

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17128-1100

THE SECRETARY

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October 15, 2018

Honorable Randy Albright Secretary of the Budget Governor's Budget Office 238 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Albright:

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act 84 of 2016, that the amount of state taxes attributable to the Lancaster City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ) in 2017 to be transferred from the General Fund to the Lancaster CRIZ Fund totals \$6,178,515.82 as of June 15, 2018.

This amount reflects \$546,870.39 state taxes remitted between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2017 by 73 businesses, as defined under Act 84 as "new businesses" within the program, \$5,597,357.14 in incremental tax growth by 332 businesses with an established baseline and \$34,288.29 by 51 construction contractors.

The 2017 official state tax baseline for the Lancaster CRIZ is \$10,192,438.45. This includes \$352,740.99 in state taxes reported by 17 businesses existing within or relocating into the zone that filed CRIZ state tax reports for the first time for 2017 and a reduction to the baseline of (\$2,251,248.66) from adjustments to the baseline in the previous year.

Respectfully,

C. Daniel Hassell

Secretary of Revenue

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cc: Amy Gill, Deputy Secretary for Tax Policy

Matt Forti, Economic Development Coordinator

# CITY REVITALIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT ZONE (CRIZ) LANCASTER PROGRAM RECORD

# STATE RECORD

PROGRAM YEAR: 2017

TAX PERIOD: January 1 to December 31, 2017

#### Total State Taxes Attributable to the Lancaster CRIZ

- \$ 12,491,179.69 Total business trust fund taxes attributable to the CRIZ, including employer withholding, sales, use and hotel occupancy tax from businesses and contractors.
- \$ 2,237,326.89 Total corporate taxes and miscellaneous taxes attributable to the CRIZ including personal income tax, bank shares tax, malt beverage tax, etc.
- \$ (73,457.09) Total refunds granted to taxpayers reducing state taxes attributable to the CRIZ.
- \$ 14,655,049.50 Total 2017 General Fund tax revenue attributable to the Lancaster CRIZ.

State Taxes Certified as Attributable to the Lancaster CRIZ from businesses as defined under Act 84 as "new businesses" within the program.

**\$ 546,870.39** Total 2017 General Fund tax revenue classified as growth attributable to new tax revenue within the Lancaster CRIZ.

## **Calculation of Baseline Increment**

\$ 5,597,357.14 Increment calculated on a per business basis between the official baseline established per business entity and 2017 General Fund tax revenue attributable to each business entity within the Lancaster CRIZ.

#### State Taxes Certified as Attributable to Construction within the CRIZ

\$ 34,288.29 Total 2017 General Fund tax revenue attributable to construction activity within the Lancaster CRIZ.

#### **Fund Transfer**

\$ 6,178,515.82 Total tax dollars certified for transfer to the Lancaster CRIZ Authority

## **Baseline Recalculation**

\$ 12,443,687.11 2016 baseline for the CRIZ program.

- \$ 2,251,248.66 2017 baseline adjustments (increases or decreases to the baseline as required by changes in the baseline population).
- \$ 10,192,438.45 Official 2017 state tax baseline for the Lancaster CRIZ.
- \$ 5,096,219.22 Maximum state borrowing permitted for debt service on bonds issued by the Authority.

#### Filing Compliance

- Total businesses within the Lancaster CRIZ filed CRIZ tax reports by the June 15 filing deadline.
- Total businesses identified by the authority on May 31, 2018, to the Department of Revenue as qualified businesses required to file CRIZ reports.

Some businesses appropriately filed multiple CRIZ state tax reports reflecting taxes attributable to different parcels within the Lancaster CRIZ.

The state tax baseline will be reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis. Any qualified business within the zone that did not file a CRIZ report by the June 15 filing deadline will have opportunity to file CRIZ reports in future years, and each first-year's report will be added to the tax baseline. In addition, all businesses classified as Pennsylvania relocations will be added to the baseline upon filing a first-year report.