

# Coleman, Miller Announce Lehigh County Will Benefit from Nearly \$2 Million in State Funding

By Robert Arena (Coleman)

HARRISBURG – Sen. Jarrett Coleman (R-16) and Sen. Nick Miller (D-14) announced today that Allentown Art Museum and Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority were awarded nearly \$2 million in Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) funding for improvement projects.

The funding was administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

"I'm pleased to join Sen. Miller in announcing these state grants to the Allentown Art Museum and Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority," Coleman said. "This funding will support these important cultural and transportation safety projects in the Lehigh Valley, encouraging our continued economic growth."

"These investments are building the foundation for a thriving, innovative Lehigh Valley that will grow and prosper for decades to come," Miller said. "Transformative projects like the Allentown Art Museum and the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority will fuel growth and opportunity. The new museum will attract visitors, expand educational programming, and boost cultural tourism, and at the same time, we're improving airport safety with advanced equipment to support commerce and ensure efficient travel."

Approved Statewide LSA Approved Projects:

Allentown City on behalf of the Allentown Art Museum will receive \$775,000 to cover professional costs for the planning of a new art museum.

"On behalf of the Allentown Art Museum, I am deeply grateful to Senators Jarrett Coleman and Nick Miller, as well as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for this impactful LSA grant," said Allentown Art Museum President and CEO Max Weintraub. "This investment in the Museum's future affirms the essential role that cultural institutions play in strengthening communities, expanding access to the arts, and driving economic vitality in our region. We are honored by Senators Miller's and Coleman's support and look forward to putting these funds to work in ways that will benefit Allentown and the Lehigh Valley for generations to come."

Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority will receive \$1 million to purchase an aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicle for the Lehigh Valley International Airport.

The LSA program distributes gaming revenue to economic development projects. LSA funds are distributed by the Commonwealth Financing Authority, an independent agency of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development which administers the commonwealth's economic stimulus packages.

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# Pocono Chamber of Commerce 2025 Annual Dinner!

By Lindsey Dedics

East Stroudsburg, PA - Who: The Pocono Chamber of Commerce, a proud partner of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, is excited to host its Annual Dinner, a night dedicated to celebrating another successful year of growth, collaboration, and community impact in Monroe County. This signature event is presented by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.

What: This special evening brings together business leaders, community partners, and local advocates from across the region to celebrate achievements from this past year and to look ahead to new opportunities in 2026. The night will be filled with good conversation, meaningful connections, and the presentation of awards honoring individuals and organizations that help strengthen the Pocono business community.

Patrice Dume of East Stroudsburg University has been named this year's Pocono Chamber Champion. Cindy Carr Knecht of Carr Realty will be honored as Volunteer of the Year. Reanna Tong of the Pocono

Mountains Visitors Bureau will be celebrated as the Young Professional of the Year. Lastly, Lifetime Community Commitment "Frank Schoelch" Award will be presented to Rich Berkowitz of Sherman Productions.

Thank you to our sponsors and partners for making this event possible: Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Lehigh Valley Hospital Pocono, TCB Promotions, Northeast Site Contractors, PennAEYC, ESSA Bank,

Adams Outdoor, Evening Sun Entertainment, EBC Printing, LocaliQ, George Roberts Productions, Michael Straub Photography, and The Armory.

# ARNDT'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Celebrates 200 Years of Faith, Fellowship, & Community Service

By Gerry Burns

Easton, PA – December 17, 2025 – Arndt's Lutheran Church, a cornerstone of faith and community in Forks Township, PA since 1826, is proud to announce its 200th Anniversary, marking two centuries of spiritual leadership, service, and enduring legacy.

To commemorate this historic milestone, the church will host a year-round calendar of events to honor the church's history, leaders, ministries, and programs that have evolved through the years. The third Sunday of each month during 2026 will be dedicated to historical reflections, joyful reunions, special concerts, and other festivities. The year of celebration will officially launch at the worship service on January 18th.

Jean Huber, Pastor at Arndt's Lutheran Church commented, "For two centuries, Arndt's Lutheran Church has been a steadfast home for generations, rooted in faith and committed to service. From its humble beginnings as a gathering of devoted believers, the church has grown into a vibrant community that continues to inspire, uplift, and serve."

The church invites all members of the community to join in the year-round celebration to share in the stories, memories, and missions that have defined the church's journey.

Arndt's Lutheran Church, 1851 Arndt Road, Easton, PA 18040

Service Time: 10:30 AM on Sunday, January 18, 2026

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