



# COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND

Virtual Information Session  
Thursday, March 13, 2025





# GOALS FOR TODAY'S SESSION

Review the Community Recovery  
Fund's history and purpose

Provide an overview of the  
application, review, and reporting  
processes

Highlight important dates

Answer questions



# TIMELINE





# PURPOSE

Founded to further pandemic recovery in the short-term and invest in organizations and initiatives that make long-term systemic investments in our community.







# MISSION & GOALS

The Community Recovery Fund seeks to empower local organizations to:




**Expand essential services.**

**Address systemic challenges.**

**Create equitable opportunities for residents.**

The Community Recovery Fund reflects Bethlehem's commitment to investing in our residents by addressing critical systemic needs and inequities.

The CRF aims to fill gaps in existing funding and services to foster resilience and inclusivity.



# FUNDING CATEGORIES

**Arts and Culture**

**Child Care Support**

**Climate Justice**

**Community Center**

**Economic Development**

**Education and Literacy Programs**

**Food Assistance**

**High-Speed Internet**

**Job Training**

**Mental Health/Counseling**

**Parks and Recreation**

**Public Communication Tools**

**Public Health**

**Senior Services**

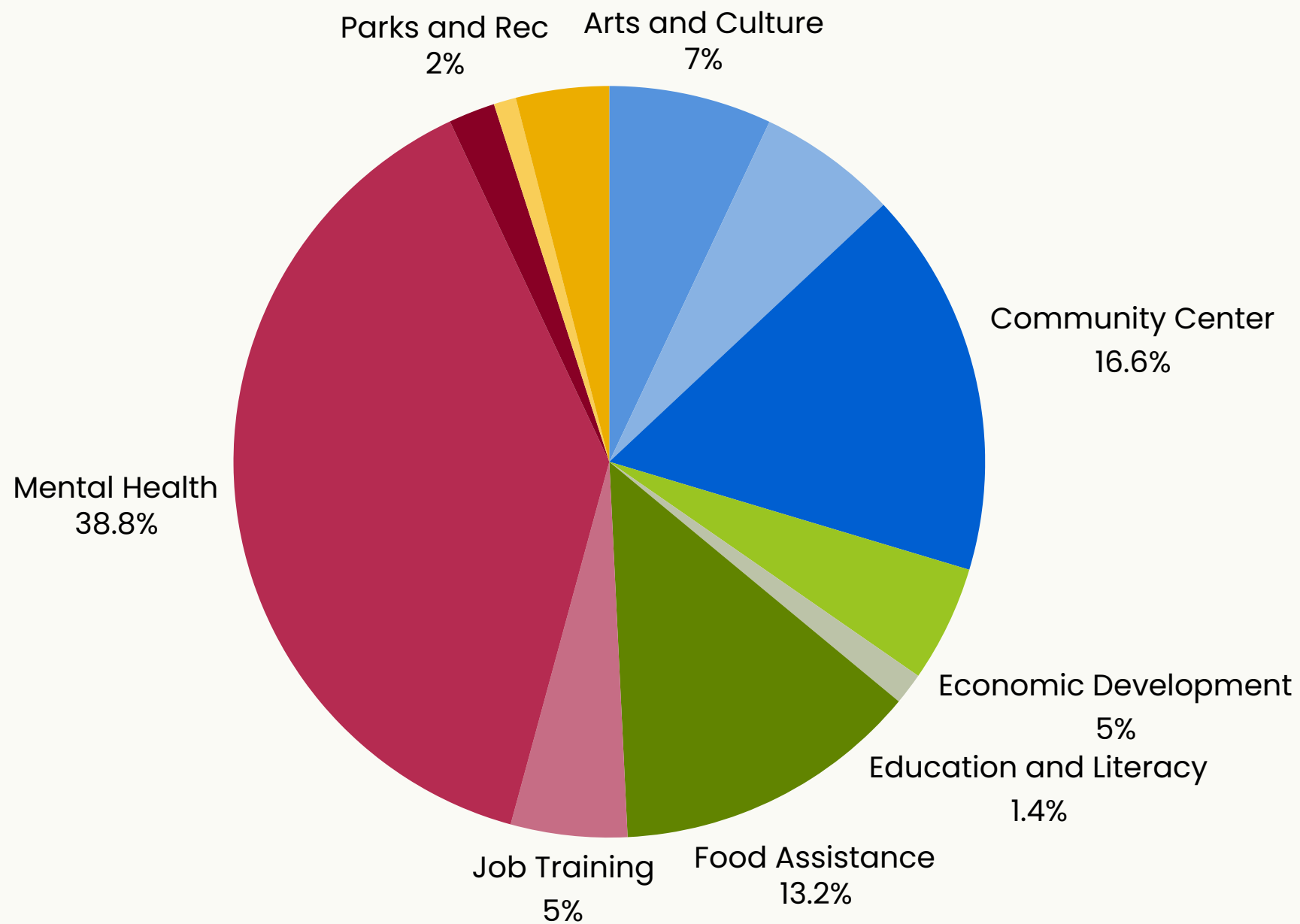
**Utility Assistance**

**Violence Prevention**

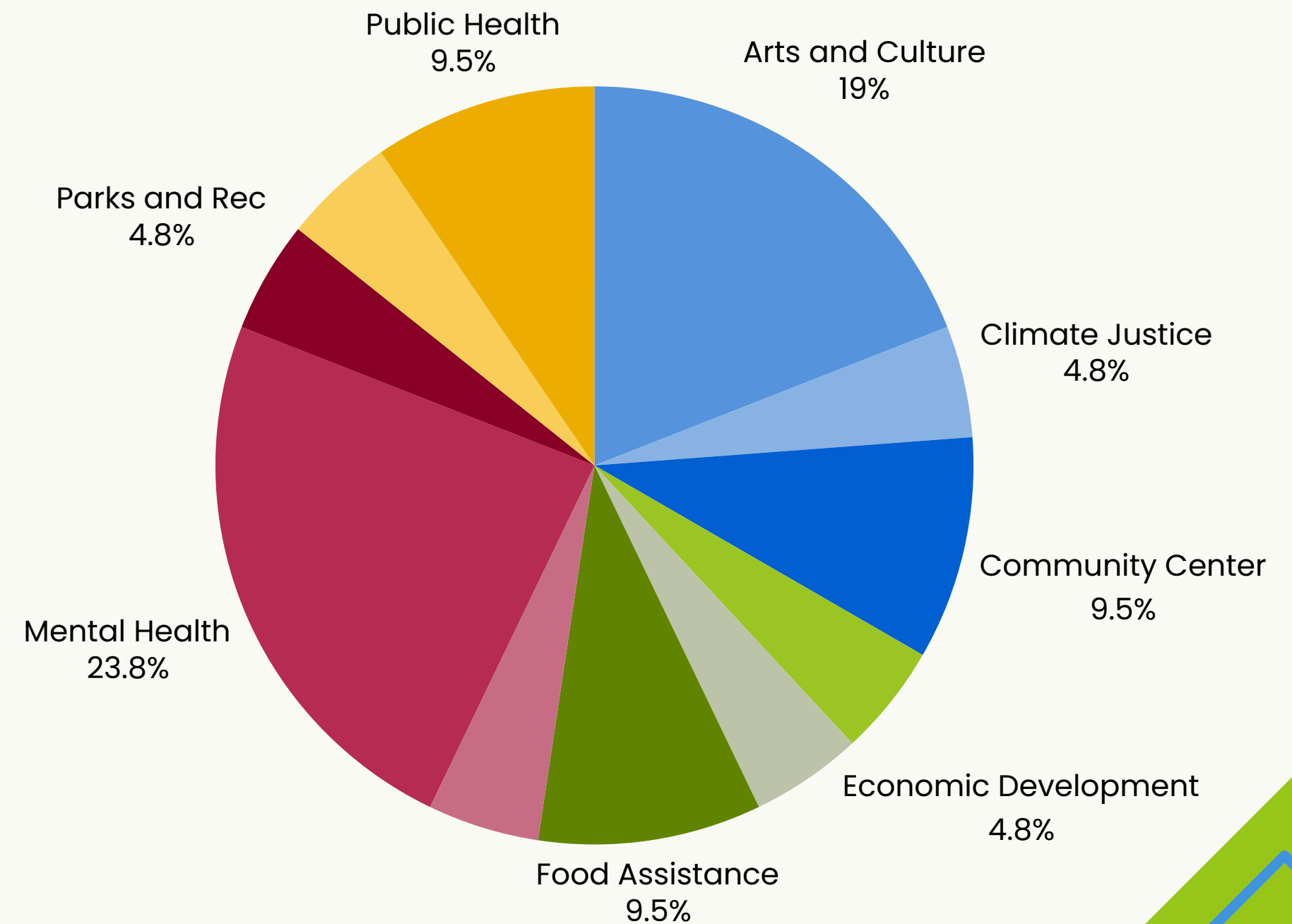


# 2024 FUNDING BREAKDOWN

## AMOUNT AWARDED



## ORGANIZATIONS AWARDED



# 2023 & 2024 IMPACT

Number of organizations awarded  
Community Recovery Funds:

