced monitoring systems found in metropolitan areas.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** St. Clair Hospital  
**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** Expansion of the Operating Rooms

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to partially support the construction and outfitting of a 7,432 square foot addition to the Hospital's operating room suite. The addition will house three new operating rooms, each with the capability for minimally-invasive surgery. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it allows the hospital to address overcrowding and delays in its surgical suite, and contributes to the health of the communities it serves, as well as to the economic vitality of the region.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital  
**Location:** Schuylkill County, PA  
**Amount:** \$100,000  
**Project Name:**

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding to St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital will be used to replace 84 existing patient care beds for the Medical Surgical Unit, the Intensive Care Unit and the Skilled Nursing Unit. The new modern beds provide improved safety and quality to the patient and caregivers.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** St. Mary Medical Center  
**Location:** Langhorne, PA  
**Amount:** \$527,000  
**Project Name:** St. Mary Medical Center Connectivity and Quality Technology

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to update electronic systems for physicians and clinical quality at St. Mary Medical Center. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will allow for better coordination of care, improve outcomes, and generate cost savings.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** SUN Home Health Services, Inc  
**Location:** Northumberland County, PA  
**Amount:** \$56,000  
**Project Name:** Point of Service Clinical Documentation for Home Health and Hospice

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to purchase 70 notebook computers that can be used by our Home Health and Hospice nurses to collect and record clinical data for the electronic medical record at the point of service. The equipment will be able to connect wirelessly to the internet for mobile clinical record access and for patient education and teaching modules, as well as medical reference materials while in the patient home. Funding this specific project will help SUN Home Health and Hospice provide the best possible patient care throughout Central Pennsylvania by allowing immediate access to important medical record information at the point of service (patient home) as well as access to other provider's medical records.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Sullivan County Medical Center  
**Location:** Sullivan County, PA  
**Amount:** \$310,000  
**Project Name:** Improvements to rural health care

**Purpose:** Funding is requested for renovations to the Sullivan County Medical Center which will result in improvements to their rural healthcare and outreach. Money is needed to upgrade aging and worn systems at the SCMC facility to assist its function in rural medical care and primary care education. SCMC serves as an educational center in rural medicine for senior medical students of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. This project will improve rural medical care and better prepare practitioners to work in the field.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Susquehanna Health  
**Location:** Williamsport, Lycoming County, PA  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Project Name:** Electronic Medical Record (EMR) – Emergency Department

**Purpose:** The project will implement an electronic medical record in the Emergency Departments of the two Susquehanna Health Hospitals – The Williamsport Hospital & Medical Center (TWH&MC) and Muncy Valley Hospital (MVH).

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
**Location:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Amount:** \$2,400,000  
**Project Name:** Targeted Minimally Invasive Treatment Center

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to purchase interventional radiology equipment and retrofit facilities to house the equipment. Jefferson's interventional radiology division now seeks to launch a new effort to treat painful and often disfiguring lesions that often affect patients' activities of daily living. Federal funding for this project is justified because it is estimated that this new service will help approximately 50 patients in its first year of operation alone.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Volunteers of America  
**Location:** Luzerne County, PA  
**Amount:** \$100,000  
**Project Name:** Northeastern Regional Healing Center for Trauma Recovery

**Purpose:** This project will focus on providing direct trauma recovery mental health services to children, families and first responder personnel. The project will also focus on providing trauma recovery education for mental health and community professionals in the Northeastern Region of Pennsylvania.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Washington Hospital  
**Location:** Washington County, PA  
**Amount:** \$700,000  
**Project Name:** The Washington Hospital Health Information Technology Initiative

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will go towards the implementation of an Electronic Medical Records System. This project will enhance the hospital's current technology and add functionality to current operating systems. It will also increase patient safety by reducing medication errors and enhanced ability for physicians to share patient records. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will help to provide quicker access to care and fewer medical errors.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** The Western Pennsylvania Hospital  
**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** The Western Pennsylvania Hospital Network Modernization Project

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to purchase equipment, computer technology, and other infrastructure needed to modernize the computer network. Allocation of federal funding for this project

is justified because it will increase reliance of medical technology and clinical medical devices on the network, and have a direct positive impact on the quality of patient care.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Wills Eye Health System  
**Location:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Amount:** \$750,000  
**Project Name:** Ophthalmic Pediatric Outreach Program

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to renovate the pediatric ophthalmology and ocular genetics clinic at Wills Eye Institute, to include upgrading equipment and purchasing a vehicle to create an ophthalmic pediatric mobile diagnostic unit to be used for a community screening program that will provide access to eye care for children in Philadelphia. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it will increase access to ophthalmology.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** York Memorial Hospital  
**Location:** York, PA  
**Amount:** \$200,000  
**Project Name:** Prone Stereotactic Table for Breast Biopsy

