

Developing People, Developing Businesses, & Strengthening Communities



The Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC) is the Local Development District (LDD) serving the Pennsylvania counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga and Wyoming.

We provide business financing, international trade counseling, government contract assistance, grant writing, transportation planning and workforce development services.

NTRPDC Upcoming Opportunities



28th Annual Tioga-Bradford Equipment Show

August 24th, 2023

9AM - 1PM

**Alparon Community Park, Troy,
PA**

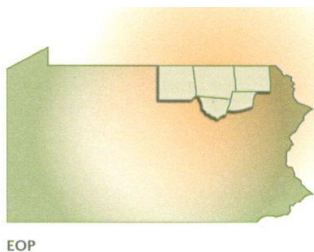
This is a great event for municipal officials/employees to interact with other municipalities, heavy equipment vendors, banks, insurance companies, and engineering consultants.

Internal Controls for Nonprofits Training

September 26th, 2023
10AM - 12PM
NTRPDC Conference Room
312 Main Street Towanda, PA
18848

Learn more about best practices and how to improve your organization's financial policies and procedures!

RSVP & more information coming soon!



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SERVING
PENNSYLVANIA'S
BRADFORD,
SULLIVAN,
SUSQUEHANNA,
TIOGA & WYOMING
COUNTIES.

NTRPDC Annual Meeting

October 20th, 2023
Troy Sale Barn
50 Ballard Street
Troy PA, 16947

More information coming soon!

Get Connected Program

Do you need a website, updates to your existing website, or help with social media or your online store?



NORTHERN TIER

GET CONNECTED

A program for small businesses located in Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming Counties designed to get you started with a website, social media, or e-commerce platform, or to help you improve an existing site or platform.

Are you eligible?

Eligible small businesses must:

be in existence for at least one year, have less than 100 employees, and meet additional criteria.

Visit this link:

to review the form, which includes all eligibility criteria and describes available packages. [Submit here](#) if you are interested in learning more!

Applications will be accepted until the end of November, unless program funds are spent beforehand.

For more information about the Get Connected Program, contact Cynthia Traore at traore@northerntier.org

Helping Businesses and Communities

Business Financing



Hume's Garden Center

Chris Hume, owner of Hume's Garden Center, received a loan through NTRPDC and Develop Tioga to open a new garden center in Tioga County, PA. Hume's Garden Center will be a locally owned

and operated garden center and cafe located centrally on Route 6 between Wellsboro and Mansfield. This location will include a greenhouse and retail garden center operation, offering trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials and fresh produce. The building will also contain a café serving fresh food options, specialty coffee, and hand-dipped ice cream.

Hume's Landscape Service has operated in and around Tioga County, PA since 1978. Chris Hume has worked in the family business since he was 13 years old, and has spent his life learning the business, studying plants, building relationships with his customers, and perfecting his design and installation skills. This foundation makes the garden center a natural extension of the existing landscape business.

Pine Creek Wilds

Owners of Pine Creek Wilds Co., Kim & Rob Neyhard, are developing and opening a family owned and operated e-bike rental & camp store to be located at 5426 Route 6 Wellsboro, PA 16901.



This new business is located on a busy main thru-way to Colton Point State Park and has easy access to the Pine Creek Rail Trail and the PA Grand Canyon, which allows customers to have a variety of bike route options. Use the rail trail to enjoy a trip into the town of Wellsboro for shopping and entertainment, travel to Blackwell for an outdoor adventure, or to Colton Point State Park for spectacular overlooks of the canyon. The property is also in close proximity to popular fishing creeks including; Pine Creek, Marsh Creek, and Asaph Run making it a common fishing area for tourist, campers, and locals alike.



Stacey Urban, Loan Program Manager

If you are interested in business financing for your new or existing business, please contact Loan Program Manager, Stacey Urban at 570-265-1510 or urban@northerntier.org.

What's So Cool About Manufacturing 2024



The Northern Tier's What's So Cool about Manufacturing (WSCM) competition is gearing up for the 4th year of the contest!

In the 2022-2023 school year, nine schools across the region had student teams visit manufacturers and work together to create a 2-minute video answering the question, "What is so cool about manufacturing?" The program aims to connect local manufacturers with students that have an interest in the tricks of the trade.

For more details about the competition, or if you are a manufacturer interested in participating in the program, please contact Rachel Selleck, Project Development Manager at selleck@northerntier.org.

LAUNCH! Your Success



The LAUNCH! Your Success program is a federally funded program that provides eligible young adults assistance in achieving academic and employment success by assisting out-of-school youth (OSY) in obtaining a GED, providing year-round education and employment opportunities, and assessing barriers for individuals and facilitating in eliminating them.

To learn more about LAUNCH! Your Success, check out the [Spring 2023 Newsletter here!](#)

Northern Tier Business Education Partnership

The Northern Tier Business Education Partnership (NT BEP) will kick off it's 9th year at the start of the 2023-24 school year! All six of our career coaches are excited for the opportunity to work with school districts to increase career education and exploration opportunities for students. The career coaches are also eager to begin connecting businesses to students for career exploration and work-based learning experiences.

If you are an employer that would like connected to your local school district, please email Jody McCarty at mccarty@northerntier.org.

