

## **Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant Criteria 2023-24 Grant Cycle**

The Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board has established the criteria by which all applications seeking a Local Share Municipal Grant will be recommended to the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners. The goal is to ensure consistency during the review process. Please note that the points under each criterion are the maximum amount of points that can be awarded.

This summary is intended to serve as a starting point for evaluating projects. In formulating recommendations, the Gaming Advisory Board will not be limited to strict mathematical calculations. Each criterion is briefly described in the matrix below and assigned a point total. Point totals are provided to indicate the level of significance ascribed to each criterion, and not for literal application. It is not expected that a project will earn points for every criterion.

Please note that priority will be given to infrastructure projects, inter-governmental projects, those that leverage outside investment in Dauphin County, and projects that are ready to proceed and require a share of local gaming funds for completion.

### **LOCAL SHARE – SCORING MATRIX**

#### **LOCATION**

A primary eligible municipality must be established. The applicant must provide a clear case for selecting its application and indicate the level of municipal support for each project for which a grant application is submitted.

- Dauphin County, East Hanover Township and municipalities contiguous to East Hanover Township and located in Dauphin County, identified as Derry Township, Middle Paxton Township, Rush Township, South Hanover Township and West Hanover Township. 10 POINTS
- Municipalities that are non-contiguous with East Hanover Township and located within Dauphin County. 7 POINTS

#### **CATEGORIES**

Proposed projects must fall within at least one of the qualifying categories identified below. Projects may qualify or earn points under multiple categories.

- Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements. Projects in this category include, but are not limited to, those that support the development, improvement, expansion and/or rehabilitation of facilities, buildings, roads, bridges, and water, sewer, energy or other utility facilities. Projects in this category may also include those that promote the deployment of broadband and/or fiber optic services in the

county, particularly in underserved areas; enhance access to computer technologies and reduce the digital divide; promote the development and deployment of renewable energy technologies and resources, as well as industries and business related thereto; facilitate the development of technology parks and corridors; support the development of next generation communication networks and WiFi networks; and foster the creation and expansion of technology businesses. 15 POINTS

- Transportation. Projects in this category include, but are not limited to, those that improve access to airport or intermodal freight facilities; assist in tourism/recreation travel within reasonable proximity of the licensed facility; enhance freight movement; develop, sustain or expand air transportation and regional transportation centers; improve mobility to job centers; improve bridge and roadway conditions; reduce accidents; improve traffic signalization; reduce vehicle speeds or traffic volumes (especially in areas with high potential for pedestrian and bicycle activity); eliminate conflicts between bike/pedestrian and other traffic; reduce travel time; relieve congestion; increase access to bus and train stations; add frequency and service of bus/transit/rail and bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and make highway and public transportation investments that use context sensitive design to improve existing developed areas and attract residents and visitors. 15 POINTS
- Emergency Services, Health and Public Safety. Projects in this category include, but are not limited to, those that support police departments, fire departments, emergency management services, health care providers and hospitals, hazmat teams, explosives or special units, and other first responders serving the licensed facility, surrounding communities and points of ingress and egress thereto; provide or support community crime prevention services and programs; and enhance the use, deployment and accessibility of automated external defibrillators (AEDs). Such projects may include efforts to improve equipment, facilities, and access to services. Projects under this category also include the creation of well-designed developments and walkable, livable neighborhoods that offer safe and healthy lifestyle opportunities. 15 POINTS
- Public Interest Initiatives. Projects in this category include, but are not limited to, those that reuse and redevelop “brownfield,” industrial and previously developed sites in urban, suburban and rural communities; support the preservation, enhancement, conservation, rehabilitation, restoration or reconstruction of historic buildings and neighborhoods for compatible contemporary uses; maintain and improve recreational, heritage and natural assets, resources and infrastructure, including parks, athletic fields (with priority for those with public use access and/or a community use plan), greenways, historic sites, fishing and boating assets, museums, and performing arts assets; promote “greenfield” and traditional neighborhood development that is compact, conserves land, is consistent with local and regional planning goals and ordinances, and is integrated with existing or planned schools, transportation, and water and sewer services; and conserve or

restore environmentally sensitive lands, waters and natural areas for ecological health, biodiversity and wildlife habitat. 15 POINTS

- Human Services, especially services related to gaming addictions. The category also includes services that offer a comprehensive approach for addressing addiction generally, services assisting low income and impoverished persons, services related to the prevention of the abuse of women or children, services related to the collection of child support, services focused on youth development and welfare, services directed at senior citizens, and social services related to or necessitated by residential or commercial development resulting from or related to the licensed facility. Projects involving this category may include costs associated with the delivery of services, as well as facilities, transportation, and other related needs. 10 POINTS

### **PENN NATIONAL**

- Applicants seeking funding from Grant Pool 1 (*see* Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant Program Guidelines/May 2023 at Sections I and III) must provide information or documentation on how the proposed project, or its costs, use or need, is associated with or a result of Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse. 25 POINTS
- Applicants seeking funding from Grant Pool 2 for projects that promote health, safety, transportation or the public interest have shown that the proposed project has a connection with, or is a result of, Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse. 15 POINTS

### **PUBLIC NEED**

- The application provides a narrative on what the existing conditions are in the host community, how the proposed project will provide a positive impact and improve the host community. 10 POINTS

### **BUDGET**

- The application provides a detailed budget, including all sources and uses of funds, for the project from start to finish, including multiple project phases if applicable, and highlights how the gaming funds will help provide a critical financial role. The application also provides cost estimates for the project, preferably from the local municipal engineer if applicable. 10 POINTS

### **LEVERAGING OF GAMING FUNDS**

- The application provides a detailed list of funds, other than gaming funds that will be or have been associated with this project. The application identifies other grant and/or loan funds that have been or will be received or for which applications are

pending. Projects with a substantial amount of funds from other sources will be given strong consideration. 10 POINTS

### **TIMELINE**

- The grant agreement will require that work must be initiated on all winning projects within ONE YEAR of the grant award (on or about March 1, 2024). The application provides a detailed timeline of the project and demonstrates the ability to comply with the timeline requirement. 10 POINTS

### **LOCAL PLANNING**

- The application provides a description of how the project follows, or is consistent with, a local comprehensive plan (compliance with local comprehensive plans will play a key role in the evaluation of the project) and/or a regional/county comprehensive plan. 10 POINTS

### **FIRE & EMERGENCY REPORTING AND PLANNING**

- An application seeking funding for a fire or emergency services related project is consistent with the recommendations and findings of the Comprehensive Review of Fire and Emergency Services Resources. 15 POINTS
- If the applicant seeks funding to support a fire company, the applicant has provided adequate proof of appropriate and consistent use of PennFIRS. 5 POINTS

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

- The application includes letters of support from federal, state and local officials, as well as from community organizations, agencies, businesses and citizens. Editorials or news articles may also be considered. 5 POINTS
- An application submitted by a non-municipal applicant shows the applicant has cultivated a strong relationship with the municipal sponsor or co-applicant. 5 POINTS

### **EXPERT ANALYSIS**

- If applicable, the application provides professional or expert studies, analyses or supporting documentation related to the project or its need, uses, or costs. (Examples include preliminary studies done by engineers, architects or any other professionals supporting the need, uses and costs of the project). 5 POINTS

## **PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE**

- The applicant has participated in a pre-application conference with program consultants and/or staff for the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board prior to August 1, 2023. 25 POINTS
  
- The applicant has participated in a pre-application conference with program consultants and/or staff for the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board on or after August 1, 2023. 10 POINTS