

Fish and Boat Commission is Accepting Boating Facility Grant Applications

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is accepting applications from across the state for its Boating Facility Grant Program through Dec. 30 to help communities capitalize on the surge in new boating activity.

The grant program provides funding to benefit public boating facilities located on the waters of the Commonwealth. It may be used for site acquisitions, development, expansion, preventions of the spread of aquatic invasive species and rehabilitation of recreational boat access facilities. Eligible construction projects include boat ramps, courtesy floats, restrooms, access roads, parking areas and signs. Funds may also be used to make facilities ADA compliant. Funding requests require a 50% match.

PFBC encourages townships, boroughs and municipal and county governments to apply. Nonprofit groups (501c3) including land trusts, conservancies and watershed associations may also apply. Private businesses and service clubs are not eligible for direct funding but are encouraged to partner with their local county or municipality.

YMCA Announces Allentown Warming Station to Operate in Code Blue Mode During the Month of November

LEHIGH VALLEY - The Greater Valley YMCA-Allentown Branch's Warming

By Kristen Fallon / Chief Communications Officer GREATER VALLEY YMCA

Station, which provides shelter to homeless neighbors throughout the winter, will be operating in Code Blue mode during the month of November and will be open when temperatures are forecasted to be 32° F and below.

Staff and volunteer shortages have impacted the normal start of operations for the Allentown Warming Station. Paid and volunteer positions are available to help the Greater Valley YMCA deliver essential shelter and services to our homeless neighbors in our community.

If individuals or groups are interested in volunteering or working for the Greater Valley YMCA's Allentown Warming Station, then please contact Jodi Perry, Greater Val-

ley YMCA-Allentown Branch Executive Director, at (610) 351-9622 ext. 809 or jodiperry@gv-ymca.org.

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The Allentown Warming Station is open from 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. to single men and women, with designated sleeping areas for both. The Warming Station, is overseen by trained YMCA staff at all times, offering support, socialization, and weekly medical access via Lehigh Valley Health Network's Street Medicine Program, Cedar Crest College of Nursing, and St. Luke's Department of Community Health.

The Warming Station is a collaborative community program, made possible thanks to support from Lehigh County, the City of Allentown, City Center Allentown, First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, a local philanthropic leader, as well as dozens of additional individual donors, businesses, and organizations. Those interested in making a donation to support the Warming Station are encouraged to visit www.gv-ymca.org/donate.



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