



## \$200,000 Grant Awarded for Future Affordable Townhomes

By Brittney Wayler

EASTON - County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development announced \$200,000 awarded by the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to construct affordable townhomes at the former site of the Glendon Hotel in Glendon Borough.

The CFA Board approved grants through Local Share Accounts established by the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 71 of 2004).

"The Local Share Accounts Program supports projects that promote economic development, community development, and public interest throughout the Commonwealth, and I'm pleased the Glendon Hotel project was selected," says Lamont G. McClure.

The Glendon Hotel Affordable Housing project will result in five 3-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom townhomes. Further funding for this project will be sought through Pennsylvania HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds and through an investment of Federal HOME entitlement funds.

For a full list of projects that were awarded funding by the CFA Board, visit:

<https://dced.pa.gov/download/approved-projects-2023-05-16-cfa-board-meeting/?wpdmdl=119301>

## Fighting for Your Second Amendment Rights

House Democrats are taking aim at your Second Amendment rights.

By State Rep. Ann Flood

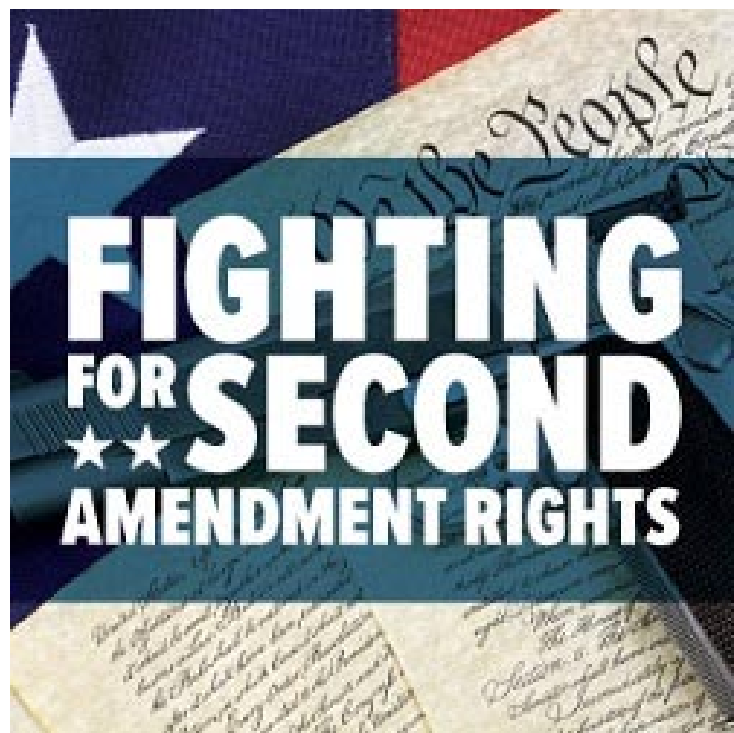
PEN ARGYL - This week, they planned to advance four bills through the state House that would do little to improve community safety and much to erode your rights guaranteed through both the Pennsylvania and United States constitutions.

Two of the bills were adopted despite my emphatic "NO" vote. House Bill 714 would call for universal background checks for all gun purchases while House Bill 1018 would create a "red flag" process that could lead to confiscation of people's firearms without due process.

We were able to defeat a measure that would mandate gun owners report lost or stolen firearms within 72 hours (House Bill 338). House Democrats then dropped efforts to run a bill that would require all firearms, including long guns, be sold with trigger locks and mandate storage requirements (House Bill 731).

Let's focus on ensuring our police and prosecutors are enforcing the laws already on the books, and make sure they have the proper funding and resources to do so. We also need to focus on the person committing the crime, rather than the instrument they are using to do so.

I will continue to do all I can to protect your Second Amendment rights while also advancing policies that will make our communities and our citizens safer.



## SLATE BELT RISING



### RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Residential and Commercial Façade Improvement Programs are designed to help improve the exterior appearance and condition of residential and commercial properties within the four boroughs. The program's goals are to maintain historical and architectural integrity, improve neighborhood appearance, and help property owners make exterior repairs to their homes or businesses while increasing property values for all borough residents.



#### ABOUT SLATE BELT RISING

Slate Belt Rising is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt boroughs of Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland. While Slate Belt Rising specifically targets these four boroughs, some initiatives promote development and coordination of services throughout the entire region.

More information is available on our website under the Services tab, including program guidelines and applications Visit [slatebeltrising.org](http://slatebeltrising.org).

#### PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY ACTION

Community Action Lehigh Valley is an anti-poverty non-profit offering programs and services in Advocacy, Business Start-Up and Development, Food Access and Nutrition, Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Youth.



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