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PMVB Awards \$292K to 24 Community Projects

First-ever Community Impact Grant a success

June 27, 2022 – From upgrading playgrounds and enhancing outdoor recreation facilities to rehabilitating historic icons and beautifying downtowns, 24 regional projects are receiving a major financial boost through the [PMVB Community Impact Grant](#), a newly-established program from the [Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau](#).

Utilizing funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax, the PMVB has awarded a total of \$292,055 to local governments, agencies and organizations to support a variety of projects that aim to improve the quality of life in communities across Wayne, Pike, Monroe and Carbon counties.

“Our goal is to give back to our local governments and organizations that do so much for residents as well as the nearly 30 million guests who visit the Pocono Mountains each year,” said Chris Barrett, President/CEO of the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau. “The first-ever Community Impact Grant was a great success, and we look forward to offering this program again in the future.”

Information about future rounds of the PMVB Community Impact Grant will be posted, once available, on poconomountains.com/grants.

***See next page for details about each recipient.**

Recipients of 2022 Community Impact Grant:

Organization Name	Amount	Project Description
Barrett Township	\$ 15,000	Community Park at Ice Lake development - Phase 3
Bowmanstown Borough	\$ 1,600	Upgrading outdated playground equipment
Coolbaugh Township	\$ 11,500	Additional parking for basketball courts, benches & trail markers at open space property
East Stroudsburg Little League	\$ 15,000	Konawalik Field capital improvements
GO Collaborative	\$ 7,500	Seasonal planters for Main Street & Snowmen of Stroudsburg
Hamilton Township	\$ 10,000	Repairing roof of historic estate open seasonally for tours
Hawley Borough	\$ 1,925	Skatepark mural project at Bingham Park
Honesdale Borough	\$ 7,800	Four Welcome to Honesdale signs, landscaping
Jackson Township	\$ 30,000	Baseball field renovations
Jim Thorpe Borough	\$ 9,000	Jim Thorpe Mausoleum Monument parking improvements
Lansford Alive	\$ 280	Borough-wide beautification project
Lehighon Downtown Partnership	\$ 5,000	Lighting trees on First Street for safety, beautification
Middle Smithfield Township	\$ 20,000	Installing kiosk at Community & Cultural Center
Milford Borough	\$ 14,000	Purchasing 12 new garbage receptacles for commercial district
Mount Pocono Borough	\$ 6,000	Borough Hall beautification project
Newfoundland Library	\$ 1,150	Converting storage area to community hub
Palmerton Borough #1	\$ 2,300	Beautification & landscaping of borough entrance
Palmerton Borough #2	\$ 5,000	Third Street basketball court upgrades
Pleasant Valley FBLA	\$ 10,000	Future Business Leaders of America to National Leadership Conference
Pocono Township	\$ 40,000	Replacing outdated playground equipment at TLC Park
Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm	\$ 40,000	Rehabilitation of 1850 Bank Barn
Tobyhanna Township	\$ 25,000	Pocono Summit West traffic & safety improvements
Waymart Borough Council	\$ 4,000	Adding steps to restored D&H Gravity Open Air Car, making accessible to visitors
Women Veterans Museum	\$ 10,000	Improvements to facility in Mount Pocono

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