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Upper Delaware Council Awards 2014 Technical Assistance Grants

NARROWSBURG – The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) voted on Oct. 3 to award \$25,000 in Technical Assistance Grants for nine projects that will further goals and address needs identified in the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

The awards, however, are contingent upon the appropriation of Fiscal Year 2014 federal funding to the UDC.

The latest grant round brings the cumulative amount to \$745,394 that the UDC has provided to its member municipalities since 1988. In all, 219 projects have been funded through the Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) program.

Member municipalities submitted applications by an Aug. 30 deadline. Combined requests totaled \$37,156.99. A special meeting of the Project Review Committee to deliberate over the applications took place on Sept. 10, with a recommendation provided to the full Council for action at its October 3 monthly meeting.

Technical Assistance Grants are available for research, planning, and studies conducted by the UDC's eight member New York towns (Hancock, Fremont, Delaware, Cochection, Tusten, Lumberland, Highland, and Deerpark), five Pennsylvania townships (Damascus, Berlin, Lackawaxen, Shohola, and Westfall), and the encompassing river corridor counties.

Buckingham and Manchester Townships would also be eligible to receive this member benefit if they joined the UDC.

TAG awards can provide seed money for a municipality to embark on a project without having to dip into local tax dollars.

Working together to conserve the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River

Town of Hancock - Town of Fremont - Town of Delaware - Town of Cochection - Town of Tusten - Town of Highland

Town of Lumberland - Town of Deerpark - Damascus Township - Berlin Township - Lackawaxen Township - Shohola Township - Westfall Township

State of New York - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Delaware River Basin Commission - In partnership with the National Park Service

The approved recipients are:

- **Town of Hancock, NY** - \$5,168.01 to complete an economic study in conjunction with the Delaware County Industrial Development Agency and produce promotional materials to demonstrate how improved releases from the New York City Water Supply System will help stimulate the local and regional economy of the Upper Delaware River region.
- **Town of Lumberland, NY** - \$5,000 to hire Fairweather Consulting to provide an estimate of tourism visitation of the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway in order to identify potential economic opportunities.
- **Shohola Township, PA** - \$5,000 to produce a DVD and indexed pictorial library catalogue to help preserve the history of Shohola Township.
- **Town of Tusten, NY** - \$3,500 to create a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
- **Town of Delaware, NY** - \$3,000 to update the Town of Delaware's assessment records.
- **Town of Lumberland, NY** - \$1,500 to create a master map of the Glen Spey Cemetery which will be available to the public in brochure and on-line format.
- **Berlin Township, PA** - \$683.99 to purchase tax maps from the Wayne County Assessment Office and obtain a hanging file system to display them.
- **Town of Cochection, NY** - \$656 to purchase topographic and soil maps for use by the town's assessor and building department.
- **Town of Highland, NY** - \$492 to purchase topographic maps as a planning and development tool.

Mid-term progress reports are due to the UDC by Feb. 28, 2014. The deadline for project completions is August 22, 2014.

To access a directory of the UDC's Technical Assistance Grants from 1988-2013, review program guidelines, and download forms, please visit www.upperdelawarecouncil.org. Contact UDC Resource Specialist Travis O'Dell at (845) 252-3022 or travis@upperdelawarecouncil.org with any questions.

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