**28 in 2023**

**21 in 2024**

Amount of funding awarded:

**\$799,390 in 2023**

**\$499,350 in 2024**

Total number of individuals served  
in a six-month period through organizations  
funded by the 2023 CRF: **Over 41,000**





# ELIGIBILITY

Nonprofit Organizations whose mission aligns with the goals of the Community Recovery Fund

Nonprofit Organizations located in Bethlehem and/or serving residents of Bethlehem





# INELIGIBILITY

For-Profit Organizations

Organizations established after March 15, 2024

Religious organizations or institutions that do not offer secular programming

Organizations engaged in any activity that is illegal under federal, state or local law





# ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

Funding for new projects/programs

Funding for existing projects/programs

Funding for capital expenses

Funding for supplies, materials, equipment,  
and salaries related to the program





# INELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

Expenses incurred prior to the contract date

Facilities, equipment, staff, programming, or other expenses used for political purposes, lobbying, or to engage in other partisan political activities

Non-secular programming

Funding that exceeds 50% of your organization's total annual budget





# 2025 GRANT CYLCE

**Nearbory Application Opens Online:**

March 15, 2025, at 9:00 AM

**Nearbory Application Closes:**

May 16, 2025, at 11:59 PM

**Applications Reviewed by Committee:**

Summer/Early Fall 2025

**Applicants Notified of Awards:**

October/November, 2025

**Press Conference:**

November/December 2025

**Contract Distributed:**

January/February 2026



# REIMBURSEMENT AND REPORTING



The Community Recovery Fund is a reimbursement grant. Invoices and receipts must be submitted after the money has been expensed and the City will reimburse you for that cost.



Recipients will be asked to submit quarterly reports on program progress.

- **June 30, 2026**
- **December 31, 2026**
- **June 30, 2027**
- **December 31, 2027**



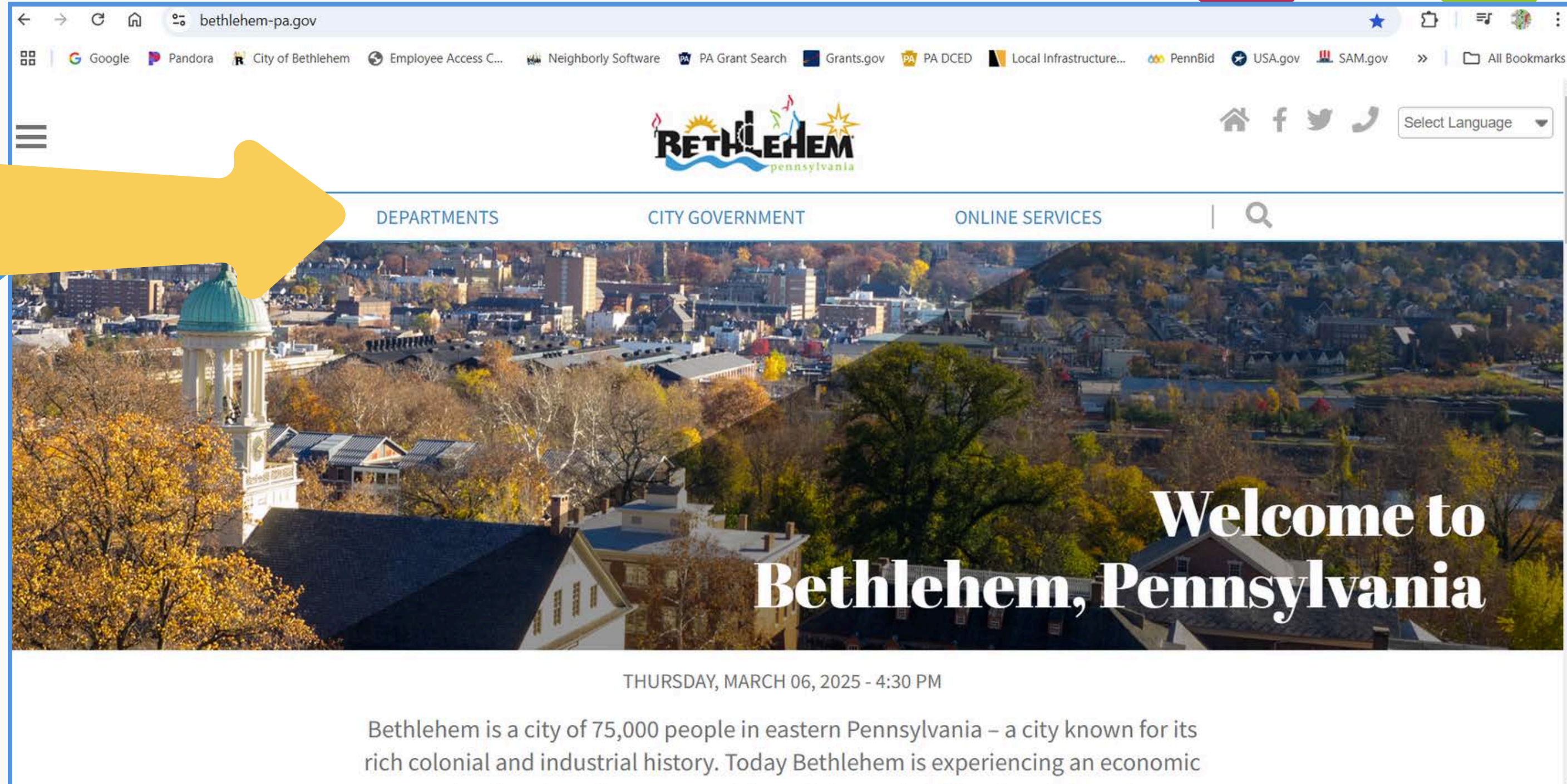
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# Accessing the Application

