

Township Awarded Additional \$500,000 For Ardmore Transit Center Project

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The Township of Lower Merion has been awarded an additional \$500,000 for the Ardmore Transit Center Project, according to a township press release dated Dec. 23. The \$500,000 was awarded through the Commonwealth's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, bringing the RACP funding total to \$15.5 million, the press release said.

Funding for the Ardmore Transit Center Project has been in the works since 2008. In August 2008, Gov. Ed Rendell announced that the township would receive \$6 million in RACP grant funding for the Ardmore Transit Center project. In August 2010, \$9 million more was awarded, according to the press release.



According to the press release, the RACP is a grant program "geared toward the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, and historical improvement projects."

As previously reported, tough economic times resulted in the rescinding of \$10 million for the project that was to be provided by SEPTA.

"We're continually seeking funding for this important project and this is another vote of confidence from the state," Lower Merion Township Information Officer Brenda Viola said in an interview. "One of the reasons we chose Dranoff Properties [the developer working with the township on the plans] was their ability to seek and obtain grant funding and this is another example of their ability to do that."

Township Manager Doug Cleland said the township intends to hold an Economic Revitalization Committee meeting in February or March to update the Lower Merion Township community on the Ardmore Transit Center Project.