



FAYETTE COUNTY CHIRP GRANTS AWARDED

In January 2021, Pennsylvania legislators signed into law the Covid-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP). The Program provided grant funding to businesses in the hospitality industry – restaurants, hotels, caterers, etc. – to assist in alleviating impacts from COVID-19 restrictions. CHIRP funds were allocated to each Pennsylvania county’s governing body based on county population.

In March 2021, Fayette County contracted with Fay-Penn Economic Development Council to administer \$1,464,205 in CHIRP funding. Fay-Penn developed a comprehensive county-wide program that included an application process, business outreach, contact tracking, application assistance, and grant award criteria.

Over the past few months, Fay-Penn contacted almost 400 hospitality businesses in Fayette County to apply for and receive the allocated grant money. Fay-Penn ultimately awarded grants to 81 Fayette County businesses, which were then paid by Fayette County. These businesses employ a significant number of workers, and are a vital component of Fayette County’s economy.

Fay-Penn expresses its gratitude to Fayette County Commissioners Dave Lohr, Vince Vicites and Scott Dunn for their leadership in implementing this program in Fayette County, as well as to our Pennsylvania legislators for initiating this program to help our small businesses. Fay-Penn is privileged to be a small part of the overall, ongoing recovery effort in Fayette County.