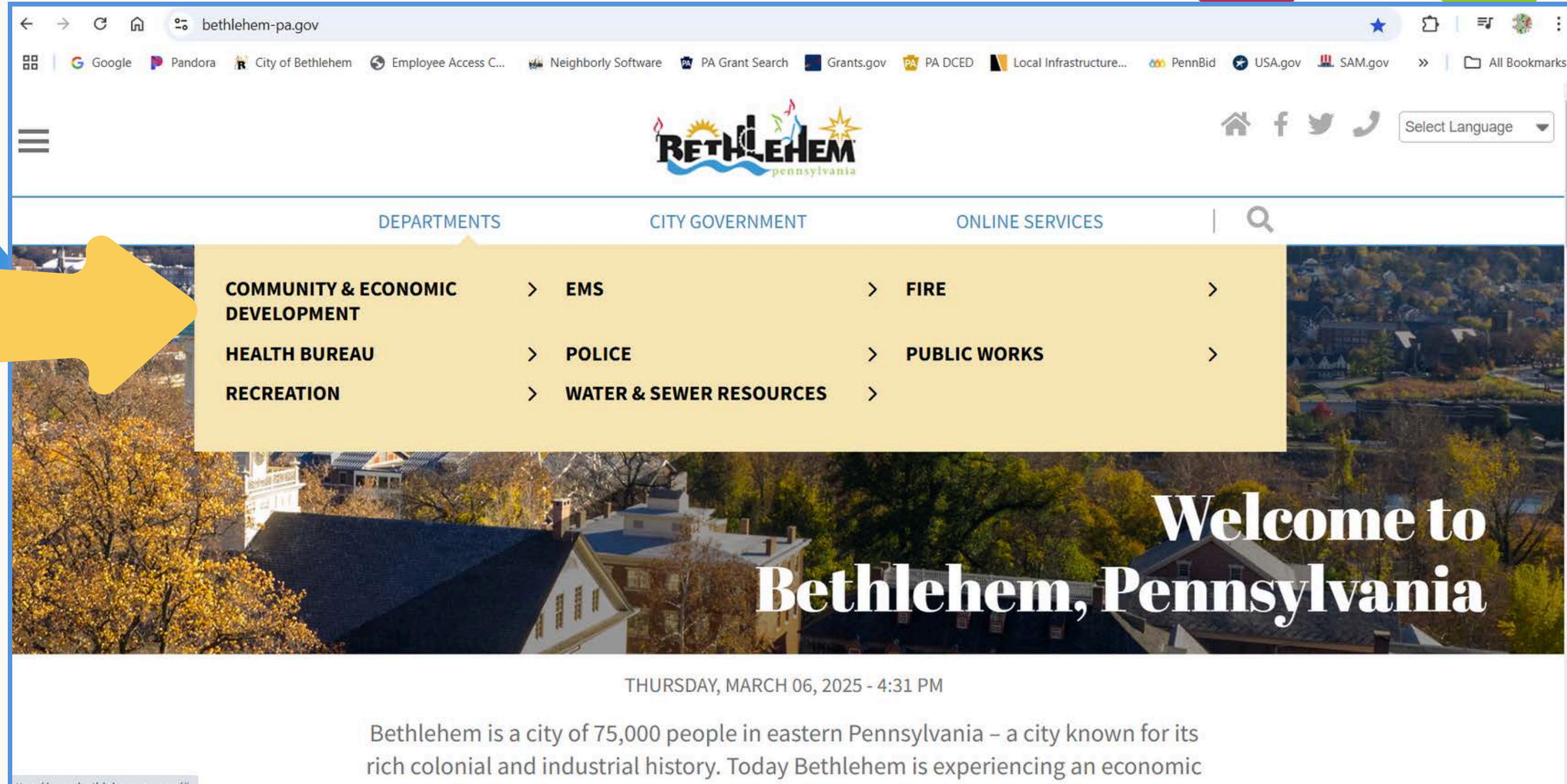
All applications must be submitted online through Neighborly. If you have trouble accessing the website, please reach out and we can make accommodations to assist you.

