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BrainGain@PEC provides brief summaries of research or publications on family homelessness and related issues. Previous issues of BrainGain@PEC can be found at <http://bit.ly/2acSiNF>

## Pennsylvania Does Well In National Homeless Funding Competition

In 2018 Pennsylvania received just over **\$108 million** in Continuum of Care (CoC) funding, a **26% increase** since 2012.

This represents 0.02% of Pennsylvania’s gross domestic product (GDP) in 2016, or 0.37% of the total federal spending for grants in Pennsylvania which, in FY 2017, totaled over **\$29 billion!**<sup>1</sup>

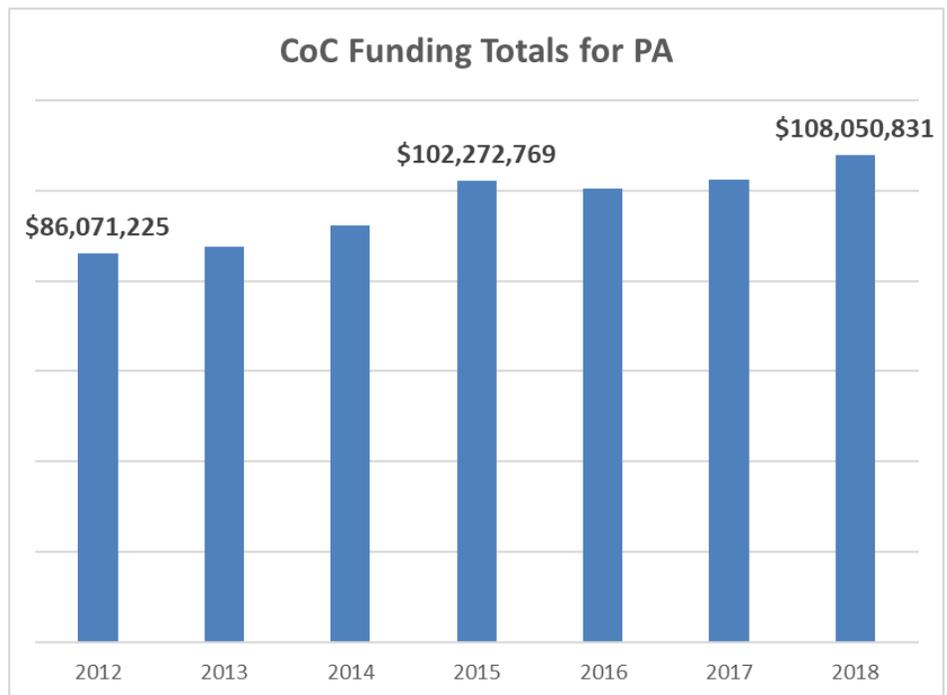
According to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD<sup>2</sup>), the CoC Program is designed to promote the goal of ending homelessness by providing funding to nonprofit providers and State and local governments to rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation that they experience.

HUD uses a funding competition to award

### **McKinney Vento**

**Homeless Assistance** grants that fund regions throughout each state in the United States.

PEC is summarizing the amount of funds awarded to each CoC region in Pennsylvania.



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cbpp.org/research/state-budget-and-tax/federal-aid-to-state-and-local-governments>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

The chart below summarizes the amount of CoC funding awarded to each region of Pennsylvania in 2018. A more detailed analysis of funding trends for each region follows in the remainder of the report.

| <b>County</b>        | <b>2018</b>          |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Allegheny/Pittsburgh | \$20,406,399         |
| Beaver               | \$1,478,372          |
| Berks                | \$2,923,439          |
| Bucks                | \$1,293,954          |
| Chester              | \$1,707,231          |
| Delaware County      | \$5,163,693          |
| Eastern PA           | \$12,487,079         |
| Erie                 | \$2,261,076          |
| Harrisburg/Dauphin   | \$1,835,657          |
| Lackawanna           | \$2,906,992          |
| Lancaster            | \$2,322,334          |
| Luzerne              | \$4,261,680          |
| Montgomery           | \$3,224,611          |
| Philadelphia         | \$34,507,318         |
| Western PA           | \$9,900,291          |
| York                 | \$1,370,705          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>\$108,050,831</b> |

**Data Source:** All data presented in this report is from the HUD Exchange, found at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

