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Cumberland County Receives \$200K from PA Legislature for Slate Roof Project

Grant from Local Share Account (LSA), collected from Gaming Funds, will be used for Main Courthouse Roof Repairs in 2026

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County will begin replacing portions of the slate roof on the Main Courthouse thanks to a grant supported by a bipartisan group of State and House legislators including Sen. Greg Rothman, Rep. Barb Gleim, Rep. Nate Davidson, Rep. Sheryl Delozier, Rep. Torren Ecker, Rep. Tom Kutz and Sen. Dawn Keefer.

The project will be financed, in part, by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority. The \$200,000 grant, from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Local Share Account (LSA) was officially accepted by the Cumberland County Commissioners during a public meeting on April 10, 2025.

The courthouse roof, which has never been replaced, dates back to 1959, when the facility was built. After withstanding 60 years of sun, rain, snow, and sleet, the roof is showing significant wear and tear, particularly on the east and south roof faces where the repairs will be made.

"We are so grateful to our Cumberland County legislators for supporting this project," said County Commissioner Kelly Neiderer. "These funds will be used to help maintain the roof's historic character and protect the building from future damage."

The portions of the courthouse roof needing repairs include missing or broken slate tiles, as well as tiles that are flaking and delaminating. This type of wear and tear can lead to leaks, mold and roof underlayment damage. The \$200,000 grant will cover most of the project's total cost of \$282,050.

"This important project protects and preserves our Cumberland County courthouse, while benefitting taxpayers, residents, and all who conduct business with our row offices and courts," said State Senator Greg Rothman. "I'm thankful for the open lines of communication with county officials as well as the collaboration of my colleagues in the House as we worked together to secure state funding."

Scott Roofing, of Harrisburg, will begin the project in 2026. The North Country unfading black slate was sourced from quarries in Quebec, Canada at a cost of \$63,050 and is expected to last 100 years. Additional slate tiles will be used for repairs on other parts of the roof.

“We encourage our county to seek out grants that can help bring important projects like this to life,” said State Representative Barb Gleim. “Whenever we in the legislature can make a positive difference for our communities, we gladly will.”

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