NTRPDC Welcomes New

Community Development Program Manager



The Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission is helping serve municipalities and non-profits with the hiring of Kim Jennings to provide support, guidance, technical assistance and grant writing services. Most municipalities are understaffed and lack the resources to seek funding opportunities, so this position will assist with identifying projects eligible for funding, identifying funding sources, preparing grant assistance and other services as needed for a successful project.

The position also will develop outreach materials and presentations, coordinate and facilitate meetings to educate interested parties on federal and state funding opportunities for projects throughout the five-county region.

For more information about community development services, contact Kim Jennings at jennings@northerntier.org or 570-265-1539.

Registered Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship opportunities are growing in Pennsylvania, and the Northern Tier Region is picking up some momentum. Several local employers are participating in registered apprenticeship programs to train high-quality, skilled workers. Registered apprenticeship programs are tailored to meet individual employer needs for specific occupations. Job-seekers are interested in becoming apprentices because they start earning money and training for a specialized occupation on the first day of work. Participating in educational lessons and learning on the job is an exciting investment in a job seeker's personal growth and marketability.

NTRPDC seeks to continue providing apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship information to employers, job seekers, students and the general community. For more information on apprenticeship in PA, click [here](#). For the NTRPDC Apprenticeship website, click [here](#).

If you are interested in learning more about apprenticeship opportunities, please contact Jody McCarty mccarty@northerntier.org.

Spotted Lanternfly

As you enjoy summer, keep an eye out for the Spotted Lanternfly, an invasive pest who is now in its adult form. To help control its spread, regularly inspect your vehicle when traveling. If you spot any,



be sure to kill them to reduce their population and protect local ecosystems. More information is available through the [Department of Agriculture](#) and [Penn State Extension](#) websites.

Additionally, on our staff is Cynthia Traore, a SLF certified trainer and permit holder. She is available for questions and presentations and can be reached at traore@northerntier.org.

BST Employer Newsletters



The Northern Tier Business Services Team distributes a monthly employer newsletter with county specific information. Click on the link for your county below to read information on local PA CareerLink® events, DEIA, and other employer specific topics.

[Wyoming County](#)
[Susquehanna County](#)
[Sullivan County](#)
[Bradford County](#)
[Tioga County](#)

Funding Opportunities

Ongoing Acceptance of ARC Pre-Applications



Appalachian
Regional
Commission

We are delighted to announce the ongoing acceptance of pre-applications on a rolling basis for the 2023-2024 Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant funding round. Funding through the program is a federal (ARC), state (PA DCED) and local (NTRPDC) partnership.

As the designated Local Development District for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), we are excited to provide you with information related to the ARC [Area Development](#) and ARC [Local Access Road](#) Programs.

Most of the pre-applications will be considered for funding in the Summer/Fall of 2024.

ARC Grant Quick Facts:

How much can be requested?

- Area Development Grants range from \$30,000 to \$750,000
- Local Access Road Grants range between \$500k-\$1M

Do ARC grants require a match?

- Area Development Grants require 1-to-1 federal to state/local match. Match can include cash, in-kind, and other secured funding sources. EDA, USDA, and a few other federal funding programs can be used for up to 80% of the match.
- Local Access Road Grants do not require match, but match is highly recommended to remain competitive.

How do I apply?

- Contact NTRPDC to determine eligibility before submitting a pre-application as some of the priorities have changed at ARC and PA DCED.
- A copy of the required ARC pre-application (two-pages or less) should be submitted to Katie Smith. We provide individual templates for both the Area Development and the Local Access Road Program. Additional information may be required once the pre-application is reviewed by NTRPDC staff.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

If you have a potential ARC project or would like more information regarding the program, please contact Katie Smith, Economic Development Program Manager at smith@northerntier.org or 570-265-1532.

DCED Local Share Account (LSA) Application Period Opening in September



The PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Applications will be accepted from September 1st, 2023 to November 30th, 2023.

Eligible projects include:

- Projects in the public interest.
- Projects that improve the quality of life of citizens in the community.
- Eligible projects must be owned and maintained by an eligible applicant or a nonprofit organization.

Eligible applicants include:

- Pennsylvania Counties
- Municipalities
- Municipal Authorities
- Economic Development Agencies
- Redevelopment Authorities

Funding

- Grants are available for projects with a total eligible project cost of \$25,000 or more. Grant requests shall not exceed \$1,000,000.
- No match required.

[Click here](#) for full program guidelines.

If you have questions about the LSA program or would like assistance in applying, please contact Kim Jennings at jennings@northerntier.org or Katie Smith at smith@northerntier.org

Senator Bob Casey Announces EDA Recompete Pilot Program

EDA's Recompete Pilot Program is a new program authorized by the CHIPS and Science Act that will invest \$200 million in persistently distressed communities to create and connect people to good jobs.

The Recompete Pilot Program will provide flexible funding to communities that can be used for a variety of activities to promote economic development and is available to areas where the prime-age employment (25-54 years) significantly trails the national average (an updated eligibility map is available [here](#), and the Notice of Funding Opportunity is available [here](#)).

Please help us spread the word! Feel free to share with any contacts or stakeholders that you think might find this helpful.

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