

# Distribution Of American Rescue Plan Funds in Northampton County

By Becky Bartlet

EASTON - Lamont McClure announces that, at their June 18th meeting, County Council passed Resolution No. 71-2021 to distribute approximately \$30 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

“My administration and County Council intend to spend these funds in a quick and efficient manner, concentrating on getting financial relief to those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic,” says Lamont McClure. “While infection rates are dropping, the economic fallout of the virus continues and we want to help as many of our residents as possible to hasten the recovery.”

Allocation of funds:

- \$15 million for small business grants with assistance from the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce
  - \$5 million for non-profit grants
  - \$1 million for Hotel Tax grants
  - \$1 million for Grow NorCo grants
  - \$1 million for Broadband needs for Northampton County K-12 schools
  - \$1 million for Emergency Medical Services Grants
  - Approximately \$6 million for Personal Protective Equipment, Vaccination efforts, Testing and Hazard Pay
- Details on how and when to apply for the grants will be provided in future press releases.

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port notes, the Slate Belt is expected to need 5,532 more housing units over the next two decades.

Slate Belt poised to become the Lehigh Valley’s new hot spot for growth » Huratiak said his company has a “couple other things in the works” in the Slate Belt.

This area has had tremendous growth in the last eight years with a lot of new jobs that have come, but really no new housing.”

Speaking specifically about the Wind Gap area, Wenner said: “It’s such a big underserved area for good, safe, affordable, new housing.”

Looking to do more projects such as DREAM Lehigh Valley, Wenner said his company will soon launch a DLP Building Communities Fund, which will allow high-net-worth people to invest in ground-up apartment community projects from DLP.

But the occupancy rate speaks to the need, according to Amy Barricelli, DLP’s senior vice president of revenue acceleration. She noted that some of the residents work at St. Luke’s University Health Network, Sanofi Pasteur and Camelback Resort.

Barricelli noted the company will close in about two weeks on an acquisition of an apartment community in Kutztown. And then another in Forks Township.



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