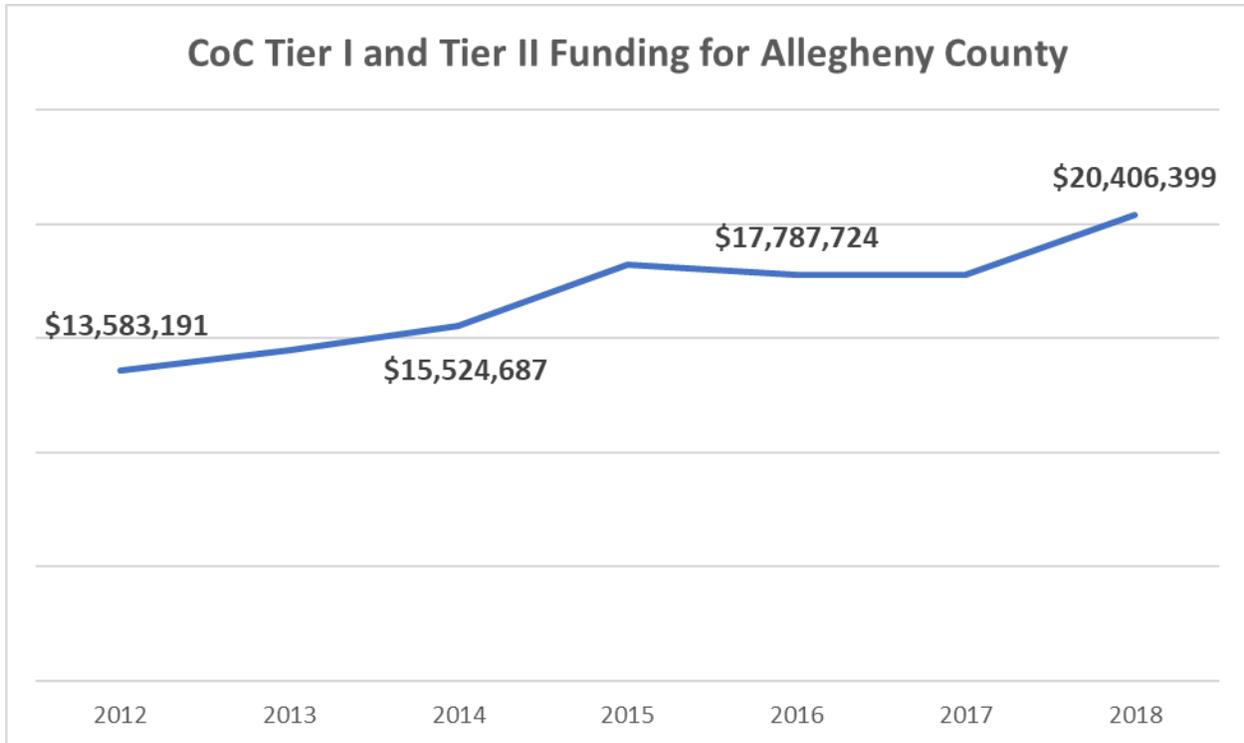
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## Allegheny/Pittsburgh County CoC Funding

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The graph below indicates that:

- Since 2012, CoC funding for **Allegheny/Pittsburgh County** has **increased** significantly.
- From 2012 to 2018 CoC funding for Allegheny/Pittsburgh County **increased by 50%**, or **\$6.8 million**.



