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 **LISA BOSCOLA** 18TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

\$475,638 in Grants to Arts, Cultural and Historical Organizations

BANGOR - State Senator Lisa Boscola announced a total of \$475,638 in state grants for local arts, cultural and historical organizations through the ARPA Pennsylvania Arts & Cultural Recovery Program (PACR).

"Arts, cultural and historical organizations play a critical role in the quality of life in our community, and we are blessed to have so many in the Lehigh Valley," Boscola stated. "These grants through the American Rescue Plan Act are intended to provide needed funds to help them continue their recovery through the loss of revenue faced during the pandemic and to also assist in creating new programs."

The following organizations were approved for PACR grants:

ArtsQuest - \$95,000
 Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. - \$14,043
 Celtic Fest Inc dba Celtic Cultural Alliance - \$30,627
 Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Inc. - \$21,699
 Friends of Levitt Pavilion @ SteelStacks C/O ArtsQuest - \$16,326
 Historic Bethlehem Partnership, Inc. - \$47,723
 Karl Stirner Arts Trail, Inc. - \$10,000
 Moravian Historical Society - \$12,029
 National Museum of Industrial History - \$32,638
 Pennsylvania Youth Theatre - \$21,649
 State Theatre Center For The Arts - \$74,454
 The Bach Choir of Bethlehem - \$49,938
 The Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society - \$28,064
 Touchstone Theatre - \$21,448

The grants were approved today by the state Commonwealth Financing Authority Board in Harrisburg. The ARPA Pennsylvania Arts & Cultural Recovery Program provides for grants to ensure the stability and recovery of the Commonwealth's arts and culture sector from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Boscola Calls On United States Postal Service To Not Cut Services At Lehigh Valley Processing & Distribution Center

BETHLEHEM – State Senator Lisa M. Boscola submitted public comment Friday on the United States Postal Service's (USPS) Mail Processing Facility Review of processing operations in the Lehigh Valley urging the USPS to fully modernize and staff the Lehigh Valley's Processing & Distribution Center to address delayed and lost mail instead of cutting back services that will lead to even more mail delivery issues in Pennsylvania's third largest metropolitan region.

"The Lehigh Valley is the 3rd largest region in the state. Our location is an asset and is why we are seeing so much economic activity here. As such and in the final analysis, we should be a full-service processing and distribution site for mail. It is not only our residents who need mail on time, but it is a matter of economic importance to the region and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Boscola specifically raised concerns to reports that the Lehigh Valley would no longer process originating mail, but instead outgoing mail would be trucked to Harrisburg. She stated that "there is no way this proposal to the delayed mail problem is a solution" and that the real solution to the delayed and lost mail problem is that the Lehigh Valley Center "must be fully modernized to ensure that the residents of the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos receive their mail and receive it on time."

Boscola ended her public comment by urging the "USPS to do further analysis that will better address the need to ensure that the Lehigh Valley residents and businesses receive their mail in a timely and cost-efficient manner."



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