

Shapiro Administration Launches Online Resource to Streamline Access to and Provide Information About State Grant Opportunities

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On October 30, 2024, the Shapiro administration announced that Secretary for Administration Neil Weaver and the Commonwealth Office of Digital Experience (CODE PA) had launched a new tool to assist stakeholders in learning more about and applying for grants under the more than 300 state grant programs. [Press Release](#), Pa. Office of Admin., “Shapiro Administration Launches New One-Stop Grant Search Tool to Streamline Pennsylvanians’ Access to Government Funding Opportunities” (Oct. 30, 2024). According to the administration, the “Discover State Grants” website is intended to be a comprehensive resource that allows prospective applicants to sort and filter information specific to their needs and will provide links and important information about each grant program to assist in the application process. *Id.*

The administration said it is working to increase participation in grant programs and “level the playing field for state and federal dollars to benefit communities, small businesses, schools, non-profits, and many others across Pennsylvania.” *Id.* The website lists numerous grant categories that cover a wide swathe of subcategories, including grants specifically related to the oil and gas industry. For example, grants recently or currently offered under the energy category include the Methane Emissions Reduction Program General Assistance Grant (for operators of 11 or more wells), Methane Emissions Reduction Program Small Operator Assistance Grant (for operators of 10 or fewer wells), and Orphan Oil and Gas Well Plugging Grant Program (for qualified well pluggers). Other categories include Environmental and Water, Law, Justice, and Legal Services, and Transportation. See Commw. of Pa., “Discover State Grants,” [here](#).

Per the Press Release, CODE PA will continue to work on improving the Electronic Single Application, “a shared platform that manages the application and administration processes for grants by multiple state agencies,” and technical challenges identified by grant applicants. More information about CODE PA and its ongoing work on Discover State Grants and other initiatives is available [here](#).

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