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## REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF FAYETTE, PENNSYLVANIA

### PUBLIC NOTICE FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania is now accepting application proposals from local municipalities and other interested agencies and organizations for Fayette County Local Share Account (LSA) funding. This fund was established under the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71) for the purpose of distributing 2% of gross terminal revenues of the Lady Luck Casino, at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort in Wharton Township, to support community and economic development projects and initiatives. The Fayette County Commissioners have designated the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority as the local administrator of Fayette County's LSA Program.

Attached is a copy of the local Program Guidelines and Application, which provides additional details on eligible applicants, uses, and evaluation criteria. Applicants may also access these forms on the Authority's website at [www.racfpa.org](http://www.racfpa.org). As indicated in the Guidelines, all applications must be submitted to the Redevelopment Authority (86 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401) by **4:00 p.m., Friday, July 21, 2023**.

Redevelopment Authority staff is available to meet and discuss individual LSA applications. Applicants with questions regarding the application process or potential projects may contact Andrew French, Redevelopment Authority Executive Director at 724-437-1547 ext. 210 or at [afrench@racfpa.org](mailto:afrench@racfpa.org). They may also contact Brenda Girod, Redevelopment Authority Community Development Technician at 724-437-1547 ext. 208 or at [bgirod@racfpa.org](mailto:bgirod@racfpa.org).

**FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT**  
**PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023 BY 4:00 P.M.**

## **Statement of Purpose**

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The Fayette County Local Share Account (LSA) Program has been established to support local community and economic development projects and initiatives throughout Fayette County. The LSA Program is funded through gaming revenues generated pursuant to the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71). The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette (RACF) has been designated as the agency to apply for and administer the LSA Program on behalf of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners. LSA funds are distributed annually through grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

## **Application Process**

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A combined single application will be prepared annually by RACF on behalf of the County. Prior to submission, project proposals will be requested and evaluated by RACF staff, taking into consideration comments and input received from the Fayette County Commissioners and other interested parties. Following the evaluation by RACF staff, funding recommendations will be presented to the County Commissioners for formal approval. Once formal approval has been obtained by the County, RACF will prepare and submit the combined single application request to DCED, which is due November 30, 2023.

For the 2023-2024 LSA Program, local applications are due to the Redevelopment Authority by **Friday, July 21, 2023 before 4:00 p.m.** Applications may be mailed to the following address: **Andrew P. French, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania, 86 West Main Street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401.**

Applications may also be submitted via e-mail to: [racfpa@racfpa.org](mailto:racfpa@racfpa.org). All e-mailed applications must be in .pdf format and must have “**LSA 2023-2024 Application**” in the subject line. Once received, a verification of receipt e-mail will be sent by the Redevelopment Authority.

Once awarded, RACF will execute a grant contract with the Commonwealth for the LSA Program and may execute sub-recipient agreements with those organizations selected to receive funding. RACF will ensure that all activities and sub-recipients meet conditions of the grant contract including requirements for advertising, competitive bidding, awarding contracts, project monitoring, requisitions, progress payments, project close-out, audit, etc. Project funds will be provided to sub-recipients on a **reimbursement** basis once all the necessary compliance documentation is received. All project funds must be fully expended within a three-year time frame. RACF will initiate a close-out audit of each LSA Grant received at the conclusion of the grant contract period with DCED. The LSA Program expenditures will also be included in the Authority's Financial Statements, which are audited annually by an independent certified public accountant at the conclusion of each fiscal year.

## **Eligible Applicants**

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The entity requesting funds must be one of the following or be sponsored by one of the following:

1. County of Fayette
2. Municipalities in Fayette County
3. Fayette County Redevelopment Authorities
4. Municipal Authorities
5. A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

The governing body of a requesting entity and / or project sponsor must take official action to authorize the submission of any application.

## **Eligible Uses**

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The following activities may be funded through the Fayette County LSA Program:

1. Economic Development Projects: Projects that promote local economic activity and create and/or retain jobs.
2. Community Improvement Projects: Projects that improve or create civic, cultural, or recreational activities or facilities.
3. Projects in the Public Interest: Projects that improve the quality of life in the affected communities.

## Evaluation Criteria

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The competitiveness of proposed LSA projects will be reviewed by conducting an analysis based on the following criteria:

- Economic impact,
- Economic conditions of the community where the project is located,
- Level of private sector investment leveraged,
- Contribution of the project to the reuse of Brownfields, previously used, or underutilized sites,
- Local financial support,
- Project readiness,
- Strategic importance,
- Financial need, and
- Projected timeline for project commencement and completion.

Emphasis will be on furthering economic development in the County, revitalization of downtowns and other underutilized areas, and redevelopment of blighted properties. Strong consideration will also be given to community improvement projects and public interest projects.

## Additional Criteria

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1. Project requests that propose to utilize LSA funding as a match for other public or private funding will be given extra consideration during the selection process.
2. LSA funds should only be considered as gap financing for water and sewer projects. The LSA funds should not be the primary funding source, but rather should be used to bridge the financing gap.
3. The minimum grant request amount per activity will be \$10,000.
4. LSA funds may not be used to reimburse entities for previously incurred project costs or to refinance or reduce existing debt. LSA projects may not commence prior to the execution of the LSA contract between the Commonwealth and RACF. Any project costs incurred prior to the execution of the LSA contract between the Commonwealth and RACF shall be ineligible. Any entity selected to receive funds under the LSA Program is strongly encouraged to contact RACF *before* proceeding with any portion of their project.
5. Applicants must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including those dealing with bidding and procurement and sub-recipients must provide all required compliance documentation to the Authority for review and approval prior to the processing of any reimbursement requests.

