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### Montgomery County Now Accepting *Montco 2040* Implementation Grant Applications for 2019

**Norristown, PA (January 17, 2019)** – The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) is seeking applications for the 2019 cycle of the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program. This program is intended to assist municipalities in making targeted physical improvements that achieve real progress toward the goals of the county’s comprehensive plan, *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*. The program focuses on supporting local projects that specifically further the goals of the comprehensive plan and the plan’s themes of Connected Communities, Sustainable Places, and Vibrant Economy. Applications are due March 1, 2019.

“This grant program has awarded over \$3.7 million to 41 projects in our county, and the awarded projects are all making very tangible differences in our communities,” said Dr. Val Arkoosh, Chair of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. “We are pleased to offer our municipalities another round of funding this year so we can continue to support our Montco 2040 Plan and make Montgomery County the best place to live, work, and visit.”

For the 2019 cycle, a funding allotment of \$1.5 million is available on a competitive grant basis for municipalities and their partners to work toward achieving the goals of the comprehensive plan that affect their local communities. Grant amounts are available between \$10,000 and \$200,000; a realistic average award is around \$100,000. The grant program, established in 2016, has awarded over \$3.7 million to 41 projects in 35 municipalities in Montgomery County.

While the program is open to a wide array of projects fitting within the comprehensive plan, specific Focus Categories that highlight recent county planning initiatives are connected with each cycle. Projects that fall under a Focus Category receive greater consideration during the application review. The 2019 Focus Categories are listed below:

- *Walk Montco* and *Bike Montco* – Trails, Paths, Sidewalk Connections, and Bike Facilities
- Support of Downtowns and Community Destinations
- Adaptation and Resiliency

Other project types that meet the goals of the county comprehensive plan may also be eligible. More information and complete guidelines for the 2019 cycle along with application forms and instructions and a brochure that provides a complete list and suggestions for eligible projects are available at [www.montcopa.org/Montco2040GrantProgram](http://www.montcopa.org/Montco2040GrantProgram).

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