**Purpose:** The Memorial Hospital Breast Center currently provides diagnostic mammography services to women in the York area. Early diagnosis and treatment are essential to survival of breast cancer patients. When a mammography is positive for a tumor, the patient is then biopsied for further diagnosis, surgery and treatment. Currently, that biopsy is done in a seated position on a vertical table. This is not a comfortable and effective method of performing the procedure. The stereotactic table will allow for improved customer service, quality and patient safety.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Albright College  
**Location:** Reading, PA  
**Amount:** \$262,840  
**Project Name:** Instrumentation for Three Independent Research Labs Dedicated to Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Physics

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used for scientific training in Reading, Pennsylvania, to encourage and educate more undergraduate students to choose science-related careers in the fields of health care, research, or other science-related professions. Funding will enable Albright to advance its scientific training for specialists in growing demand throughout the nation.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Allegheny College

**Location:** Meadville, PA

**Amount:** \$120,000

**Project Name:** Natural Science Partnerships with Western Pennsylvania Schools

**Purpose:** The purpose of this project is to promote watershed education, conservation, and sustainability by providing K-12 teachers in schools throughout western Pennsylvania with equipment, professional development, and college student liaisons to assist with ongoing water investigations in their classes. If awarded, Funding will be used for watershed-based science education to more than 3,000 K-12 students in Pennsylvania.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3, e-CADEMY

**Location:** Allegheny County, PA

**Amount:** \$775,000

**Project Name:** Pennsylvania's e-CADEMY Credit Recovery Program

**Purpose:** Pennsylvania's e-CADEMY Credit Recovery Program will establish a model for the online, cost-effective delivery of educational recovery to high school students state-wide. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it provides support to at-risk youth and encourages school retention and graduation.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Alvernia University

**Location:** Reading, PA

**Amount:** \$100,000

**Project Name:** Alvernia University Distance Learning Technology Initiative

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to fully implement the distance learning technology initiative. The adult learner of the 21<sup>st</sup> century requires the flexibility gained through on-line delivery, distance education or hybrids involving both classroom preparation and distance education. Programs such as this will provide Pennsylvanians the opportunity to pursue higher education.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** California University of Pennsylvania

**Location:** California, PA

**Amount:** \$450,000

**Project Name:** Center for Elementary Math and Science Education

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used for curriculum development and teacher training, including the use of technology, to enhance science and math capabilities. This will better prepare teachers to educate the next generation of Pennsylvanians.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Chestnut Hill College  
**Location:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Amount:** \$300,000  
**Project Name:** Interdisciplinary Center for Environmental Sciences & Sustainability

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be utilized for Certificate curriculum development; workshops and training programs; and for community outreach activities associated with the Interdisciplinary Center for Environmental Sciences & Sustainability. The centerpiece of this initiative will be the establishment of a primary training center for environmental consultants, government administrators, corporate managers with the responsibility of executing their firm's sustainability strategy; teachers; and workers in transition who wish to re-train and prepare for green jobs of the future as well as understand their responsibilities as citizens to care for the earth.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Children's Home of Easton  
**Location:** Easton, PA  
**Amount:** \$127,337  
**Project Name:** Community Learning Initiatives

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will go towards the development of community learning centers. This joint project will involve partnerships with agencies serving children at risk and address education and technology gaps. The outcomes are helping children sustain and enhance their academic skills during summer.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Children's Literacy Initiative  
**Location:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Amount:** \$250,000  
**Project Name:** General Operating Support

**Purpose:** Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI) addresses the great need for children in high-poverty areas to receive a quality literacy education that will prepare them for success in life. Through general operating support for CLI, the federal government will help make it possible for us to continue our successful work, sustain employment for 93 staff/contractors and contribute to a healthy economy through our education programs.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Congreso De Latinos Uninods, Inc.  
**Location:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** Closing the Gap: Employment and Higher Education in North Philadelphia and Central Pennsylvania

**Purpose:** Congreso de Latinos Unidos, I-LEAD, Harcum College, and seven community organization from southeastern and Central Pennsylvania would use funding to build community-based higher education initiatives that provide an Associate’s degree and critical workforce competencies to Pennsylvania residents, connecting them to employment opportunities in local industry growth clusters. This initiative would help to create 820 jobs over a five year period.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Community College of Beaver County  
**Location:** Beaver County, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** Air Traffic Control Program

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to acquire a Control Tower Simulator, and appropriate computer equipment, to expand training capabilities for CCBC’s Air Traffic Control students. The Simulator will place them in simulated real-life emergency situations so that they will be best prepared to handle them if the situations occur. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it will better equip workers to handle emergencies.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** DeSales University  
**Location:** Lehigh County, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,580,000  
**Project Name:** Gambet Center for Business and Medical Education

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to strengthen medical education and research in Pennsylvania and will reduce medical accidents and hospital – induced illnesses. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will increase patient safety.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children  
**Location:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Amount:** \$150,000  
**Project Name:** Quality Child Care Initiative

**Purpose:** This project improves the quality of child care programs in our region, with a targeted effort on programs serving children from low-income communities who are at greater risk of school failure.

