

At the December 16, 2008 Board Meeting, the Members approved the following noteworthy items:

- 1) Approved several actions regarding the 2009 Mainstreets Pittsburgh Program: Filing of Applications and executing Grant Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for \$700,000 in funding; Cooperation Agreement with the City; plus approved a series of Mainstreets Pittsburgh contracts with sponsoring business district organizations and technical assistance providers in nine neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh.
- 2) Approved the partnering with Metropolitan Business Fund of Pittsburgh and to allocate \$250,000 to lend to eligible applicants by providing flexible financing and technical assistance to new and existing businesses which are located in or serve the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area.
- 3) Approved submitting Applications and entering into Contracts with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative Program to provide funding for the following projects:
  - \$1,100,000 for two railroad underpasses at Sandusky Street & Anderson Street;
  - \$1,000,000 for the East Liberty Pedestrian Connector;
  - \$300,000 for Nine Mile Run Project to study transportation connections between Phase 1, 2 and 3 areas.
- 4) Approved several actions for the rehabilitation of the former Allentown Youth Hostel into a Police Station for Zone 3. The current construction cost estimate is approximately \$800,000.
- 5) Approved the filing of an Application and a Contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for a Growing Greener II grant of up to \$500,000 to be used for site development and construction of public infrastructure to accommodate construction of 31 market rate single family residential units on the vacant former American Electric Site in the Manchester neighborhood.
- 6) Approved a Grant Agreement with the Northside Leadership Conference for \$40,000 to be used for a planning study and market analysis for the East Allegheny and Spring Garden neighborhoods.
- 7) Approved the filing of an Application and Contract with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development for an Allegheny County Economic Development Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund grant for an amount up to \$250,000 to be used for site development and public infrastructure costs to support development of up to 56 market rate single family residential units at the Cassabill Estates development in the 31<sup>st</sup> Ward of the City.