



GOVERNOR'S CENTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES (GCLGS)



LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN PA

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MUNICIPALITIES BY TYPE

1st Class Cities	.1
2nd Class Cities	.1
2nd Class A Cities	.1
3rd Class Cities	.53
Boroughs	.957
1st Class Townships	.93
2nd Class Townships	.1,453
Towns	.1
TOTAL	.2,560

OTHER BY TYPE

School Districts	.500
Councils of Government	.85
Municipal Managers	.747
Home Rule Jurisdictions	.83

(As of 2018)

ACTIVE AUTHORITIES BY TYPE

Airport	.47
Business District	.30
Community Facility	.20
Economic Development	.21
Local Government Facilities	.84
Multi-purpose (Water & Sewer)	.286
Nonprofit Institutions	.51
Parking	.24
Recreation	.64
School	.22
Sewer	.570
Solid Waste	.25
Transit	.33
Water	.242

TOTAL .1,519*

**Does not include "terminated" authorities.
(As of 2018)*

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Northern Lancaster County Regional
Police Department, Stevens, PA



Phoenixville, PA

POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN PA

TOTAL MUNICIPALITIES2,560
Traditional955
Consolidated (Regional)120
Contractual209
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS1,284

FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN PA

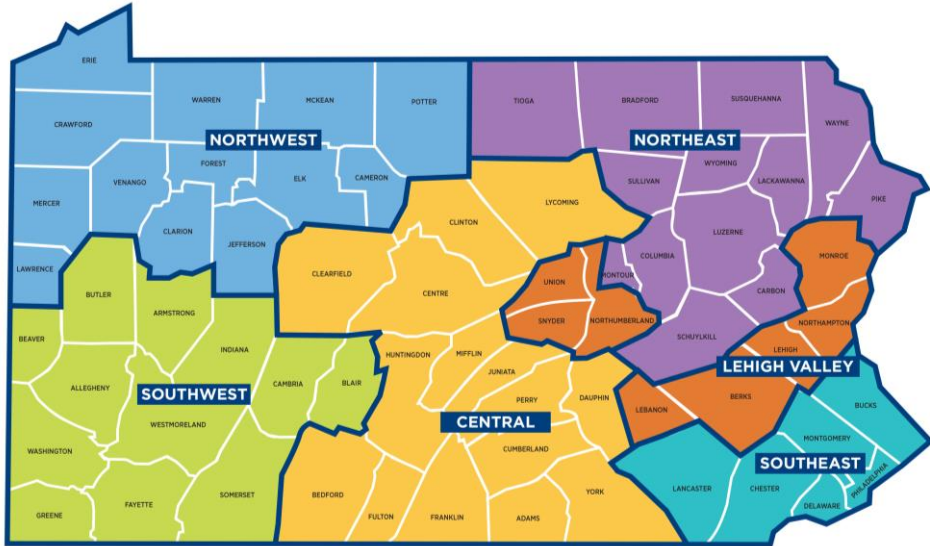
Paid31
Paid/Volunteer93
Volunteer1,713
TOTAL1,837

(As of 2018)



WHO WE ARE

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- Office within the PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)
 - Act 58 of 1996: Formed DCED through merger of Department of Community Affairs and Department of Commerce
- Regional Offices throughout PA

WHO WE ARE



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WHAT WE DO

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- One-stop-shop for local government officials
- Technical and financial assistance to support the performance of duties to meet everyday demands, solve problems, and utilize best management practices



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP)

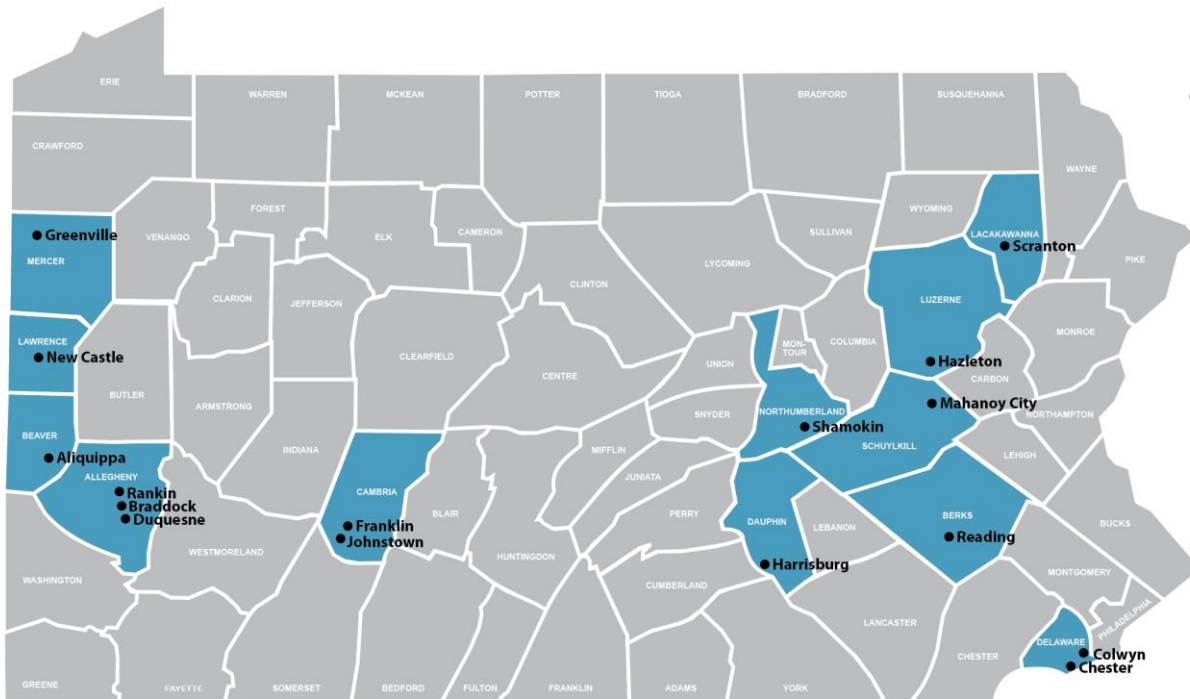
- 50% matching grant funds; max \$200,000
- Supports municipalities interested in improving fiscal position



