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## Butler Township Receives \$1 million Grant to Advance Plans on New Township Facility

Butler Township, Adams County – The Pennsylvania Governor's Office of the Budget awarded Butler Township \$1 million from its Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) on Nov. 18, 2022, to construct a multipurpose municipal complex.

Grant funding will be used to advance plans on a new, fully functional township facility where safety and security are a priority. The proposed project will include a reception area, delineated offices and workspace, a meeting room with ample space for social distancing, and a maintenance area and garage that is all under one roof. Commonwealth legislators Rep. Torren Ecker and Sen. Doug Mastriano provided support letters for the request.

"A huge thank you goes out to Rep. Torren Ecker," stated Butler Township Supervisor Chair Ed Wilkinson. "Rep. Ecker was an early supporter of our project and worked hard to get this funding secured. A township facility that houses all municipal functions will have a huge impact on safety, security, financial efficiency, and improved service and convenience for local residents."

Currently, the township houses its administrative office in the lower floor of a residential dwelling that was converted into office space and a public-meeting room. The salt shed and maintenance building are located across the township. The maintenance building is in derelict conditions and will likely no longer be insurable due to the age and structural instability.

Not only will the new township facility increase efficiency with day-to-day operations, but it will also be designed to serve as an emergency operations center, if the need arises, and it will also provide the benefit of a polling location.

"The new township facility will be a centralized location that will meet the growing demands of the community," said Ecker. "I was happy to advocate for the township's application for these funds."

For questions or comments, please contact Danielle Helwig, township secretary/treasurer at butlertwp@comcast.net.

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