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Ephrata Borough Secures State Funding for Recreation Center Upgrades

Ephrata Borough, Lancaster County – Ephrata Borough was awarded \$260,851 in Statewide Local Share Account funding to advance critical upgrades at the Ephrata Recreation Center. The Commonwealth Financing Authority announced the funding on Thursday.

“The Ephrata community is very grateful for the continued support of Senator James Malone and Representative Keith Greiner who advocated for this funding,” Ephrata Borough Manager Karen Gerhart said. “These upgrades will ensure a safer, more comfortable environment for the thousands of residents who rely on the center for fitness, recreation, and community programs.”

The planned renovations include replacing rooftop HVAC units, installing updated HVAC communication controls, and modernizing the center’s fire protection system. The center’s current HVAC units are over 25 years old and frequently require costly maintenance and repairs. Additionally, the building’s fire protection system is due to be upgraded.

“I was proud to advocate for this funding because investing in community spaces like the Rec Center is essential to maintaining quality of life in Ephrata,” said Senator James Malone. “This project not only improves safety and comfort for residents, it also strengthens the borough’s ability to provide recreational opportunities for everyone in the area.”

The Rec Center has been in operation since 1951. It serves more than 11,000 participants annually and offers more than 100 programs for people of all ages and interests.

“These enhancements reflect our commitment to creating safe, welcoming spaces for families and individuals throughout the borough,” Representative Keith Greiner stated. “With this funding, we can continue to provide exceptional programs and services for years to come.”

The Statewide LSA program is funded through the PA Racehorse Development and Gaming Act. The Commonwealth Financing Authority oversees the distribution of gaming revenues to support projects of public interest within the Commonwealth. The program is highly competitive, and 2,997 applications were submitted this round totaling approximately \$1.35 billion. Of those awards, 1,186 were awarded, totaling approximately \$268 million.

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