

Boscola Announces \$9,066,260 in State Grants for Public School Facility Improvements and Public Safety

State Senator Lisa Boscola announced state funding totaling \$9,066,260 for projects in the 18th Senatorial District through the new Public School Facilities Improvement Program and the Local Share Account – Statewide (LSA).

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Improvements and Public Safety, Community & Economic Development

Projects "I am pleased to announce these grants that will improve school facilities that are in need of improvements and upgrades to improve the learning environment for our students and teachers along with projects that will enhance public safety and quality of life for residents throughout my district," Boscola stated. "I will continue to fight hard to make sure our local communities get their fair share of statewide dollars to complete priority projects as identified by local government leaders," Boscola added.

Boscola said she was pleased to work with her colleagues in the Lehigh Valley legislative delegation to secure the state funds, approved by the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA), for nvestment in the following projects:

Public School Facilities Improvement Program

Bangor Area School District – \$1,000,000 High School HVAC Improvement Program Bethlehem Area School District - \$750,000 Elementary School Facilities Room Replacement

Bethlehem Area School District – \$400,000 Liberty High School Lab Center Facilities Upgrade Project

Pen Argyl School District – \$500,000 High School Roof and HVAC Improvements Project Saucon Valley School District – \$307,009 High School Health & Safety Upgrades Project

Local Share Account Statewide

Bethlehem Township - \$85,000 Purchase of Police Patrol Vehicles

Easton – \$547,123 Mill at Easton Phase III Forks Township – \$500,000 Frutchey Hill Road Project

Freemansburg \$485,000 Community Center - Phase 2 Construction

Hellertown – \$86,444 Dewey Fire Co. Stormwater Improvements

Hellertown – \$71,555 Traffic Signal Video Detection

Lower Nazareth - \$40,000 Cardiac Monitor Lower Nazareth - \$521,029 Colonial Regional Poce Radios

Lower Nazareth - \$75,000 Hecktown Fire Company Training Equipment

Lower Nazareth - \$50,000 Power Stretcher and Loading System

Lower Saucon – \$125,000 Saucon Valley Trailhead Restroon

Nazareth Borough – \$50,000 Nazareth Regional Ambulance Headquarter Sign Proposal Nazareth Borough – \$350,000 Acquisition & Preservation of Black Rock Woods Northampton County – \$40,000 Regional Multimodal Trails Planning Project Palmer Township – \$102,900 Suburban EMS Chase Truck

Pen Argyl – \$750,000 Fire Apparatus Purchase Pen Argyl \$350,000 Phase One Weona Park Aquatic Facility

Pen Argyl – \$150,000 Slate Belt Regional Police Radio Upgrades

Roseto – \$100,000 Public Works Equipment
Upper Mount Bethel – \$350,000 Mount Bethel Volunteer Fire Company Emergency Shelter

Upper Nazareth – \$500,000 Upper Nazareth Fire Department Pumper Tank Truck

Washington Township – \$40,000 LED Electronic Sign

West Easton Borough – \$90,000 New Public Works Trucks

Wind Gap Borough - \$650,000 Male Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement & Pedestrian mprovements

The Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program was created to provide grants to public school districts and area career and technical schools for eligible facility improvement projects. The Program was established Act 34 of 2023 (P.L. 251, No. 34).

The Local Share Accounts (LSA) were established by the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming (Act 71 of 2004). The funds are generated by the state gaming funds and may be used to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



Painted Kayaks

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notable sites in the Slate Belt region via the online map.

"The closure of Route 611 has undoubtedly been difficult for Portland," said Brian Fenstermaker, Director of Slate Belt Rising.

"However, we believe that projects like the Painted Kayaks will draw new visitors to the Borough and boost local morale as we look ahead to better days with the expected reopening of the road. It's about creating opportunities and pride for the community."

The Borough of Portland has faced significant challenges due to the closure of Route 611, which has reduced the flow of visitors and impacted local businesses. With the expected reopening in November, Slate Belt Rising hopes the Painted Kayaks will inspire renewed interest in the Borough, drawing people to experience its scenic beauty and unique history.

The project's completion also aligns with Portland's preparations for its 150th anniversary in 2026.

"These kayaks perfectly capture Portland's charm and the Delaware River's beauty, making them a perfect addition as we look forward to celebrating the Borough's founding," added Fenstermaker.

The "Painted Kayaks of Portland" project is part of Slate Belt Rising's mission to enhance the region's quality of life by fostering economic development, supporting local businesses, and celebrating the area's heritage through public art and community-focused projects.

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