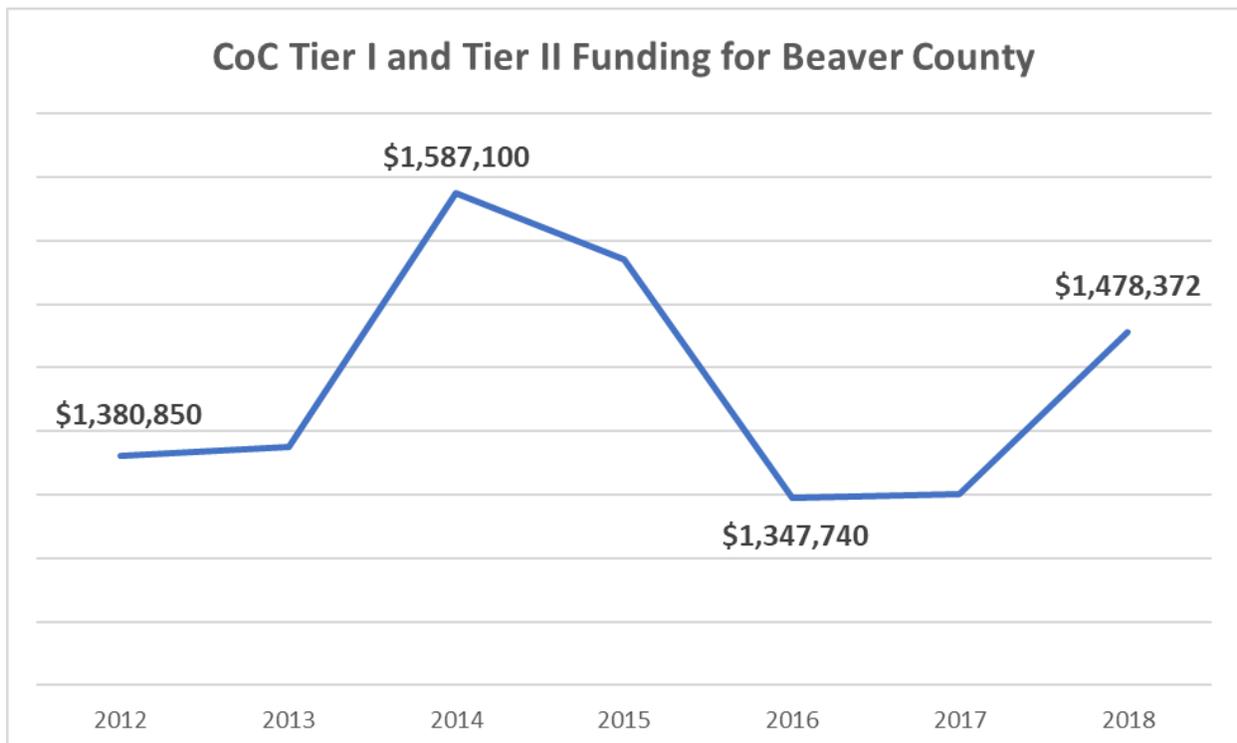
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## Beaver County CoC Funding

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The graph below indicates that:

- Since 2012, CoC funding for **Beaver County** has **increased**.
- Between 2012 and 2016 CoC funding for Beaver County was somewhat volatile. From 2012 to 2014 CoC funding **increased by \$206K** and between 2014 and 2016 that funding **decreased by \$239K**.



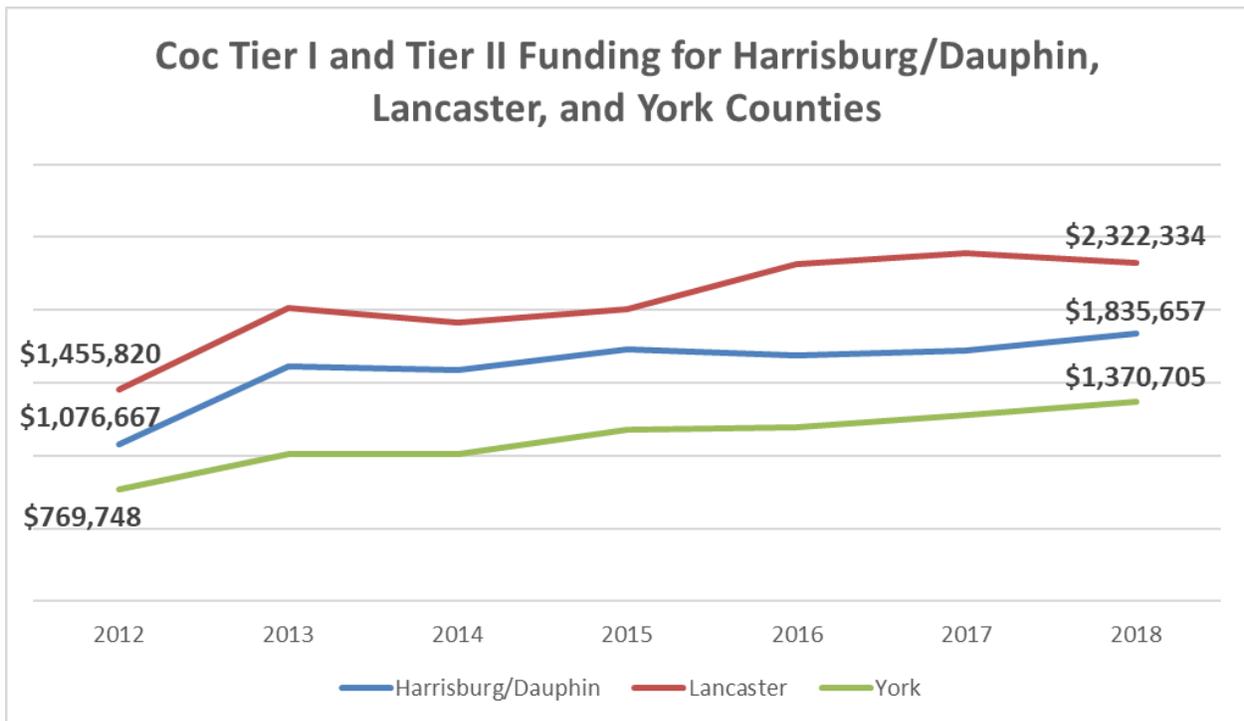
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## Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery County CoC Funding

