



Celebrate Innovation with Us

Saturday, September 13 • 4PM – 7PM

National Museum of Industrial History | Bethlehem, PA

Celebrate with us at our signature fundraising event! This year, we proudly honor the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) with the Spirit of Innovation Award on their 30th anniversary year for their long-standing commitment to fostering innovation and improving quality of life and economic vitality in our community.

The celebratory and festive event is the signature fundraiser for NMIH and highlights will include:

Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres

Live music

Interactive artifact demonstrations

Award ceremony

Silent auction

All proceeds support the organization's exhibits, educational programming, and community events as well as the preservation of its historically significant collections & archives.

Go here for more info <https://www.nmih.org/event/2025gala/>.



National Museum of Industrial History EXHIBIT: The Foundry Paintings of David Knapp

On View September 13, 2025 – March 29, 2026

Engineer-turned-artist David Knapp spent decades immersed in the foundry world. In quiet moments, he painted the molten metal, fire, and shadows of industry—capturing the artistry of foundry work in vivid detail.

This retrospective brings Knapp's collection full circle, returning to Bethlehem near his alma mater, Lehigh University, and on the grounds of the former Bethlehem Steel plant.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience the raw beauty of American industry through his eyes.

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NCC Receives Grant Funding from The Provident Bank Foundation

The inaugural Empowerment Grant aims to support high-impact nonprofits

By NCC

BETHLEHEM, PA - Northampton Community College (NCC) has recently received a \$20,000 Empowerment Grant from The Provident Bank Foundation. This is the inaugural year for the grant, and NCC is the first community college to be awarded the grant.

The Empowerment Grant program, PBF's core funding opportunity, is designed to strengthen the capacity and sustainability of high-impact nonprofits serving communities across New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. Grant partners are selected for two years of flexible funding support based on their proven ability to deliver meaningful, measurable change within the Foundation's priority areas: Education, Human Services, and Workforce Development.

We are honored to be one of the first to receive the Empowerment Grant from The Provident Bank Foundation. This support will allow NCC to launch a program aimed at removing the obstacles that prevent students from accessing a quality education," said President of NCC, David A. Ruth, Ph.D.

The prestigious grant will allow NCC to launch the Tools of the Trade program. The program provides emergency funding for students who need assistance purchasing equipment, supplies, and tools required by their programs of study that are not covered in tuition.

Vice President and Executive Director of The Provident Bank Foundation, Samantha Plotino, says, "We are proud to partner with organizations that are leading transformative work in their communities – particularly those addressing systemic barriers to opportunity – to help ensure that all individuals have the resources and support to thrive."

Established in 2003 by Provident Bank, The Provident Bank Foundation (PBF) supports nonprofit organizations in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania that are building strong, inclusive communities. Through grants focused on education, human service, and workforce development, PBF invests in programs that expand access to opportunity and promote economic self-sufficiency. Since its founding, PBF has awarded more than \$30 million in funding to organizations driving meaningful, community-rooted change. To learn more, visit the foundation online, or join the conversation on LinkedIn.

