



Northampton County Receives \$3 Million For Housing Assistance Grants

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) announce allocations from the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) for 2021. CPD funds are used to develop strong communities by promoting integrated approaches to provide decent housing and suitable living environments while expanding economic opportunities for low-and-moderate-income and special needs populations.

Through the CPD's formula, Northampton County will receive a total of \$3,051,035.

- **Community Development Block Grants - \$2,217,058**
- **HOME Investment Partnerships - \$ 645,299**
- **Emergency Solutions Grant \$ 188,678**

DCED will issue an announcement when the application process for each grant opens in a few months.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are funded with money from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These grants assist people with low incomes for help with affordable housing, infrastructure and antipoverty programs.

HOME Program Grants – Grants to local governments are used, often in partnership with local nonprofits, to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership for low-income residents.

Emergency Solutions Grants – assists individuals and families to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness.

Slate Belt COG Purchases TYMCO Street Sweeper

By Laura McClain/ SBCC

SLATE BELT - The Slate Belt Council of Governments announces the purchase of a TYMCO Street Sweeper with the assistance of a LSA Grant and the teamwork of 7 participating municipalities (East Bangor, Lower Mt. Bethel, Pen Argyl, Plainfield, Portland, Roseto Wind Gap and Pen Argyl School District). This street sweeper will assist the communities to comply with municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) requirements as well as save our municipalities dollars by sharing equipment.



During the last year we also have purchased a Boss-jet Drain Jetty and an Asphalt Crack Sealer also partially funded by Northampton County Community Investment Partnership Program.

“Our mission is to address local government concerns on a regional basis providing a

neutral forum to discuss issues of common concern. When appropriate we will articulate common positions on major issues and our municipalities may individually opt-in or opt-out for the provision of programs, services and/or utilization of municipal equipment to spread costs and increase efficiency of service.”

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