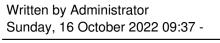
Allegheny Township vying for \$70,000 in casino-related grants to fund multiple projects



Allegheny Township officials are seeking nearly \$70,000 in state gambling funds to finance five municipal projects.

The money is available under the Local Share Program administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development for communities in counties where state casinos are located.

The Live! Casino, which the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board classifies as a Category 4 facility, opened in November 2020 at Westmoreland Mall in Hempfield, making Westmoreland County communities eligible for the grant program.

Allegheny Township Manager Greg Primm said this is the first time the township is applying for the grants. The township nearly missed the deadline to apply for a share of an available \$3.4 million.

Primm said he was not aware of the Local Share Program until he had a conversation with state Rep. Abby Major, R-Ford City, whose district will include the township after Jan. 1.

"Abby Major told me on Sept. 23, and (the applications) were due on the 30th," Primm said. "That is the first time I heard about it."

He said he received no notification from the state about the program.

The grant applications submitted by the township include:

• \$15,215 to buy new mobile radios for the Markle Fire Department;

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