

# Freeman Announces \$1.85 Million For Community Projects

By Tom Andrews

HARRISBURG, Dec. 18 – State Rep. Robert Freeman welcomes \$1.85 million in state grants for safety, recreation and equipment improvements in his legislative district in Northampton County.

"I take great pride in working with municipal officials, community organizations and my legislative colleagues to ensure that the area I represent receives adequate resources from state programs that are distributed across the commonwealth. Today's announcement is the latest example of the work that I put in to secure that funding through the Commonwealth Financing Authority," said Freeman, D-Northampton.

Statewide Local Share Account grants, which are derived from the taxes paid by Pennsylvania casinos, were approved for the following projects:

\$375,568 to the city of Easton for safety improvements by renovating the northern intersections of Larry Holmes Drive and Spring Garden Street, Church Street and Northampton Street.

\$300,000 to Hellertown Borough to construct a pedestrian bridge and trail in Tumminello Park.

\$250,000 to Freemansburg Borough to complete the third phase of the construction of the borough's Community & Cultural Center.

\$250,000 to Palmer Township to rehabilitate and enhance an aging bicycle path.

\$150,000 to improve the effectiveness of the Easton Police Department by constructing a secure, climate-proof site for evidence and property involved in criminal investigations.

\$150,000 to the Hellertown Borough Authority to install a solar panel array on a storage shed and to purchase a tractor and utility vehicle.

\$150,000 to Suburban Emergency Medical Services, to purchase powered stair chairs for ambulances.

\$125,000 to the Greater Easton Development Partnership for equipment improvements for events located in the city of Easton.

\$100,000 to West Easton Borough to purchase a new dump/plow truck.

All of today's grants are distributed by the CFA board, an independent state agency that was created to administer Pennsylvania's economic development programs.



## Tax Relief for Working Pennsylvanians

By Senator Rosemary Brown

The new state budget we passed includes the new Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit, which provides meaningful relief for working families across the commonwealth.

In a time when affordability is a top issue affecting Pennsylvanians, policies like this tax credit help relieve some of the financial burden on families. If you claim the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit, you may also claim the state tax credit equal to 10% of the federal amount.

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