# City of Bethlehem Homepage



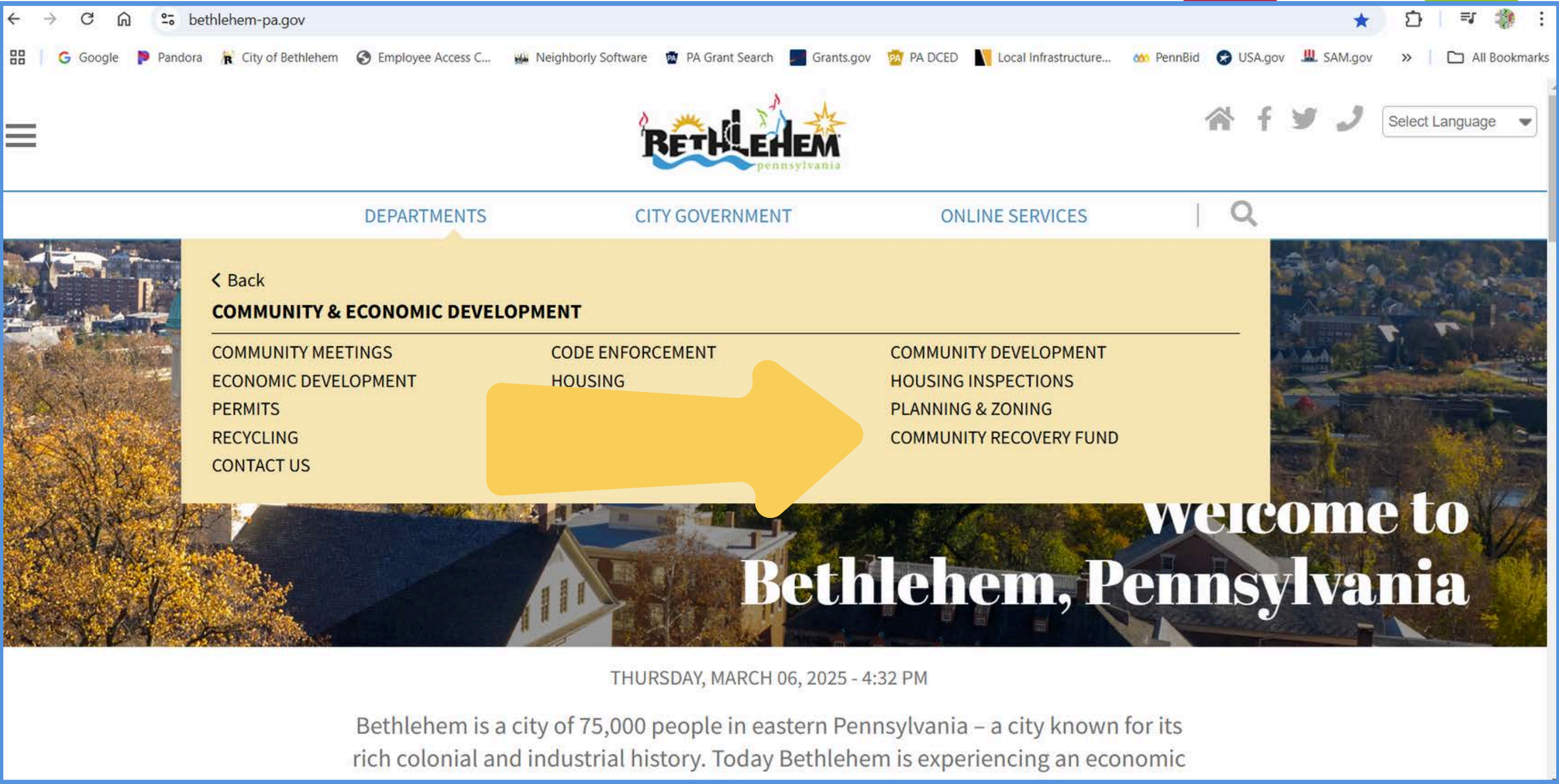


# City of Bethlehem Departments



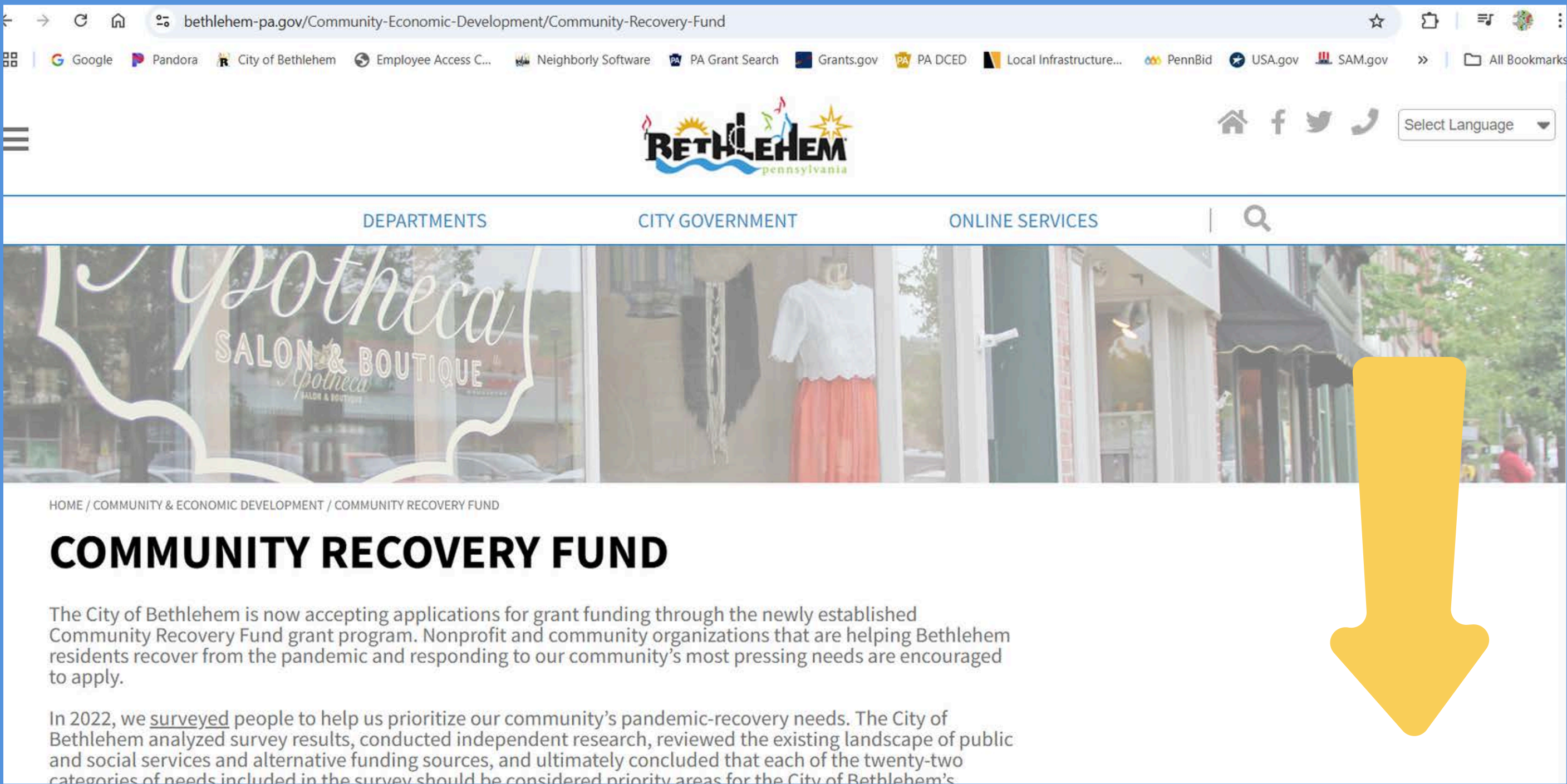


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## COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND

The City of Bethlehem is now accepting applications for grant funding through the newly established Community Recovery Fund grant program. Nonprofit and community organizations that are helping Bethlehem residents recover from the pandemic and responding to our community's most pressing needs are encouraged to apply.

In 2022, we surveyed people to help us prioritize our community's pandemic-recovery needs. The City of Bethlehem analyzed survey results, conducted independent research, reviewed