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Mr. Andy Baechle  
Director, Allegheny County Parks Department  
County Office Building  
542 Forbes Avenue - Room 211  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mr. Baechle:

As you are aware, RACP funding is intended to provide much needed economic stimulus to the Pennsylvania economy and it is intended to assist in the immediate creation of quality, family-sustaining jobs for Pennsylvanians. As a result, Governor Wolf has authorized a pre-release of \$1,500,000 in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funding for the North Park pool project in Allegheny County.

Please be advised that this pre-release is being forwarded to you on the express condition that, prior to the public announcement of funding by Governor Wolf, neither this conditional commitment's existence, nor any of its contents will be publicly disclosed to any parties other than those lending or other financial institutions that are necessary to continue progress on the project, without the prior written approval of the Office of the Budget. The release of information to necessary lending or other financial institutions shall also be on a confidential basis.

Please be further advised that this correspondence shall serve as a conditional pre-release notification that will in the future authorize the preparation and submission to the Office of the Budget an e-RACP Application for the aforementioned project, when the Office of the Budget has officially opened the window for the next Round of submissions. Please download the PDF file titled 'Instructions for e-RACP Application Completion' from our website ([www.racp.pa.gov](http://www.racp.pa.gov)), which contains the necessary forms and instructions for the preparation of the e-RACP Application.

Once a formal release has been officially approved, please download the 'Application & Business Plan Handbook' from our website ([www.racp.pa.gov](http://www.racp.pa.gov)), which contains the necessary forms and instructions for the preparation of the Application & Business Plan. Instructions on how to submit the Application & Business Plan will follow after the public announcement. Please note that the Application & Business Plan will need to include a resolution from the eligible applicant authorizing the submission of the Application & Business Plan for Redevelopment Assistance

Capital Grant funding. The resolution should also state the project name and grant amount approved.

Once authorized to complete the Application & Business Plan for the RACP grant, please include sufficient information and documentation indicating this project's estimated economic impact and potential for job creation. This should be consistent with the information supplied in your e-RACP application submission.

As you become one of the selected recipients of the limited amount of RACP funding available, your organization would have the significant responsibility of ensuring that these funds are utilized for economic development in a timely manner. Please note that the policy of this Administration has been to require that all recipients of RACP funding **MUST** submit their application within 6 months of the date of an official release letter. Failure to submit the required RACP application within this timeframe may lead to the termination of any commitment of funding contained herein. It is important to note, however, that according to existing law, applicants must be able to demonstrate that at least 50% of the required non-state funds necessary to complete the project are secured at the time of the application. Failure to document the 50% non-state funds will preclude the Office of the Budget from accepting the application and drafting a grant agreement. Once the grant agreement is fully executed for the RACP funding, your organization will then have a maximum of six months to meet the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and begin construction of the aforementioned project. Failure to begin construction of the project within six months of the final execution of the grant agreement may lead to the termination of the funding commitment.

Once this project is officially authorized to receive RACP funding, you should know that the grant agreement you will execute requires compliance with RACP bidding requirements and the payment of prevailing wage rates, among many other terms. Questions about prevailing wage rates and how they may affect your project's construction contracts should be directed to the Bureau of Labor Law Compliance, Department of Labor and Industry at 717-787-4671. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the loss of this funding and return of any funds already provided to your project by the Commonwealth.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania looks forward to working with you to complete this project. Should you have any questions regarding this commitment or the preparation of e-RACP Application materials, please contact Steve Heuer 717-787-7342.

Sincerely,



Jen Swails  
Secretary of the Budget

cc: Mike Brunelle (Chief of Staff)