COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON
ADMINISTRATION

- NEW DIRECTOR STARTED IN FEBRUARY 2018
- FINANCE POSITION AND GRANT SPECIALIST POSITION ELIMINATED FROM BUDGET
- DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE PROMOTED TO ADMINISTRATOR
- HIRED NEW DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN MARCH 2018
- CONDUCTED REGULAR STAFF MEETINGS AND EDUCATIONAL SITE VISITS
- ASSISTED IN CREATING BEN (BETHLEHEM, EASTON AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTY RELATIONSHIP)
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

• DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR GENERAL PURPOSE AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT
• CREATED SMALL BUSINESS START UP AND GROWTH SERIES
• CREATED GRANT WRITING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS
• CREATED COUNTY HOSTED MERCHANT EXPOS
• KICKED OFF BLIGHT STRATEGY PLAN
• KICKED OFF HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN
• PARTICIPATED IN LVEDC STATE ENGAGE PROGRAM
• REVIVED COUNTY COG MEETINGS, INVITED MUNICIPAL ENGAGEMENT
• SUBMITTED COUNTY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM TO LVPC ANNUAL AWARDS
• HOSTED HUD PRESS CONFERENCE
• PASSING OF THREE COUNTY LERTAS (UMBT, EASTON, SOUTH BETHLEHEM)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Brought county presence to area festivals and events with our community booth including: Hellertown, Plainfield, Musikfest, Blue Valley, Palmer, Via, Celtic Fest, Northampton, Miracle League
- Meetings with county municipalities and school district superintendents
- Assisted human services with senior center locations and funding various programs (roof repair, handicap restrooms, health educator, veteran's cemetery, aging and outpatient residence program) in the amount of $1 million
- Assisted parks and rec with $90,000 in funding for open space and parks handicapped playground equipment
- Applied for multi modal grant & Dep grant applications for public works
- Applied for $500,000 in funding with Ben partners for student built affordable housing, energy savings for home owners and small businesses and historical home preservation in Bethlehem and Easton with National Park Service.
COUNTY GRANT PROGRAMS

• RECEIVED $1.5 MILLION FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE LEAD GRANT
• HOTEL TAX: 28 GRANTS AWARDED: $580,828
• GAMING AUTHORITY: 40 GRANTS AWARDED: $1,196,584
• CONTINGENCY & 2005 HOTEL TAX: 5 GRANTS: $225,000
• CRBG: 2 GRANTS AWARDED: $150,000
• CIPP: 38 GRANTS AWARDED: $849,202
• AFFORDABLE HOUSING: 7 GRANTS AWARDED: $189,150
• FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS: 34 BORROWERS $167,805 WHICH PROVIDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO 114 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY
• CDBG: 27 GRANTS AWARDED: $1,543,379
• PHARE: $350,000 FEDERAL FUNDING PENDING
• HOME: $700,000 FEDERAL FUNDING PENDING
• ESG: $350,000 FEDERAL FUNDING PENDING

$4,901,948 in Grants Awarded in 2018

$2,000,000 Federal funding pending