



PCEDA COMMUNITY WALKWAYS PROGRAM

The goal of the community walkways program is to improve the safety and appearance of sidewalks and crosswalks in our nine boroughs, provide an incentive for business owners to locate in our downtowns and spark the interest of residents and visitors to frequent downtown spaces.

Applications are accepted anytime throughout the month but reviewed for approval once per month by a subcommittee of the PCEDA board of directors. Grantees have **six months** or until November 30, 2026 (whichever is sooner) to complete the work and submit paperwork for reimbursement/approval. Work must be initiated after application approval. The grant will not cover prior work.

This fund offers up to \$20,000 of project costs for approved projects. Grantees are responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable prevailing wage requirements if the project is subject to such laws.

Applications will be accepted from February 1, 2026 through May 15, 2026.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any borough or organization with authorization from the borough may apply for funding. The project site must be located in or at an entrance to Blain, Duncannon, Landisburg, Liverpool, Marysville, Millerstown, New Bloomfield, New Buffalo, Newport.

What types of improvements are eligible for funding?

Sidewalks and/or crosswalks.

HOW ARE GRANTS AWARDED?

Work undertaken prior to a letter of commitment being issued is not eligible for funding. Grant funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis and cannot be issued until the proposed project has been completed. Before payment is made, applicants will need to submit proof of payment for completed work, and the PCEDA committee must review the completed project to determine that the actual work performed was the work approved.

HOW DOES THE APPLICATION PROCESS WORK?

- (1) Applicant meets with the PCEDA staff to review procedures and determine if the project meets the grant criteria.
- (2) Applicant completes an application for review by the PCEDA, including photos, applicable permitting request/approval and cost estimates (three bids or documented attempts are required).
- (3) PCEDA staff will review the application for compliance with all necessary regulations.
- (4) The PCEDA will review the application, approve/deny and notify the applicant.

(5) Once the applicant has received their letter of commitment and returns the completed grant agreement, they can proceed and begin work.

(6) Upon work completion, applicants must notify PCEDA, request a project review and submit receipts for reimbursement. PCEDA cannot reimburse without proper documentation and project inspection.

HOW ARE PROJECTS SELECTED FOR FUNDING?

Applications will be reviewed and selected based on their compatibility with the vision and goals of the Perry County Economic Vitality plan and their impact on moving towards that vision. Applicants should utilize the Community Guide document (which can be found at perrycountyed.com/resources.) The approval committee will use this Guide to make approval determinations.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A PROJECT IS SELECTED FOR FUNDING?

Projects selected for a grant must be completed within **6 months** or by November 30, 2026 (whichever is sooner) of approval of the application. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all permits and any other required permits for the work to be done, as well as any other final inspections that may be required. The applicant is responsible for the conformance with all applicable safety standards and conditions. The applicant also agrees to maintain the improvement. PCEDA may promote an approved project including, but not limited to, displaying a sign at the site, during and after construction, and using photographs and descriptions of the project in the organization's materials.

WHEN IS THE PROGRAM AVAILABLE?

The Community Walkways program opens February 1, 2026. Applications will not be considered after May 15, 2026.