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State Senator **LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS** Your District 38 Update



Upcoming Events

Senator Lindsey M. Williams Presents



**COVID-19 & KIDS:
A CONVERSATION WITH A PEDIATRICIAN**
Dr. Will Keough, Co-Chair of Advocacy, Pediatric Infectious
Disease Specialist

Monday, August 3 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Join Senator Lindsey M. Williams and Dr. Will Keough, Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist and Co-Chair of Advocacy for the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics for a discussion about how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted kids. Dr. Keough will be providing an update on what we know so far and will be taking your questions.

Register for COVID-19 & Kids - A Conversation with a Pediatrician



Come to a free shredding event hosted by Senator Lindsey Williams at the Shaler North Hills Library!

This is a socially distant shredding event. Stay in your car and we'll take your boxes and put them in the shredding truck!

Each person can bring up to 2 bankers boxes of papers for shredding.

Do you have books to donate? We'll also be helping the library collect gently used books for the Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library book sale!



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26 @ 6PM

Senator Lindsey M. Williams
invites you to a

**Clean Slate
& Expungement Virtual
Clinic**




Join us on Wednesday August 26 at 6pm for a Clean Slate & Expungement Virtual Town Hall!

Introductory remarks from Senator Lindsey Williams, presentation by Barbara Griffin, Esq., Director of the Pro Bono Center of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation and Associate Professor, Duquesne University School of Law

Ms. Griffin will discuss clearing criminal records in Pennsylvania and free legal help that is available to people with low incomes. Following the presentation, constituents may contact Duquesne University School of Law to determine if they're eligible.

You must register in advance for this event.

[Register for Clean Slate & Expungement Virtual Town Hall](#)




**PORT AUTHORITY IS
SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT!**

The community is invited to participate in six online meetings:

- **Monday, July 27, 2020 at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.**
- **Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 9 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. & 4 p.m.**

NEXTransit will help inform where service should go, who it should serve, when it should operate & what projects should be given priority over the next 25 years.



You can sign up to attend any of these meetings at <https://nextransit.network/events>

Allegheny County CARES Rent Relief Program

On Monday, July 20th, we hosted a rental and foreclosure assistance discussion to make people aware of the CARES Rent Relief Program, a joint effort between Allegheny County and the Pennsylvania Housing

Finance Agency (PHFA). The CARES Rent Relief Program helps people experiencing job loss or loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis.



You can hear the discussion [here](#).



Renters & landlords of renters who became unemployed after March 1 may be eligible for up to \$750 per month for up to six months. Homeowners who became unemployed after March 1 also could be eligible for up to \$1,000 per month for up to six months.

Renter and landlord applications and guidelines are being managed by Allegheny County and are available [here](#).

Homeowner applications will be administered by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA). The application can be found online [here](#).

If you think you qualify for either program, please apply.

Important dates to remember:



Apply July 6, 2020—
September 30, 2020

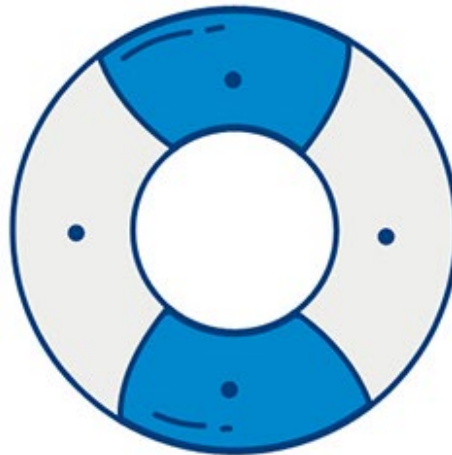


**Recipients of PHFA funding will
receive it by** November 30, 2020



**Funds can be used to
pay rent from** March
1st to December 2020

FPUC ending, other benefits available



PENNSYLVANIA RESOURCES & ASSISTANCE



The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), which funds the extra \$600 in unemployment compensation each week, ended July 25. While we hope that the federal government will extend the program and are urging them to do so, the Departments of Labor & Industry (L&I) and Human Services (DHS) are reminding Pennsylvanians that other state programs are available.

