

Officials seeking \$1.7 million in impact grants

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Middletown

Each year, the county doles out about \$2.6 million in grants funded by revenues from Parx Casino.

Middletown Township will apply to the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority for \$1.7 million in casino impact grants.

The township will seek \$650,000 to repave access roads along Route 1 and another \$300,000 for a new truck at Parkland Fire Co.

The grant wish list also includes requests of \$175,000 for six new cop cars and \$162,000 for a Penndel-Middletown Emergency Squad ambulance.

Other grant requests include \$80,000 for a swipe card access system at the town hall, \$60,000 for police computers and \$50,000 for an emergency generator for the public works department.

The board of supervisors officially signed off on the wish list Monday night.

Each year, the redevelopment authority is charged with doling out approximately \$2.6 million in tax revenues from Parx Casino.

Middletown will compete with several other Lower Bucks towns for a share of that money.

The redevelopment authority typically announces the grant winners in November.

In 2009, Middletown received a \$204,350 casino impact grant to install sidewalks along Woodbourne Road from the Oxford Valley Mall to the SEPTA train station. Work on the project continues.

In 2008, Middletown received a \$478,977 casino grant to pay for upgrades to the intersection of Maple Avenue and Business Route 1.

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