the existing landscape of public and social services and alternative funding sources, and ultimately concluded that each of the twenty-two categories of needs included in the survey should be considered priority areas for the City of Bethlehem's

# City of Bethlehem Community Recovery Fund

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Recovery-Fund](https://bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Recovery-Fund). The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. On the left side of the page, there is a vertical navigation menu with the following links: Mental Health and Counseling Services, Parks and Recreation, Public Communication Tools, Public Health, Senior Services, Utility Assistance, and Violence Prevention. The main content area features a prominent message: "The Community Recovery Fund grant application closed on April 30, 2024 at 11:59PM." Below this message is a list of four blue navigation buttons: "GRANT GUIDELINES", "INFO SESSION", "FAQ", and "APPLY HERE". Each button has a white chevron icon on its right side. A large yellow arrow points from the right towards the "APPLY HERE" button. At the bottom of the page, a light blue banner contains the text: "The 2024 Community Recovery Fund application has closed. The next application cycle will open March 15, 2025."

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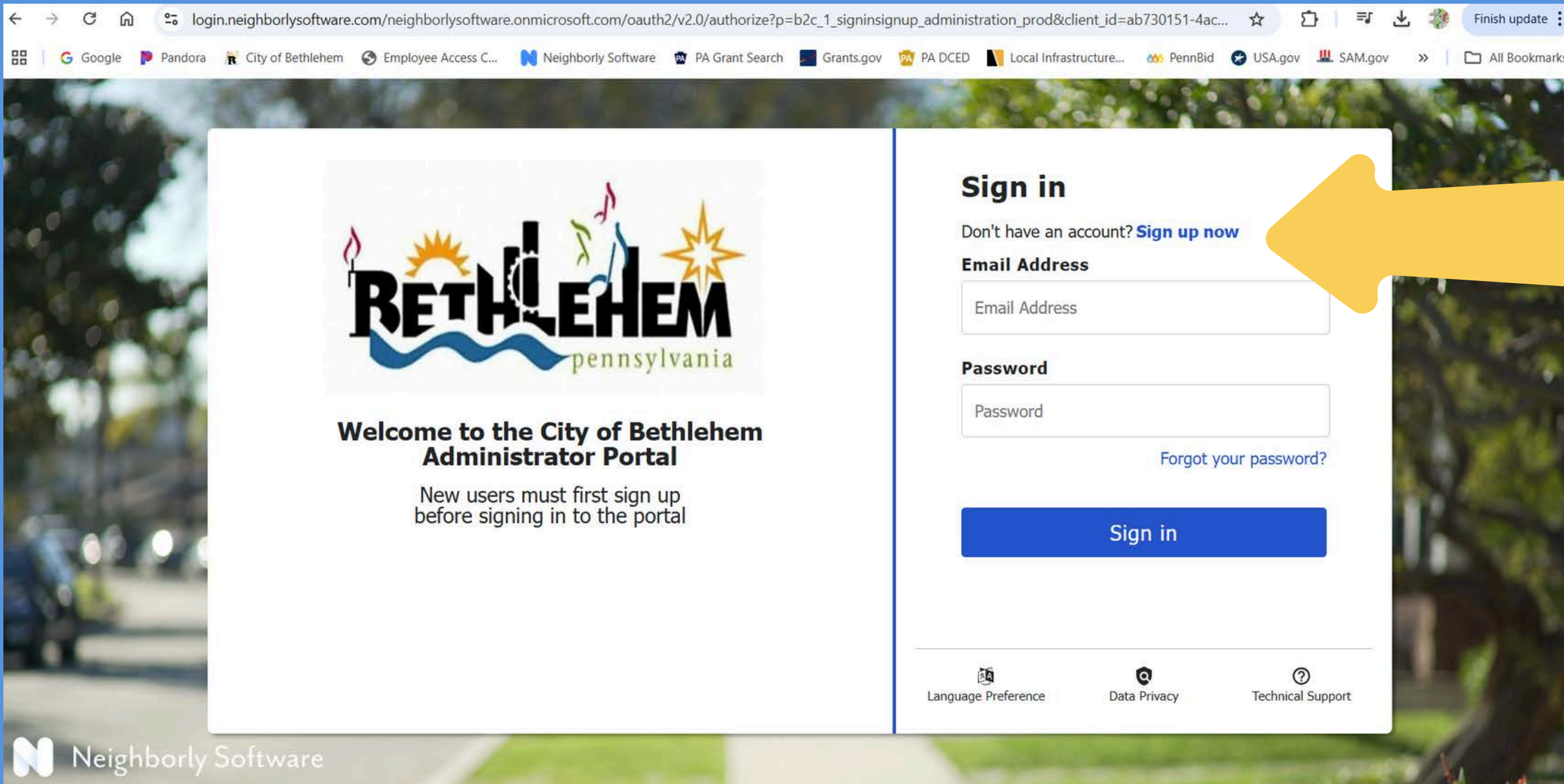
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# Neighborly Community Recovery Fund