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The following graph indicates that:

- **Every Southeastern PA county** experienced an increase in CoC funding from 2012 to 2018.
- CoC funding for **Berks and Chester Counties** reached a seven year high in 2015.
- CoC funding for **Bucks, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties** reached a seven year high in 2018.



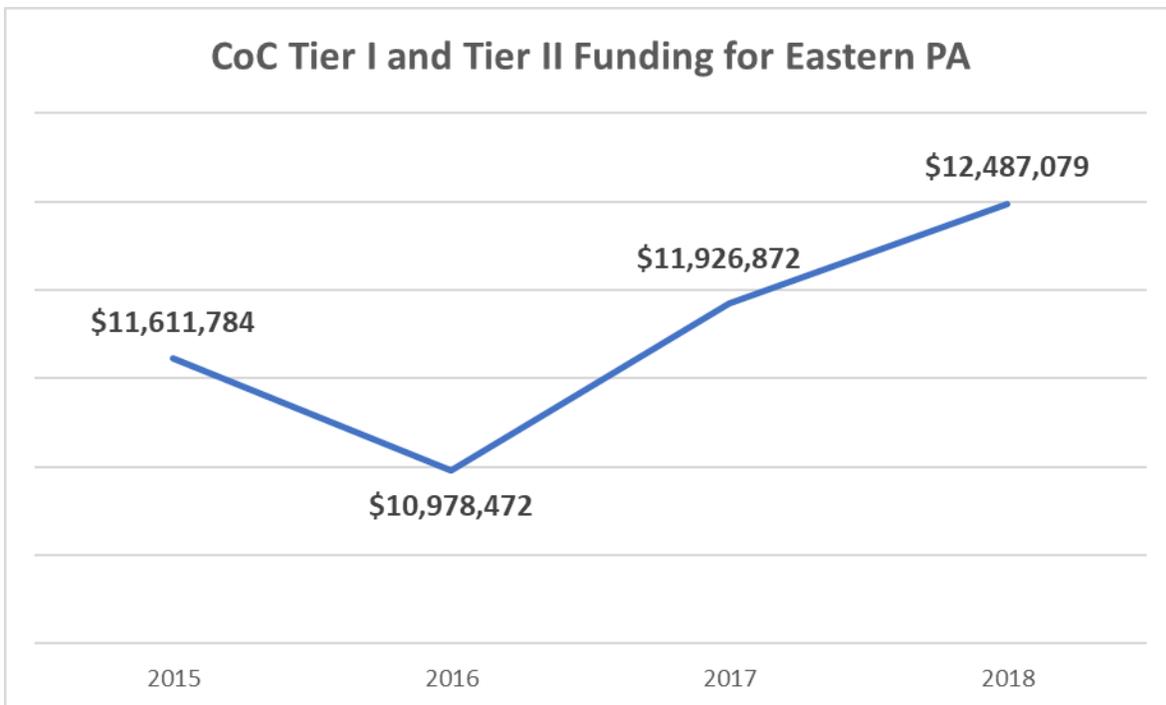
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## Eastern PA\* CoC Funding

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The following chart indicates that:

- Between 2015 and 2018 CoC funding for Eastern PA **increased**.
- **In 2016** CoC funding for Eastern PA **decreased** for the first time in five years.
- Coc funding for Eastern PA has **increased every year** since 2016.



