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FAYETTE COUNTY RECOMMENDS PROJECTS FOR LSA FUNDING

Uniontown, PA – The Fayette County Board of Commissioners on Thursday approved their funding recommendations for the 2020 - 21 Local Share Account (LSA) program.

About 30 project proposals from across the county were submitted to commissioners Dave Lohr, chairman; Vincent Vicites and Scott Dunn for their review this fall.

Following the commissioners' selections, the projects are recommended through an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for final approval. DCED then administers the funding for those projects which receive state approval through 2021.

Fayette County Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Andrew French said this year's requests totaled more than \$1.6 million in funding.

The commissioners ultimately chose 21 projects for a total LSA funding recommendation of \$517,530. That funding will be leveraged by more than \$1 million from other funding sources secured by the project applicants, creating a total impact of nearly \$2 million countywide.

"This year's projects are distributed pretty well geographically," French said. "Over the six years we've been administering this, every municipality has benefited from some project funded by the LSA program."

LSA funding is generated annually through the county's share of gaming revenues derived from Nemacolin's Lady Luck Casino in Wharton Township.

French said the commissioners try to identify "high impact" projects which will have a broad effect on various municipalities when making their decisions.

"This particular funding source is pretty flexible in what we can use it for, too, so you'll always see a wide variety of projects on the recommendation list," he said. "That's one of the benefits of the LSA program, so we try to capitalize on that by not funding the same projects year after year."

This year's projects cover everything from economic development projects; public safety and training; recreation; facility improvements; administration; infrastructure; planning and more. French will submit the recommended projects for DCED's approval by Nov. 30.

For more information and a complete list of project details, contact the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority at 724-437-1547 or visit www.racfpa.org.

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