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Fitzgerald Announces Opening of Active Allegheny Application Period *2019 Projects Making Important Connections in the Community*

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald announced today that a fifth round of funding through the Active Allegheny Grant Program is now available. The program provides financial assistance to communities to develop plans and design transportation projects that will, when implemented, provide bicycle and pedestrian connections to important local destinations and transportation systems and increase residents' opportunities for physical activity. A small amount of funding also is provided to carry out educational activities, develop stakeholder outreach and materials, and conduct events that promote active transportation.

"I'm extremely proud of the projects funded by this program because it continues to make connections that are important to our residents, allowing them to get where they need to go in new ways," said Fitzgerald. "We remain grateful to the Hillman Foundation for providing funding to support these efforts. The partnership with the Redevelopment Authority, the Health Department, and Economic Development would not be possible without their participation, and our communities are the better for it."

The Active Allegheny Grant Program (AAGP) is managed by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) in partnership with the Health Department (ACHD) as part of *Live Well Allegheny*. County municipalities and councils of government (COGs) are eligible to apply for funding through the program. Multi-municipal applications are allowed and strongly recommended, but only one grant application is considered per municipality.

The maximum allowable request per applicant is \$50,000 for planning and engineering projects. RAAC will consider applications that exceed \$50,000 for projects that will significantly improve opportunities for physical activity, connect to major systems, and/or represent multi-municipal efforts. Additionally, RAAC staff will help grantees access the appropriateness of different programs to obtain funding for subsequent phases of project implementation, if necessary.

The AAGP seeks to implement projects that are identified in or consistent with [Active Allegheny](#), the county's active transportation plan, and the transportation element of [Allegheny Places](#), the county's comprehensive plan. By providing resources for the design and integration of active, safe, and walkable and bikeable spaces into neighborhoods, this effort also implements recommendations identified in [Plan for a Healthier Allegheny](#), the guide for health improvement in the county.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the Hillman Foundation supporting *Live Well Allegheny* efforts to enhance food access by eliminating food deserts and by expanding opportunities for physical activity through built environment changes. *Live Well Allegheny* is a comprehensive, innovative strategy on wellness that embraces a broad concept of living well to include physical health, mental wellness, personal and community safety, prevention and preparedness, and much more.

Learn more about *Live Well Allegheny* at www.livewellallegheny.com and about the Active Allegheny grant at www.alleghenycounty.us/AAGP.

In 2019, three projects were funded totaling \$75,000:

- Ingram received \$43,500 to plan and design walkability improvements in the vicinity of the Ingram West Busway station, the borough's business and commercial districts, and Foster Park
- Carnegie and Collier received \$30,000 to study the feasibility of extending the Panhandle Trail from its terminus in Collier to the West Busway station in Carnegie
- Whitaker received \$1,500 to purchase t-shirts and water bottles to support a community walking group

The deadline for submission of applications is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2020. For questions regarding the program, please contact Ann Ogoreuc, Assistant Director of Mobility & Transportation Initiatives, at 412.350.4549 or ann.ogoreuc@allegHENYcounty.us.

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