\*From 2011-2014, Eastern counties in PA were divided into Northeastern PA and Central PA. In 2015, the two were combined together to create the "Eastern PA" category. For this reason CoC funding data for Eastern PA is reported here beginning in 2015.

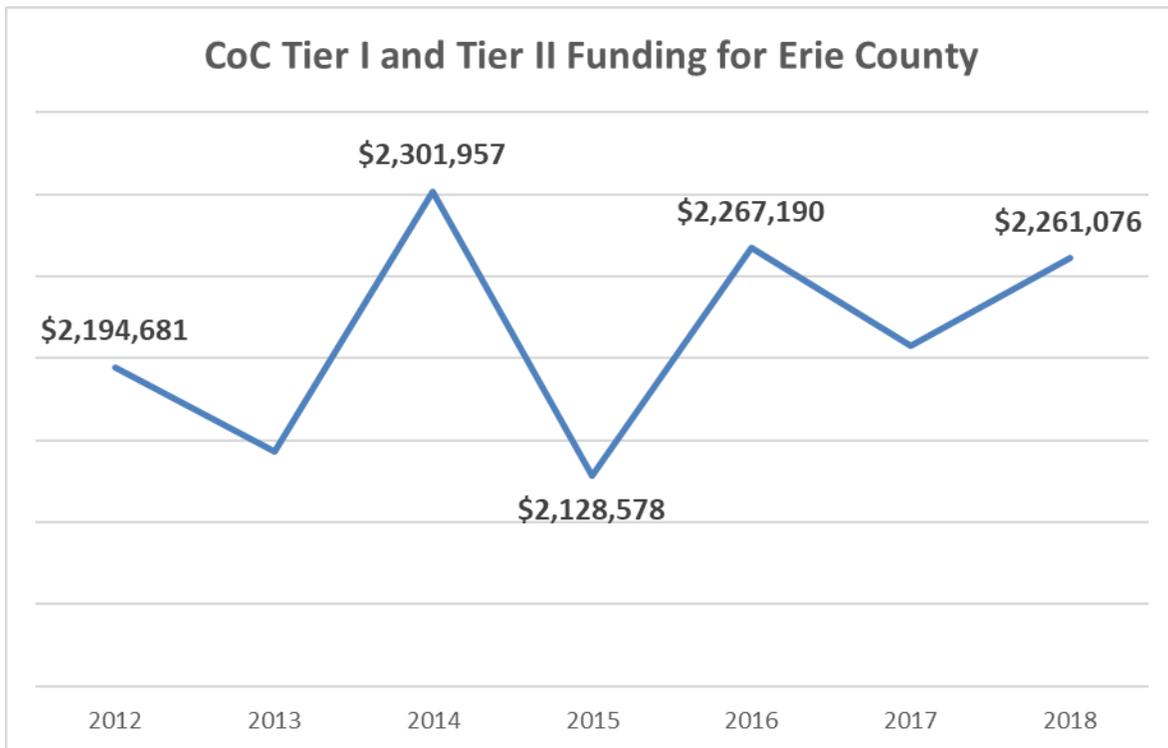
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## Erie County CoC Funding

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The following graph indicates that:

- CoC funding for **Erie County** has **increased slightly** since 2012.
- The **lowest amount** of CoC funding that Erie County received in the last seven years was **\$2.1 million** in 2015.
- CoC funding for Erie County reached a **seven year high** in 2014 at **\$2.3 million**.