DVAEYC accomplishes this by providing on-site training, consultation and coaching to help child care staff improve their education and skill level and help programs reach higher standards of PA Keystone STARS and national accreditation.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Duquesne University  
**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Name:** Center for Computational Sciences

**Purpose:** In an effort to continue to produce cutting edge research and educate the next generation of highly skilled and highly knowledgeable research scientists and engineers. If awarded, funding will go towards the expansion of the university's supercomputer program in order to give future scientists and engineers the best possible training.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Elizabethtown College  
**Location:** Lancaster County, PA  
**Amount:** \$250,000  
**Project Name:** Elizabethtown College Smart Classroom Technology

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used for the acquisition of smart classroom technology at Elizabethtown College, providing resources necessary to retrofit fifteen existing classrooms and to create ten new smart classrooms. Expanding the use of smart classroom technology benefits the College's students and their future employers, by offering them experience with the high-tech tools that they will use in the twenty-first century workforce.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Esperanza  
**Location:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Amount:** \$2,500,00  
**Project Name:** Esperanza College Phase II build-out

**Purpose:** If funding is awarded, it will go to the will build-out 20 classrooms, faculty and administrative offices in Esperanza College, Esperanza's junior college that is a branch campus of Eastern University. Esperanza College is one of the few – possibly still the only - program of its kind in the country that offers an “in Spanish while learning English” educational model recognized by Middle States as worthy of replication. Spanish-dominant students begin their courses of study with classes taught in Spanish. Classes are increasingly taught in English which, combined with ESL instruction, produces students who, at graduation, are fluent in English and have successfully completed classes taught completely in English.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Harrisburg University of Science and Technology  
**Location:** Dauphin County, PA  
**Amount:** \$2,752,000  
**Project Name:** STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) Academic Program Development and Equipment

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) discipline academic program development in Harrisburg. The University is developing three distinctive and workforce-driven technology programs to further accomplish its important mission. The programs include: (Cyber Security; Software Development; and New Media & Learning Technologies Design. This project will support the overall mission of the university.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Immaculata University  
**Location:** Chester County PA  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Project Name:** Health Care Initiatives: Meeting National Health Care Initiatives Through Higher Education

**Purpose:** If awarded, Funding will be used for expansion of Immaculata University's nursing programs. Specifically, it will support the addition of the new 4 year Generic Bachelor of Science in Nursing and assistance to deliver the baccalaureate and masters level nursing programs, as well as the allied health sciences and health care management programs at off-site locations. Funds will be used to add initial cost of faculty and library instructional resources for the new 4 year Generic Bachelor of Science in Nursing, off site management, travel, technology support, facilities rent, marketing, faculty salaries and curriculum development.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Lackawanna College  
**Location:** Lackawanna County, PA  
**Amount:** \$750,000  
**Project Name:** Lackawanna College Natural Gas Technology Program

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to support a Natural Gas Technology Associates Degree Program based in New Milford. Due to the development of Marcellus Shale Gas in Northeastern Pennsylvania, the natural gas technology industry is poised to expand significantly. It is projected that within two to three years, jobs openings in the natural gas field will increase into the thousands. This rapid growth will lead to critical labor shortages, as no training program in our region prepares workers for specialized jobs in the natural gas field. This project will aim to fill that gap.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Lafayette College  
**Location:** Easton, PA  
**Amount:** \$50,000  
**Project Name:** Marquis de Lafayette Collection - Conservation Project

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to conserve, repair and restore those items most historically important, as well as those most at risk in The Marquis de Lafayette Collections at Lafayette College. The collection, one of the most distinguished collections relating to the Marquis de Lafayette in America, is organized into three major categories: the manuscript, print, and memorabilia collections. These collections not only document the events in the life of Lafayette, they also provide insight into the democratic revolution.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Lehigh Carbon Community College  
**Location:** Lehigh County, PA  
**Amount:** \$100,000  
**Project Name:** An Innovative 2+2+2 Model for a Bachelor of Applied Technology Degree With Service Management Certification

