

County of Lancaster
Request for ARPA Funding

Project/Item Description	Tec Centro Southwest - renovation of existing facility to expand education and training services to low income unemployed and underemployed individuals.
Estimated Cost – how cost was derived & provision of partner funds (who is providing, how much and show commitments).	Total Cost of Project: \$4,489,860 (see attached detail) Total Request to County: \$1,000,000
Which County ARPA Community-wide Benefit(s) does the project meet?	Workforce Development
Briefly explain how the project meets the County's guidelines.	This is a one-time capital investment that will provide a long-term benefit to the community in the form of education and job training services to low income, unemployed and underemployed individuals, especially to Hispanics who have limited English speaking abilities. Program graduates will improve their ability to qualify for high demand, good paying jobs in the private sector. By increasing their earned income, graduates will become self-sufficient and eliminate their need for reliance upon public assistance. The program will also benefit local private sector employers who need well-trained employees to fill their vacant positions.
Why should this project be a priority and how will it help the County? Also, if this application is for more than one project, please identify each one, provide information and rank them in order of your priority.	See attached detail
Will this project require ongoing expense (maintenance, updates) or frequent replacement? Are expenses already being incurred, if so, can they be reduced through this project?	See attached detail
Project Timeline – start to finish, and when funding will be needed.	September 2022 – Funding needed. Project will take approximately 9 months
ARPA Committee Comments	
ARPA Committee Recommendation	

Funding Amount Recommended (if recommended for approval)	\$
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Estimated Cost: \$4,489,860

These estimates reflect a Contractor Estimate by SACA’s Project Manager, and the owner of CSD Construction of Lancaster, PA.

Approved Funding:

Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (PA) \$500,000

Pending Funding:

- County of Lancaster \$1,000,000
- City of Lancaster ARPA - \$1,000,000
- US Economic Development Admin \$1,500,000
- New Market Tax Credit Allocation \$489,860

County priority:

Tec Centro serves approximately 1,200 students per year. Tec Centro has a graduation rate of 80% of its trainees. These graduates who are placed in full time private sector jobs average at least a 40% increase in their annual incomes due to their training and placement in jobs. This increased income results in decreased dependence on public assistance, payment of federal, state, and local income taxes, increased discretionary spending for homeownership and other goods and services resulting in a healthier economy. By our calculations, Tec Centro graduates result in the addition of more than \$4.5 million dollars annually into Lancaster County’s economy due to increased wages and benefits. In addition, the savings in public assistance costs for our graduates is in excess of \$3.5 million annually (including food stamps, Medicaid, and cash assistance). The expansion and operation of this facility will also allow Tec Centro to reduce its current waiting list which is over 500 individuals.

Ongoing Expense:

Yes, the facility will require approximately \$1.2M in annual operating expenses to provide the high school equivalency, English competency education and skill training. However, SACA has been successful in attracting operating funding from the PA Department of Education for post -secondary training as well as over \$250,000 annually from corporate donations generated through the use of the PA neighborhood assistance tax credit programs. The program also receives operating support from the Lancaster Workforce Investment Board, the Lancaster County United Way, and PA Department of Agriculture SNAP training program. SNAP funds are used to pay for education and training services to food stamp recipients in order to help them become self-sufficient. In addition, project will result in lowered energy and operational costs due to upgrading to energy efficient HVAC and new LED lighting.

Other organizations:

Harrisburg Area Community College and Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology provide instructional services for skill training at Tec Centro facility. Operational funding provided by other sources is listed above. Project funding provided by other sources is also listed above.