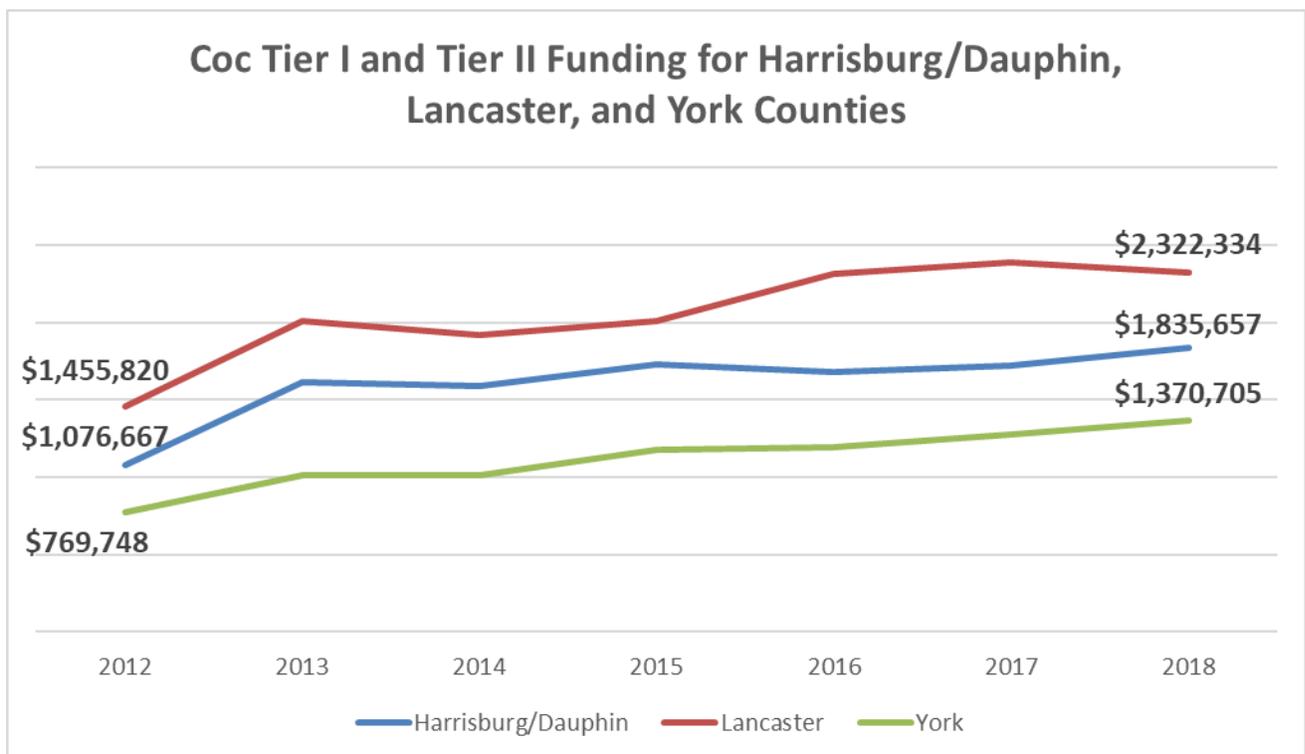
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## Harrisburg/Dauphin, Lancaster, York County CoC Funding

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The following graph indicates that:

- All three South Central PA counties experienced a **decrease** in CoC funding between 2013 and 2014 and an **overall increase** in CoC funding from 2012 to 2018.
- CoC funding for **Lancaster County** was the highest it has been in the last seven years in 2017, reaching **\$2.39 million**.
- Both **Harrisburg/Dauphin and York Counties** reached **seven year highs in 2018**, receiving \$1.8 million and \$1.3 million, respectively.