Pennsylvanians who have experienced a change in income or job loss, regardless of its relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, can apply for benefits online at any time at www.compass.state.pa.us.

Visit the [Resources for Pennsylvanians](#) page at www.pa.gov to also find:

- Mental health resources;
- Financial help;
- Mortgage and rent information;
- Food assistance, and more.

In addition to these programs, [PA CareerLink®](#) offices are also providing virtual services to help connect businesses with job seekers and assist with résumés, career development activities and more.

Some of PA CareerLink's® virtual services include:

- Adult education classes
- All employer services
- Career counseling
- Eligibility determination for Workforce Innovation programs and service
- Job search assistance
- On-the-Job Training programs
- Résumé assistance
- Virtual workshops
- Youth Programming and work readiness services

For more information, visit www.pacareerlink.pa.gov.

While the FPUC program may end, eligible claimants waiting for a payment from claim weeks April 4 through July 25 will receive those payments

COVID-19 Hazard Pay

HAZARD PAY GRANT PROGRAM

As part of Act 2A of 2020, \$50,000,000 was appropriated from CARES Act funding to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to provide Hazard Pay for FRONTLINE WORKERS.



Applications will be open for a two-week window beginning on **July 16, 2020** and closing on **July 31, 2020**. Eligible applicants will apply on behalf of the frontline workers in eligible industries.

\$50 million in grant funding is now available to help employers provide hazard pay to employees in life-sustaining occupations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Hazard pay is intended to keep front-line employees working in vital industry sectors across PA.

The funding was created through the federal CARES Act, this reimbursement-based grant is available to employers offering hazard pay during the eligible program period and will be

administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development. Businesses may apply for grants up to a maximum of \$3 million.

The following applicants are eligible to apply:

- Businesses
- Healthcare Non-profits
- Public Transportation Agencies
- Certified Economic Development Organizations (CEDO)

Eligible Pennsylvania-based industries include:

- Healthcare and Social Assistance
- Ambulatory Health Care Services
- Hospitals
- Nursing and Residential Care Facilities
- Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation
- Food Manufacturing
- Food Retail Facilities
- Security Services for eligible industries listed above and commercial industries that were not closed as a result of the Governor's Business Closure Order
- Janitorial Services to Buildings and Dwellings

Grant funds may be used for hazard pay for direct, full-time and part-time employees earning less than \$20/hour, excluding fringe benefits and overtime for the 10-week period from August 16, 2020, to October 24, 2020. Applicants may apply for up to \$1,200 per eligible full-time equivalent employee. Employers may apply for a grant to provide hazard pay for up to 500 eligible full-time equivalent employees per location.

Eligible applicants may apply for grants using the online DCED Electronic Single Application. Program inquiries may be directed to (717) 787-6245 or ra-dcedcbf@pa.gov.

Application Deadline: July 31, 2020

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Congratulations Springdale Volunteer Fire Department

Congratulations, SPRINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!



**Today the Wolf Administration Announced
New Investments for Volunteer Fire
Companies Fighting Wildfires Across
Pennsylvania**



In recognition of the service and sacrifice of volunteer firefighters throughout Pennsylvania, the Wolf Administration announced new funding to help rural communities guard against the threat of wildfires in the state's forests and other undeveloped areas. Springdale Volunteer Fire Department was a recipient of one of the grants to assist them in providing necessary services to the community.

Harrison Township Receives a \$3M Grant

Another piece of good news in the community! Representative Frank Dermody and Senator Williams announced that Harrison Township will receive a \$3 million grant from the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund.

HARRISON TOWNSHIP
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Multimodal Transportation Fund grants are awarded to local projects that develop or

enhance community transportation assets and improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor traffic.

The Harrison Township project will focus on improvements to the intersection of Route 366 and Pleasant Avenue by:

- Constructing a new turning lane northbound from Route 28;
- Separating the bypass ramp from the intersection by constructing a barrier;
- Extending the northbound ramp through the intersection;
- Constructing a new left turn lane to serve traffic destined for Pleasant Avenue;
- Adding new traffic signals.

Read more about it [here](#).

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have by phone at 412-364-0469 or by email at SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com. My staff will return your call/email within 24 hours (Monday-Friday).



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