



Slate Belt Rising Receives \$50,000

By Adrienne Fors

PEN ARGYL - WM's Director of Disposal Operations Scott Perin, Sr. Community Relations Specialist Adrienne Fors, and Sr. District Manager Harold Landman present Executive Director of Slate Belt Rising Brian Fenstermaker with \$50,000

Slate Belt Rising received its second year commitment check from WM last week. In 2016, WM signed on as a major donor to support the initiation of Slate Belt Rising through Community Action Lehigh Valley. Supporting this effort meant a 6-year commitment and \$300,000 to promote the economic opportunity in the region, reduce poverty, eliminate blight, and improve the overall quality of life. Since its inception, WM has signed on for a second 6-year commitment, totaling \$300k. (established in 2022)

Slate Belt Rising (SBR) is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt communities. By leveraging the unique history, architecture, and culture of each municipality into a regional approach, SBR uses a Neighborhood Partnership Plan to foster comprehensive community and economic development. While SBR specifically targets the boroughs of Bangor, Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, and Portland, some initiatives promote development and the coordination of services for the entire region.

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Northampton County Accepting Applications for Public Safety Grants

By Rebecca Sandt

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) announce that the County of Northampton will accept applications for 2023 Public Safety Grants beginning on July 24th through September 1, 2023.

Public Safety Grants are available to Northampton County's municipal and volunteer Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) organizations. The grants can be used for capital improvements, vehicle purchase, equipment purchase and training. Eligible organizations can apply for up to \$20,000 per application or project.

Approvals are scheduled to be announced in December 2023.

"While not a core County responsibility, we feel a moral obligation to provide support to fire departments and EMS services across the length and breadth of the County when our budget so permits," says Lamont McClure.

Interested organizations can apply by visiting the Northampton County Participant Portal hosted by Neighborly Software at: <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/NORTHAMPTONCOUNTYPA/participant>

Registration is required on the Participant Portal in order to apply.

Program inquiries should be directed to:

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