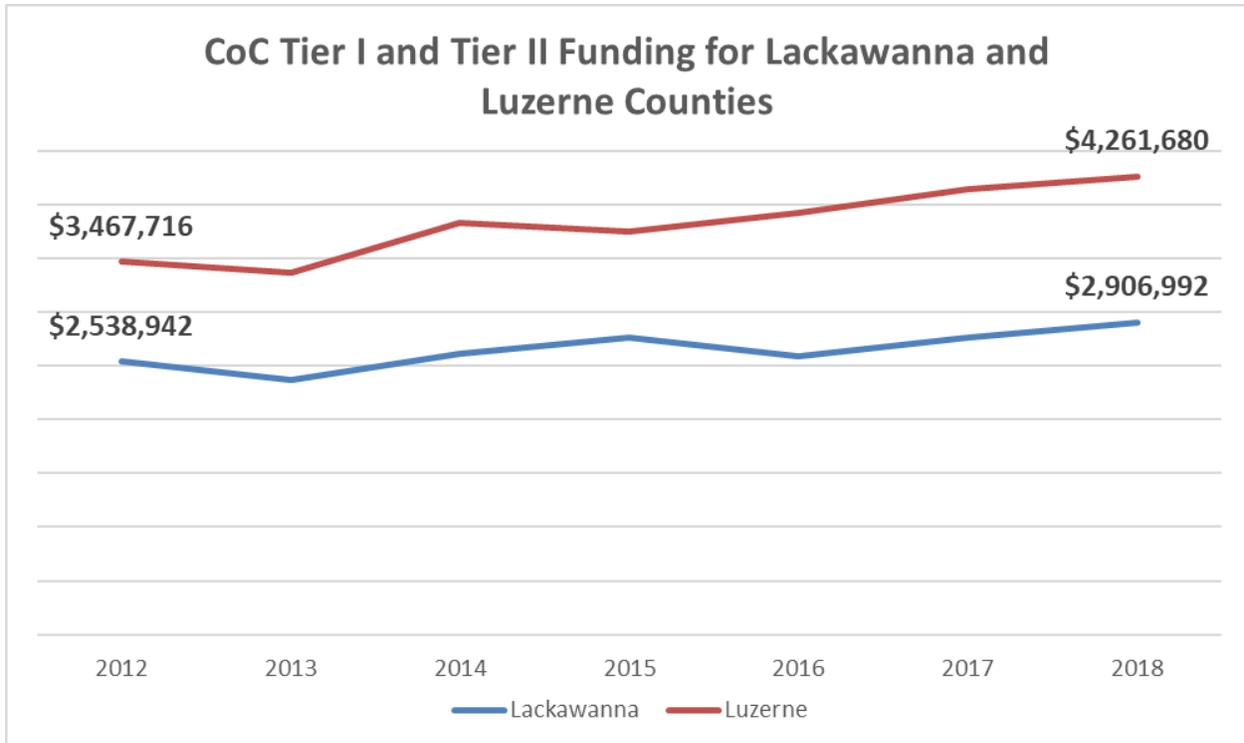
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## Lackawanna and Luzerne County CoC Funding

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The following graph indicates that:

- Since 2012 CoC funding for **Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties** has **increased**.
- CoC funding for both counties reached **seven year highs in 2018**, receiving over \$4.2 million and \$2.9 million, respectively.
- CoC funding for **Lackawanna** County has increased every year since 2016 and has increased every year since 2015 for **Luzerne** County.



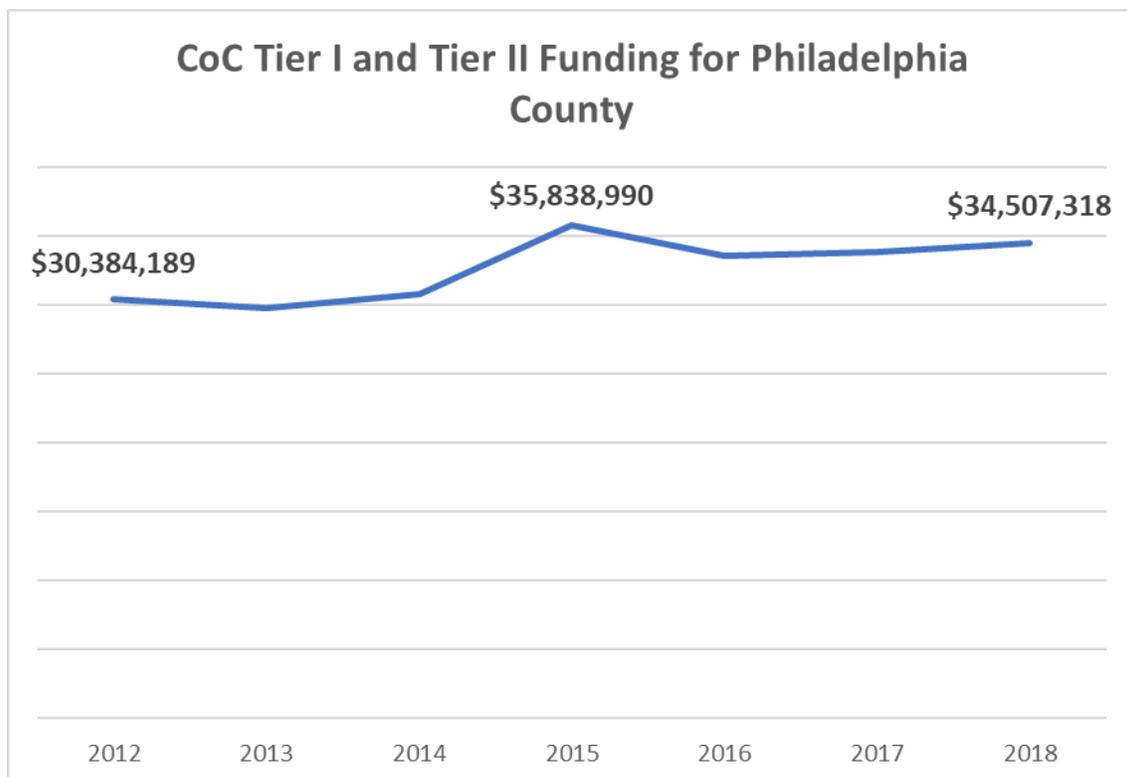
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## Philadelphia CoC Funding

