



STEEL RIVERS

Council of Governments

NEWSLETTER

FOR MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES



BOARD MEETING

SRCOG CONFERENCE ROOM

1705 MAPLE ST.
HOMESTEAD, PA
15120

THURS. JAN.2

6:00 PM - DINNER

6:30 PM - MEETING

RSVP TO [PENNY DONALDSON](#)

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

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FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR
YOUR PARK, TRAIL, PUBLIC
HEALTH, AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
CONSTRUCTION AND
DEMOLITION PROJECTS

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



Jefferson Regional Foundation

Mon Valley
Clean Air Fund

LISTENING SESSION NOTES

The Jefferson Regional Foundation has been enlisted by the Allegheny County Health Department to distribute, in the form of grants, settlement funds received from U.S. Steel resulting from the 2018 fire that negatively affected the Mon Valley. In advance of opening their grant application portal, JRF held three listening sessions throughout October 2024 with the goal of understanding resident's needs and clarifying the grant application process. Almost 80 residents and community partners shared their personal stories, health challenges, and effective ways to meet community need and increase health and well-being with the Mon Valley Clean Air Funds. "We are incredibly grateful to the residents and community stakeholders who attended one or all the sessions," says Communications Coordinator Isaiah Warfield in an email to local organizations. "Their willingness to share critical information is an intangible asset that is both honored and respected."

The Jefferson Regional grantmaking team has compiled a summary report highlighting the ideas of residents, recommendations for project ideas, and next steps for non-profit organizations wishing to apply for grant funds. The Jefferson Regional Foundation will consider the themes in this report when evaluating Mon Valley Clean Air Fund grant proposals.

[Click here to download the Listening Session Report.](#)

The COG can apply for Mon Valley Clean Air Funds on behalf of members and associate members. The first step is to schedule an introductory conversation with the JRF grantmaking team before we can begin the application, so if you have project ideas in mind, contact Jenny at the COG office as soon as possible. The first round of grant applications will be due in mid-January.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

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 Manager, 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.

Round 1 proposals to be submitted in January

Grants opening soon:

GTRP - opens February 1, 2025

Multimodal Transportation Fund - opens March 2025



Leveled Up!

The Tri-COG Land Bank website was updated recently, making information about the organization and available properties easier to find. Learn more [about the Land Bank](#), find out how to

[get more involved](#), and see how the land bank [benefits the community](#). You can also view the properties that are [currently for sale](#). We hope you can attend a Land Bank board meeting

and consider joining if your municipality is not already a member. Contact [Natalie Boydston](#), Director of Program Operations, for more information.