6. In the event that grant funds will be used for a public works project, the Prevailing Wage Act (PWA) may apply. The PWA requires that not less than the prevailing minimum wages be paid to all workmen employed on “public work” as defined in the PWA. Information on the PWA and the definition of “public work” may be found at [www.dli.state.pa.us/laborlaw](http://www.dli.state.pa.us/laborlaw) by clicking on the link to Prevailing Wage Act. The Act’s definition of "public work" has been applied to projects undertaken by private entities that are receiving government assistance. The PWA does not apply to the installation of equipment or machinery that is not a fixture, although any building construction/renovations to accommodate the equipment/machinery could be covered. The PWA also does not apply to work performed by the project-owner’s in-house employees, as opposed to work done by contractors or subcontractors. The full PWA can be found at 43 P.S. sections 165-1 through 165-17. Information on applying for prevailing wage rates in Pennsylvania can be found at [www.dli.state.pa.us/laborlaw](http://www.dli.state.pa.us/laborlaw).

FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT

PROGRAM APPLICATION

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Project Name:

Project Location / Address (Specify):

Project Municipality:

Requesting Entity:

Project Sponsor (if applicable):

Entity/Sponsor Category (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/>	County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Redevelopment Authority
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal Authority
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Profit	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone Number: E-Mail Address:

Project Funding:	
Total Request of LSA Funds <i>(Minimum request amount is \$10,000)</i>	\$
Total Other Funds*	\$
Total Project Budget	\$

*Note: If an organization / municipality submits multiple projects for funding, projects must be ranked based on priority.*

Project Priority Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Are other funds secured? (please check **one**):  Yes  No

Source of Other Funds:

Is this Project related to a project or activity previously funded through LSA?  Yes  No

If Yes, please list previous project / activity name:

Project Category (please check **one**):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Economic Development Projects:</b> Projects that promote local economic activity and create and/or retain jobs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Community Improvement Projects:</b> Projects that improve or create civic, cultural, or recreational activities or facilities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Projects in the Public Interest:</b> Projects that improve the quality of life in the affected communities.

## 1. Project Description

Select an activity type and sub-category below. Your selected activity type and sub-category should match the budget in question #3 (select all that apply).

**Acquisition**

[ ] Land or [ ] Building

**General Construction**

[ ] New Construction or [ ] Renovations

**Infrastructure Improvements / Site Preparation**

[ ] Roads [ ] Water/Sewer [ ] Demolition [ ] Excavation/Grading [ ] Parking  
[ ] Utilities [ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment/Materials**

**Operating Costs/Working Capital**

[ ] Salary/Fringe Benefits [ ] Training/Technical Assistance [ ] Promotion/Public Relations  
[ ] Space Costs/Rent/Utilities [ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Related Costs**

[ ] Professional Services or [ ] Engineering

Provide a brief description of the project. Explain in detail how LSA funds will be utilized.

## **2. Project Need and Expected Outcomes**

*Describe the need for the project.*

*Describe the expected outcomes for the project, including the overall impact the project will have on the community.*



### 3. Detailed Project Budget

	Sources of Funds				Total
	2023-2024 Local Share Account (LSA)	Other	Other	Other	
<b>Acquisition</b>					
Building/Land					
<b>General Construction</b>					
New Construction					
Renovations					
<b>Infrastructure / Site Preparation</b>					
Roads / Streets					
Water / Sewer					
Demolition					
Excavation / Grading					
Parking					
Utilities					
<b>Machinery &amp; Equipment</b>					
New Equipment Purchase					
<b>Operating Costs / Working Capital</b>					
Salary / Fringe Benefits					
Training / Technical Assistance					
Promotion / Public Relations					
Space Costs					
<b>Related Costs</b>					
Professional Services					
Engineering					
<b>Other</b>					
<b>Total:</b>					

**4. Project Schedule & Timeline**

Describe the timeline for the project including project milestones.

**IMPORTANT:** Please consider that the 2023-2024 LSA funds will not be available for the project to commence before the first or second quarter of **2024**. Projects cannot commence before the DCED contract is executed with the Redevelopment Authority. DCED has indicated their contracts will be three-year contracts; therefore, project funds must be fully expended within a three-year time period.

Expected Start/ Completion Dates	Project Milestones
Anticipated for <b>May/June 2024</b>	Contracting/Agreement Execution: DECD issues a fully executed contract to the Redevelopment Authority. RACF issues Sub-Recipient Agreements to awardees.
	Request for Proposals / Out to Bid / Quotes Requested, if applicable
	Bid Opening / Quote Tabulation, if applicable
	Contract Award / PO Issued, if applicable
	Notice to Proceed / PO Issued, if applicable
	Construction / Project Underway
	Project Completion
	Final LSA Draw Request & Final Report Submitted to RACF <i>(Must be received before the DCED Contract End Date, anticipated - June 2027.)</i>

Indicate any other Project Milestones or Key Implementation Steps:

**5. Project Support**

*Project support must be secured by the requesting entity. Letters, resolutions, and minutes should be submitted with the application.*

Has the requesting entity taken official action to authorize submission of the Application?

(please check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If yes, date approval was authorized:				

Has the project sponsor taken official action to support the project? (if applicable)

(please check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
If yes, date support was provided:						

Has the affected community taken official action to support the project?

(please check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If yes, date support was provided:				

Does the project have local and community support?

(please check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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Have all the necessary permitting and approvals been obtained to undertake the project?

(please check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Please provide a listing of permitting required and list date permitting approval was obtained:				

Has an engineer been selected for the project? (if applicable)

(please check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
If yes, please provide contact information:						