**Purpose:** Funding will be used to improve technical education for Pennsylvania's students, particularly in the fields of math and science. Lehigh Carbon Community College proposes to develop a free-standing first of its kind institution in Pennsylvania that would offer the 3rd and 4th years of a baccalaureate technology degree providing industry-desired and highly marketable skills sets and credentials for PA students, especially those attending community colleges or technical institutes throughout the state.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Luzerne County Community College  
**Location:** Luzerne County, PA  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Project Name:** Health Science Center

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to purchase equipment for the Distance Learning Meti Simulation Clinical Laboratory in a newly renovated and expanded health science facility. The lab will be used across all disciplines of the health sciences including nursing, respiratory therapy, surgical technology, dental hygiene, dental assisting, EMS, Paramedics, healthcare continuing education programs, and hospital new employee orientation programs. This will better train students to provide medical care to Pennsylvanians.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Marywood University  
**Location:** Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA  
**Amount:** \$360,000  
**Project Name:** Architecture School and Regional Sustainable Design Resource Center

**Purpose:** If awarded, Marywood will utilize funding to open the first Architecture School in Northeastern Pennsylvania – and one of only a handful in the nation that uniquely focuses on sustainable or “green” design and requires all professional track students to obtain US Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accreditation – to educate future architects in the pioneering principles and practices of sustainability. This school will help create more green buildings and green jobs in the region.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Mercyhurst College  
**Location:** Erie, PA  
**Amount:** \$120,536  
**Project Name:** Asperger’s Support Pilot Program

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to implement a pilot program at Mercyhurst College to provide support services for students with Asperger’s Syndrome. The program would provide students with counseling support, special residence life accommodations and academic services.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Muhlenberg College  
**Location:** Allentown, PA  
**Amount:** \$200,000  
**Project Name:** Community Fellowships for Undergraduate Students in Civic Engagement and Economic Development

**Purpose:** Funding will provide civic engagement and undergraduate service learning by leveraging College resources to address issues related to health (with special emphasis on domestic violence, obesity, nutrition), housing, economic development, and urban education primarily in the City of Allentown. Federal funding will facilitate uninterrupted delivery of services to over 700 residents per year.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Susquehanna University  
**Location:** Susquehanna County, PA  
**Amount:** \$1,200,000  
**Project Name:** Equipment and Instrumentation for the New Science Center

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to provide equipment and instrumentation for a new science center. The science equipment and instrumentation will support student learning, research and community initiatives, including lab experiments, student-faculty collaborative research, water quality monitoring on the Susquehanna River, K-12 science education programs and summer teacher training.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** Thiel College  
**Location:** Greenville, PA  
**Amount:** \$250,000  
**Project Name:** Thiel College Enhanced Classroom Initiative

**Purpose:** If awarded, Funding will be used to improve educational resources and access to higher education in western Pennsylvania. The classrooms need significant technological improvements in order to meet the needs of today's college student. To be effective places of learning and exploration, classrooms must be equipped with the necessary tools to facilitate student growth.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** The University of Scranton  
**Location:** Scranton, PA  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Project Name:** Allied Health Equipment Initiative

**Purpose:** If awarded, funds will go to the University of Scranton's Nursing & Allied Health programs help to defray a portion of the costs associated with purchasing new equipment critical to the education of our future health care professionals. This project will ensure that academics have the resources they need to successfully educate the future generation of health care professionals.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:** West Chester University  
**Location:** Chester County, PA  
**Amount:** \$300,000  
**Project Name:** Technological Infrastructure Improvements for Workforce Development

**Purpose:** If awarded, Funding will be used for technological infrastructure improvements to West Chester University's campus, for superior workforce development. This project ensures that workforce development initiatives remain on line as thousands of workers look to retrain for the emerging employment opportunities in the new economy.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:**

West Jefferson Hills School District

**Location:**

Jefferson Hills, PA

**Amount:**

\$1,500,000

**Project Name:**

Building a 21st-Century Model Math and Science Collaborative Linking K-12 and Higher Education

**Purpose:** If awarded, funding will be used to develop a cooperative partnership with a local university designed to combine and leverage the technology resources and expertise available within higher education, conduct a needs assessment of teachers and students related to attitudes and habits of mind regarding math and science, provide for a curriculum coach dedicated solely to this math and science initiative, upgrade aging hardware to ensure continuity of services between schools, and improve upon relevant curricula.

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**Name of Potential Recipient:**

York College of Pennsylvania

**Location:**

York County, PA

**Amount:**

\$500,000

**Project Name:**

York College Nursing & Related Programs Equipment Support

**Purpose:** York College of Pennsylvania in the process of refurbishing and expanding our existing Nursing Department and laboratories along with programs such as Biology that support the nursing majors. If awarded, this funding would enhance student learning.