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The following graph indicates that:

- Since 2012 CoC funding for Philadelphia has **increased by \$4.1 million**.
- CoC funding for Philadelphia reached a seven year high in **2015** at over **\$35.8 million**.  
This represented an increase of more than \$5 million from the previous year.
- From 2015 to 2016 CoC funding for Philadelphia **decreased** by over **\$2.2 million** and has increased by less than \$700,000 since then.



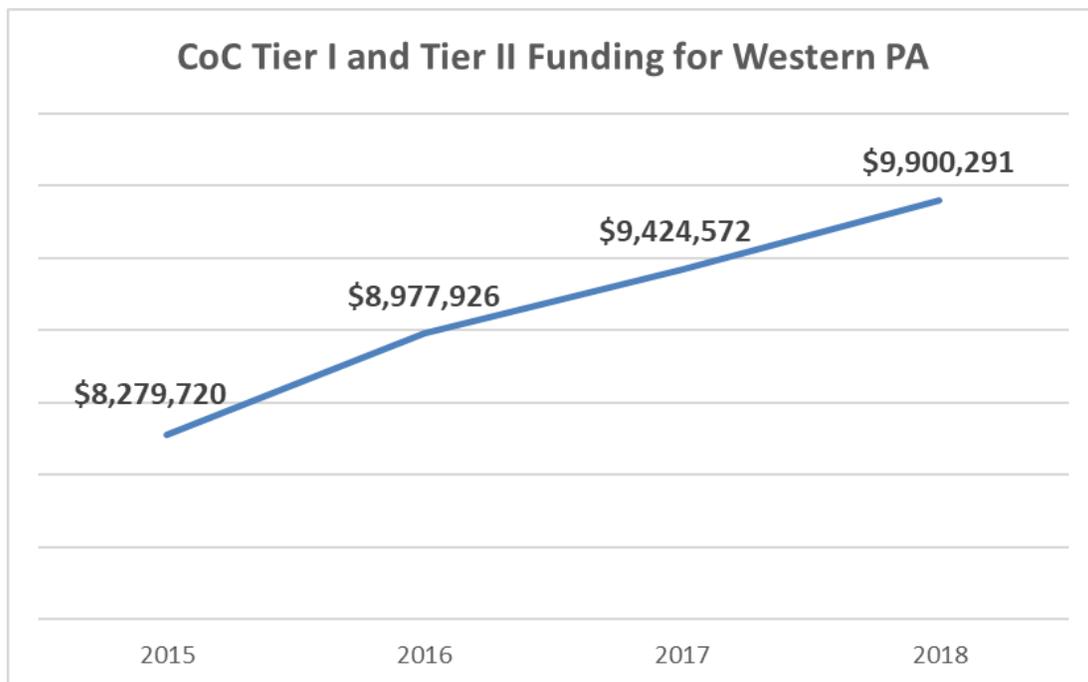
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## Western PA\*\* CoC Funding

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The following graph indicates that:

- CoC funding for Western PA has **increased** every year since 2015.
- Since 2015 CoC funding for Western PA has increased by over **\$1.6 million**.



\*\*From 2011-2014, Western counties in PA were divided into Northwestern PA and Southwestern PA. In 2015, the two were combined together to create the "Western PA" category. For this reason CoC funding data for Western PA is reported here beginning in 2015.

**Tier I and Tier II funding:** HUD set a "Tier 1" threshold of 85% of each CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) amount to ensure that CoCs had the opportunity to protect the highest priority projects in their communities. HUD then created a competition among "Tier 2" projects to encourage its funding priorities.<sup>3</sup> Review HUD's website for more information.

**Note:** Funding amounts reported here may be different at the local level due to inconsistencies in HUD's data reporting.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/snaps-in-focus-fy-2015-coc-program-competition-recap/>