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Governor Announces Agricultural Innovation Grants

The second round of grants through the Agricultural Innovation Grant Program was announced on August 13 by Gov. Shapiro, Lt. Gov. Davis, and Secretary Redding.

The \$9.7 million investment will support 97 projects and leverage \$4.8 million in private investment to help Pennsylvania agricultural businesses adopt innovative technologies that improve efficiency, boost production, protect natural resources, and generate clean energy.

Grants will reimburse expenses for projects that are complete, including both individual efforts and larger-scale initiatives with regional or statewide impact. The program received more than \$68 million in requests, underscoring strong interest across the agricultural community. For more information about the grant program, including eligibility requirements and application details, please visit the [Commonwealth's website](#).

Broadband Access in Pennsylvania



On August 18, the House Communications and Technology Committee held an informational hearing at the Indiana County Welcome Center focused on broadband investment and the importance of reliable, affordable internet access.

Indiana County Commissioner Sherene Hess testified about her county's experience expanding broadband access, as well as the challenges that continue to face rural communities. She emphasized that closing the digital divide requires more than building infrastructure and expanding access, it also must ensure that broadband service is affordable for residents.

As Pennsylvania continues to expand broadband through programs such as the [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\) program](#), sustained investment and innovative solutions will be critical to expanding broadband access and enabling all Pennsylvanians to fully participate in the digital economy.

More details about the hearing and broadband investments can be found via the link below.

Broadband Hearing

Funding Opportunities through BJA

The Bureau of Justice Administration has opened the following funding opportunities for which counties are eligible applicants. Each opportunity has its own eligibility requirements, deadlines and application procedures. Additional details are available through the associated links below.

[BJA FY 2026 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative](#)

Provides funding to enhance an entity or network of entities providing services in three core areas: crisis stabilization centers, treatment services, and electronic health record systems and technology modernization. Competitive opportunity, cost-sharing match required (see details in announcement).

Grants.gov Deadline - **September 25, 2026**, 11:59 pm

Application JustGrants Deadline - **October 2, 2026**, 8:59 pm

[BJA FY 2026 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program \(COSSUP\)](#)

Supports the development, implementation, or expansion of comprehensive programs in response to overdose deaths, illicit opioids, stimulants, and other substances. Competitive opportunity, no match required.

Grants.gov Deadline: **September 24, 2026**, 11:59 pm

Application JustGrants Deadline: **October 1, 2026**, 8:59 pm

BJA FY 2026 Smart Reentry Demonstration Program

Supports implementation of comprehensive and collaborative reentry strategies to increase the likelihood of successful reentry for people returning to communities from adult correctional facilities, and to establish or expand a program or service ("intervention") to reduce recidivism. Competitive opportunity, 50% cost-sharing match required.

Grants.gov Deadline: **September 24, 2026**, 11:59 pm

Application JustGrants Deadline: **October 1, 2026**, 8:59 pm

BJA FY 2026 Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes

Provide education and employment programs for adults and youth leaving prison and jail. Goal to improve academic and vocational/trade programs available to adults and youth in prisons and jails and expand workforce development and career pathways that result in improved job readiness, employment attainment, and retention, thereby improving employment prospects and reducing recidivism. Competitive opportunity, no match required.

Grants.gov Deadline: **September 24, 2026**, 11:59 pm

Application JustGrants Deadline: **October 1, 2026**, 8:59 pm

BJA FY 2026 Second Chance Act Family-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

Provide treatment and recovery support services to parents with substance use disorders (SUD) who have minor children or are pregnant and are under correctional control in a facility or community-based setting. Competitive opportunity, no match required.

Grants.gov Deadline: **September 24, 2026**, 11:59 pm

Application JustGrants Deadline: **October 1, 2026**, 8:59 pm

BJA FY 2026 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies

Supports publicly funded law enforcement and correctional agencies for the purchase or lease of body-worn cameras (BWCs) and the development of comprehensive BWC programs, Competitive opportunity, 50% cost-sharing match required.

Grants.gov Deadline: **September 25, 2026**, 11:59 pm

Application JustGrants: Deadline: **October 2, 2026**, 8:59 pm

BJA FY 2026 Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assaults in Confinement Facilities Program

Supports state, local, and tribal efforts to enhance their capacity to investigate and prosecute incidents of sexual assault in confinement facilities. Competitive opportunity, no match required.

