



STEEL RIVERS Council of Governments

NEWSLETTER

FOR MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES



BOARD MEETING AND HOLIDAY DINNER

THE SUNSET ROOM
95 ENTERPRISE ST.
ELIZABETH, PA

THURS. DEC. 5
5:00 PM - NETWORKING
6:00 PM - MEETING, DINNER

ATTENDANCE REPLIES WERE DUE 11/20.
CONTACT PENNY TO SEE IF SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE

MEMBERSHIP DUES

MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE
MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL BE
BILLED IN JANUARY

REVIEW THE PERKS OF
COG MEMBERSHIP

WHAT WE DO
FOR YOU



GRANT APPLICATIONS

LEARN MORE

SEE ATTACHED FLYERS FOR
INFORMATION ABOUT THE
CLEAN AIR FUND AND
THRIVING COMMUNITIES

HAVE A PROJECT IN
MIND? WE CAN HELP
FIND FUNDING.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW CURRENT PROJECTS

BRADDOCK HILLS BOROUGH, CITY OF CLAIRTON, CITY OF DUQUESNE, DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH, ELIZABETH BOROUGH, FORWARD TOWNSHIP, GLASSPORT BOROUGH, HOMESTEAD BOROUGH, LIBERTY BOROUGH, LINCOLN BOROUGH, CITY OF MCKEESPORT, MUNHALL BOROUGH, PORT VUE BOROUGH, SOUTH VERSAILLES TOWNSHIP, VERSAILLES BOROUGH, WEST ELIZABETH BOROUGH, WEST HOMESTEAD BOROUGH, WHITAKER BOROUGH AND WHITE OAK BOROUGH



BOARD & MANAGER MEETINGS

where municipal voices are heard

Each month, the Steel Rivers COG Board meets to discuss plans that directly benefit all of its members, and to vote on proposals to set those plans in action. **Your presence at board meetings ensures that your municipality's interests get noticed**, and that your residents experience the full benefit of the COG's efforts. **It is worth your time to be a part of these productive conversations.**

Contact **Penny Donaldson** at the SRCOG office to confirm your attendance at the January 16 Manager Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Being a member of a Council of Governments has advantages that might get overlooked while tackling daily tasks. Take some time as the new year approaches to review your membership details, visit our website, and take advantage of all the ways we can help your municipality.

"Steel Rivers COG is a valuable forum for local leaders to discuss common challenges, seek grant assistance for critical projects, and benefit from volume pricing on commodities," says Amy Cline, Forward Township's COG representative.

"COG membership has allowed Homestead to be tuned in and proactive for some of the more macro-sized issues affecting our community," notes Homestead Borough Manager, Amanda Loutitt. "Without the COG, we wouldn't be able to chase federal funding on behalf of our community or foster relationships with outside organizations to help bring in new opportunities to meet the changing needs of our residents and business owners."

Watch for a notice from our Finance and Administration Director, Kristin Gusten, about renewing your COG membership.

Plan to attend the next board meeting and manager meeting to share your needs and your ideas, and to learn how the COG can help you get your 2025 to-do list done.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

REMEMBER, THE COG CAN APPLY TO ALMOST ANY GRANT ON BEHALF OF MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES and manage the project for a small administration fee. If you would like the COG to apply to a grant on your behalf, your submission deadline will be one week prior to the published deadline. Contact Jennifer Kwiatek, Government Grants Coordinator, for more details.

GHHI Thriving Communities - EPA & EJ

Project examples: Assess needs to address air pollution and its effects, water quality, food access, storm water issues, lead and asbestos, cleanup projects, heat islands, workforce development, and more. Multiple applications allowed.

**Now taking applications;
application deadline April 30, 2025.**

Mon Valley Clean Air Fund - Jefferson Reg. Foundation

JRF has been chosen to distribute US Steel settlement funds for projects related in any way to public health - physical, mental, or emotional. Schedule a conversation now to workshop ideas.

Application deadlines: Mid-January or mid-April

Grants opening soon:

GTRP - opens February 1, 2025

Multimodal Transportation Fund - opens March 2025

