

State Program Approves Matching Funds For Fairs

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius announced that capital improvement projects at Pennsylvania fairs will get a boost from matching funds approved by the Fair Fund Committee of the Pennsylvania Fair Board.

"We're pleased to provide matching funds for improvements to Pennsylvania's fairs," Brosius said. "Pennsylvania fairs provide food, entertainment, and learning experiences for millions of residents and visitors every year."

The Fair Fund Committee recently approved funding for 32 matching projects at Pennsylvania fairs. A total of \$559,243 is available from the \$3.7 million Fair Fund for this purpose.

The Fair Program, which is administered by the Agriculture Department, appropriates these funds to improve buildings and grounds, acquire new land, or construct new facilities.

Following is a county-by-county listing of those capital improvement projects that will receive a matching grant from the Fair Fund Committee.

- Beaver County: Located in Rochester, the Big Knob Grange Fair was approved for a

\$4,441 grant to build a new roof on the main exhibit hall.

- Beaver County: Located in Hookstown, the Hookstown Fair was approved for a \$25,000 grant to purchase 39.5 acres of land.

- Blair County: Located in Ty-rone, the Sinking Valley Community Farm Show, Inc. was approved for a \$12,000 grant to purchase and prepare 11 acres of real estate for use as a parking area.

- Bradford County: Located in Troy, the Troy Fair was approved for a \$25,000 grant to install a new sewer line.

- Bucks County: Located in Langhorne, the Middletown Grange Fair was approved for a \$25,000 grant to construct an exhibit building.

- Butler County: Located in Prospect, the Butler Fair was approved for a \$25,000 grant to construct a livestock barn.

- Butler County: Located in Butler, the Butler Farm Show was approved for a \$25,000 grant to repair the dairy barn.

- Cambria County: Located in Ebensburg, the Cambria County Fair was approved for a \$25,000 grant to extend the capon building,

improve the restrooms, paint and repair the fair office, and enclose the arena.

- Centre County: Located in Centre Hall, the Centre County Grange Fair was approved for a \$25,000 grant to build a facility for Emergency Medical Services, including an office and meeting room.

- Chester County: Located in Kimberton, the Kimberton Community Fair was approved for a \$16,550 grant to build a livestock judging pavilion and upgrade kitchen venting and fire extinguishing systems.

- Clearfield County: Located in Clearfield, the Clearfield County Fair was approved for a \$11,713 grant to renovate the grandstand.

- Clinton County: Located in Mackeyville, the Clinton County Fair was approved for a \$25,000 grant to renovate the fair office and first aid building, and provide chain link fence and roadway improvements.

- Columbia County: Located in Bloomsburg, the Columbia County Agriculture, Horticulture, and Mechanical Association was approved for a \$25,000 grant to install a metal roof over the band-shell, and build restrooms and dressing rooms for the bandshell performers.

- Crawford County: Located in Meadville, the Crawford County Fair was approved for a \$1,575 grant to tar and chip a roadway.

- Erie County: Located in Wattsburg, the Wattsburg/Erie County Fair was approved for a \$12,500 grant to construct a grandstand.

- Huntingdon County: Located in Huntingdon, the Huntingdon County Agricultural Association was approved for a \$13,000 grant to construct a barn with stalls, and water and electrical service.

- Jefferson County: Located in Dubois, the Dubois Ag & Youth Fair was approved for a \$25,000 grant to purchase approximately 100 acres of land.

- Jefferson County: Located in Punxsutawney, the Jefferson County Fair Authority was approved for a \$25,000 grant to construct two buildings for sheep, chicken, and rabbit exhibits.

- Lancaster County: Located in Elizabethtown, the Elizabethtown Community Fair, Inc. was approved for a \$11,850 grant to construct and pave an asphalt roadway.

- Lawrence County: Located in New Castle, the Lawrence County Farm Show, Inc. was approved for a \$9,000 grant to construct a retaining wall in front of the grandstand.

- Lycoming County: Located in Hughesville, the Lycoming County Fair was approved for a \$25,000 grant to renovate a school exhibit building, roadway, and chain link fence.

- McKean County: Located in Smethport, the McKean County Fair Association was approved for a \$25,000 grant to build a grandstand.

- Mercer County: Located in Stoneboro, the Mercer County Agricultural Society was approved for a \$9,398 grant to renovate an office.

- Potter County: Located in Shinglehouse, the Potter County Fair Association was approved for a \$7,503 grant to construct a horse barn.

- Snyder County: Located in Beaver Springs, the Beaver Community Fair was approved for a \$2,172 grant to upgrade the heating system for the Memorial Building.

- Susquehanna County: Located in Kingsley, the Harford Agricultural Society was approved for a \$25,000 grant to install a sewage storage tank, including site preparation.

- Tioga County: Located in Wellsboro, the Tioga County Agricultural Association was approved for a \$2,500 grant to purchase new outdoor lighting.

- Union County: Located in Mifflinburg, the Union County West End Fair was approved for an \$841 grant to purchase a new pump and water tank.

- Wayne County: Located in Honesdale, the Wayne County Agricultural Society was approved for a \$25,000 grant to reshape and grade the driveway and parking lot, and rehabilitate a stream and stream bank.

- Westmoreland County: Located in Greensburg, the Westmoreland Agricultural Fair and Recreation Association was approved for a \$19,200 grant to install a water line and two fire hydrants.

- Wyoming County: Located in Tunkhannock, the Kiwanis Wyoming County Fair, Inc. was approved for a \$25,000 grant to construct a horse barn.

- York County: Located in York, the York County Agricultural Society was approved for a \$25,000 matching grant to upgrade sewer and water facilities.

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