- Comprehensive organizational review
- Multi-year financial management plans
- Implementation of desired recommended strategies and initiatives as identified in plan

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Act 47 of 1987: Municipalities Financial Recovery Act



- Severe fiscal distress



Act 199 of 2014 amendments:

- 5-year time limit
- Additional taxation options
- Act 47 Coordinators subject to performance reviews and may be terminated due to underperformance
- Disincorporation of nonviable communities

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Municipal Assistance Program (MAP)

- Matching grant funds up to 50% of eligible costs for projects such as:



**Shared
Services**
Regional
Police & Fire



**Community
Planning**
Comprehensive
Regional Plans



**Floodplain
Management**
Annual
reimbursements
for administration
of regulations



- To apply, access DCED's Single Application for Assistance online at: **dced.pa.gov**

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Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence



- Building Community Partnerships
- Responding to Adversity
- Promoting Community/Economic Revitalization
- Innovative Community/Governmental Initiatives
- Fiscal Accountability and Best Management Practices
- Innovative Planning and Sound Land Use Practices
- Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Information Technology
- Health and Wellness Initiatives

Municipal Statistics Office

- Collect data from municipalities through e-Filing forms
- Publish database online
- Utilize data to facilitate other functions of GCLGS
 - “Early Warning System” formula
 - Act 32 of 2008: Local Earned Income Tax (EIT) consolidated tax collection system



- Annual Audit & Financial Report
- Survey of Financial Condition Form
- Report of Elected & Appointed Officials
- Tax Information Form

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PA Local Government Training Partnership (LGTP)

- In-classroom and online training opportunities for local officials
- **www.patrainingshub.org**



- Local Government Administration
- Finance & Accounting
- Planning
- Community & Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Recreation
- Tax Collector Qualification
- PA Municipal Training Center

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PA Construction Codes Academy (PCCA)

- Building Code Officials remit \$4.50 permit fee to GCLGS (Act 36 of 2017)
 - Fees are used to fund the PA Construction Codes Academy (PCCA) and the PA Housing Research Center at Penn State (PHRC)
 - GCLGS online filing system for greater transparency and efficiency in collection of fees



PCCA provides training and certification to:

- Building Code Officials
- Residential and Commercial Inspectors
- Builders, Contractors, Architects, Engineers, and others with an interest in Uniform Construction Code

Training Opportunities through the Pennsylvania Municipal League

- Pennsylvania Municipal Administration Training Center
 - Program runs for 6 months
 - In-classroom at PML and/or online webinar instruction
 - Experiential exercises/assignments each week



PA Municipal League's
"Sustainable PA"
certification program

- Voluntary performance

Regional Fire & Emergency Services

- Assisting communities whose fire departments are interested in voluntary mergers and consolidations
- Regionalizing services, these organizations are able to become more sustainable



Fire Studies offered:

- Emergency Services Evaluation
- Fire Services Management
- Fire Apparatus and Equipment
- Merger Feasibility
- Consolidation Feasibility
- Regional Feasibility

Regional Police Services

- Through peer consultation, the GCLGS assists in the development and implementation of an agreed-upon plan and realistic budget
- Peer Consultants are former police officers who work directly with interested departments



- **955** Traditional Police Departments
- **120** Consolidated (Regional) Police Departments
- **209** Contractual Police Departments

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Local Government Capital Projects Loan Program (LGCPLP)

- Municipalities with population of 12,000 or less
- Low-interest (2%) fixed-rate loans
- **dced.pa.gov/LGCPLP**



- Maximum loan amounts:
 - \$50,000 for purchase of equipment/vehicles
 - \$100,000 for purchase/construction of facility

Community Planning & Land Use

- Technical and on-site planning assistance
- Training modules and seminars
- Statewide land-use reports and planning policy
- Planning Series Publications



- PA Blight Library
 - “From Blight to Bright”: a comprehensive toolkit for PA communities to mitigate blight
 - www.PAblightlibrary.com
- PA Land Use Law Library
 - www.landuselawinpa.com

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Handbooks, Manuals & Reference Guides

- Over 50 educational publications on the administration of local government
- View and print online handbooks, manuals and reference guides – *at no cost*
- **dced.pa.gov/publications**



- Publications
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