Funding Resources

The Chester County Department of Community Development (DCD) provides resources and assistance to local providers throughout Chester County through grant funding, technical assistance, community outreach, street outreach and more.

Funding Streams and Community Impact

DCD is an entirely grant-funded department. DCD follows a two-year application cycle. Visit DCD’s Apply for Grants page to view current open applications. Subscribe to the DCD Newsletter to stay up to date on funding opportunities and award announcements.

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) supports affordable housing development, public works, community, and nonprofit construction, public services and homeowner rehabilitation activities.
- The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is used for affordable housing construction and first-time home buyer assistance, and support for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).
- The Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) provides funding that assists with street outreach, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter operations, rapid rehousing, and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds are used to help Chester County nonprofit organizations set up and maintain various programs. The goal of CSBG is to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty with eligibility tied to federal poverty levels.
- The Human Services Block Grant - Homeless Assistance Program (HSBG-HAP) is a county-directed program that provides homeless assistance. It has five components: bridge housing, case management, rental assistance, emergency shelter and innovative supportive housing.
- Community Revitalization Program (CRP) funds are directed towards Chester County’s urban centers with the goal of increasing the tax assessment and encouraging revitalization.
- Housing Trust Program (HTP) Act 137 funds focus on developing affordable housing and ensuring access to vital public services and assistance for homeowners and renters.
- The Home4Good program (H4G) assists with the operations and administration of certain programs and provides housing stability case management through local nonprofits.
- The Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Fund (PHARE) supports a variety of services, including the DCD Street Outreach Emergency Response Team.