



### Member's Press Release

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#### **Shook, Marshall, Fleischauer and Beach**

#### **Delegates Net Quarter Million in Grants**

The Delegates of Mon County will distribute over \$250,000 in grants for Community Participation Projects. The grants cover four categories: Seniors, Economic Development, Public Education and Emergency Medical Services. CPP grants give delegates the opportunity to direct local funding where it is needed most.

Delegates Shook, Marshall, Fleischauer and Beach (all D-Monongalia) worked as a team to pick local entities that were most deserving of assistance.

"Teamwork is something I learned about as a member of the WVU football team. By working together, our four Monongalia County delegates maximize the effect of the Community Participation Projects by prioritizing projects that will most benefit our community," said Delegate Shook.

CPP funds cannot be used for salaries or fixed costs, but can be used for special projects. Some of the special projects that the Delegates funded included upgrading communications equipment for volunteer fire departments, help with construction costs of a new pavilion for the Farmer's Market, as well as assistance for nutrition programs at local senior centers.

"I am particularly proud that our delegation will help senior groups throughout the county so that they can get together and share meals at centers near their homes, not just in one location that could be far from where they live," said Delegate Marshall.

By pooling funding requests and reaching a unified consensus, Delegates have been able to provide larger amounts for one-time construction projects or to fund groups that may not be eligible for other types of assistance.

"For example, our CPP funds will help the Historical Society put a flood wall around the Easton Roller Mill and assist the WV Grief Center to purchase therapeutic supplies for children who have lost a loved one," said Fleischauer. "If we did not step in with funding to prevent further flood damage at the Easton Roller Mill is saved from further flood damage, we could risk losing one of our most valuable local historical landmarks," she noted.

"Finding funding for smaller projects can be difficult, but if local organizations help with matching funds, the CPP program allows us to give an extra boost to projects. An example of this is the grant money we obtained which helped PACE-TEC reach its goal of fully funding the new evaluation and employment training facility for the disabled clients they serve," said Beach.

The Monongalia County delegation submitted these grant requests during the 79<sup>th</sup> Regular Session. All of the projects have been tentatively approved by the Governor's Office and funds will be dispersed once awardees have completed necessary additional paperwork.

On Friday, November 13th, Monongalia County Delegates will be touring the new training facility at PACE-TEC at 2:00. At 4:15 that same day, Ron Iannone, the Executive Director of the WV Public Theater, will give the Delegates a tour of the construction site of the new theater, located at Waterfront Place. The Delegates secured a portion of the funding for both projects.

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