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Dashboard

Good Evening, Lori

Welcome to the City of Bethlehem Participant Portal

The City of Bethlehem is committed to accessibility for all applicants. If you require this material in an alternate format, please contact us at [econdev@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:econdev@bethlehem-pa.gov) or (610) 865-7085.

 Start a New Application

Search Applications

Application Name	Description	Action
HOME Program (Subrecipients, Developers, etc.)	Select this option if you are applying for <b>Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds</b> to address affordable housing needs in the City of Bethlehem. Eligible projects include development of rental or homebuyer units and homeowner rehabilitation projects. All projects must benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Bethlehem.	<a href="#">Start Application</a>
Housing Rehabilitation and Residential Facade Program	Select this option to apply for The City of Bethlehem Housing Rehabilitation and Residential Facade Program. This program provides assistance to homeowners for improving their residence to meet City Code requirements, enhance the exterior facade and provides weatherization improvements and lead paint remediation. The property must be located in the City of Bethlehem and be the homeowner's primary residence. Applicants must be income qualified.	<a href="#">Start Application</a>



# APPLICATION

## Contact Information

- Organization Name
- Executive Director/CEO
- Federal Tax ID Number
- Address
- Phone Number
- Website

## Organization Information

- Tax Exemption Status Geographic Areas Served Mission
- Founding Date
- Services Provided
- Target Populations
- Number of People Served
- Equity Priorities

## Program Information

- Program/Project Name
- Amount Requested
- Program/Project Details and CRF Alignment
- Success Measures
- Community Partners
- Systemic and/or Sustainable Impact on Bethlehem

## Funding and Budget

- Organization's Expenses/Revenue Program/Project Budget
- Additional Funding Sources
- American Rescue Plan or CARES Funds
- Program/Project Funding Sustainability

## Required Documents

- IRS Determination
- Affirmation Letter of 501(c)(3), 501(c)(6), or 501(c)(19) Status
- Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
- Current Board of Directors
- IRS Form 990 (2 Years)
- IRS W9 Form

# SELECTION PROCESS

Programs in direct alignment with the Bethlehem community's needs will be prioritized.

The committee will evaluate other funding sources and partnership opportunities for all applicants.

Previous recipients can reapply, but we encourage you to expand or change the program for which funding is being requested.

*\*NOTE: The City of Bethlehem reserves the right to award less funds than requested.*





# THANK YOU!

Community Recovery Fund grant applications will open on March 15, 2025.

<https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Recovery-Fund>



Contact Lori Gilio, Grants Administrator:  
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**610-997-7970**