Grants.gov Deadline: **September 23, 2026**, 11:59 pm
Application JustGrants Deadline: **September 30, 2026**, 8:59 pm

September is National Recovery Month



September is National Recovery Month, a time to recognize people in recovery, share stories of hope and resilience, and highlight the importance of prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

Pennsylvania's recovery community will come together at the State Capitol on September 15, 2026, for the 12th Annual Courage to Change Recovery Advocacy Day.

Participants will meet with members of the General Assembly to share their personal stories and highlight the positive impact recovery has on individuals, families and communities. The day also will reinforce the message that recovery is possible and remind Pennsylvanians that individuals can overcome substance use disorders.

[More Information](#)

Join Us for the 2026 CCAP Solicitors' Conference

October 16 in Harrisburg

County solicitors are invited to a full day of timely legal education designed specifically for the challenges facing Pennsylvania counties.

This year's program features:

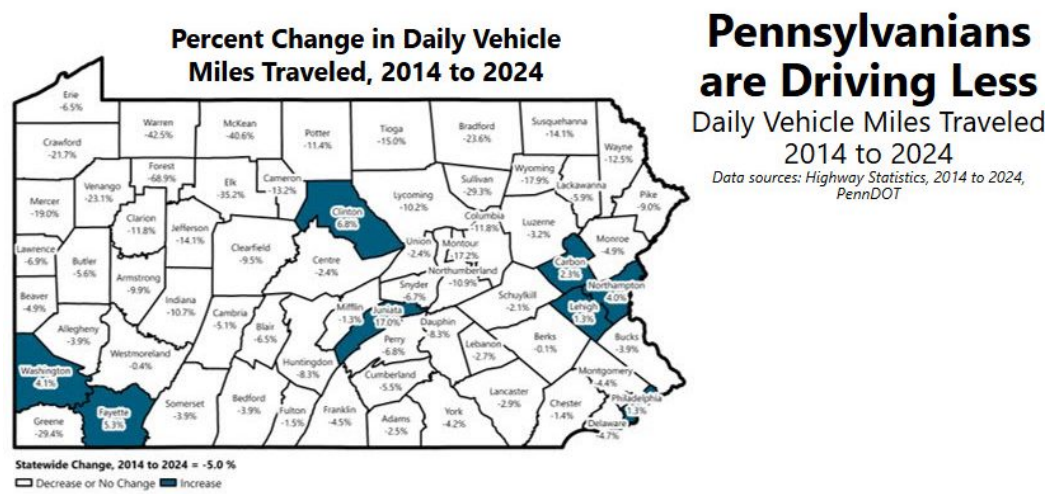
- **Cyber Incident Response** – Learn the most common mistakes counties make during cyber events and how to avoid them.
- **Setting Client Boundaries in the Digital Age** – Gain practical, ethics focused strategies for managing communication expectations and maintaining professionalism in an always connected world.
- **Data Centers: A Primer for County Solicitors** – Understand what data centers are, their local impacts, regulatory considerations, and pending state legislation.
- **CCAP Amicus Matters & Case Law Update** – Hear the latest on CCAP's amicus involvement and recent court decisions affecting counties.

The conference offers up to 5.0 CLE credits, expert speakers, and opportunities to connect with colleagues.

Strengthen your legal insight, stay current on emerging issues, and leave with tools to support your county more effectively.

Solicitors' Conference Details

Pennsylvanians are spending less time behind the wheel. From 2014 to 2024, vehicle travel across the commonwealth has declined, reflecting changing travel patterns and transportation needs.



Note: PennDot Data for 2025 has not been made available at this time.

Save the Date

2026 CYBERSECURITY SUMMIT

October 21 - 22, Harrisburg University (Dauphin County)

2026 CCAP FALL CONFERENCE

November 22 - 24, The Hotel Hershey (Dauphin County)

2027 CCAP SPRING CONFERENCE

March 7 - 9, Hilton Harrisburg (Dauphin County)

COUNTY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You'll find CCAP and county government career opportunities at the PA County Job Center.

Is a career opportunity available in your county? Submit a request to have your listing on CCAP's PA County Job Center.

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