

Stroud Recreation Receives \$50,000 Lowe's Community Impact Grant, Helping Checkoff Bucket List Project to Revitalize Day Street Community Center

One of 100 nonprofits chosen nationwide, facility transformation anchors a broader wave of park system upgrades and community momentum.

AUGUST 11, 2026 - EAST STROUDSBURG, PA - The Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission (Stroud Recreation) announced today that Day Street Community Center has received a \$50,000 Lowe's Community Impact Grant. This major win for the organization's 2026 *"Building Community Together"* campaign will help check off a bucket list renovation project to strengthen the Stroud Region park system.

The Day Street Community Center revitalization was chosen as one of 100 nonprofit projects nationwide, part of Lowe's largest-ever community impact program. Projects were selected from more than 5,000 nominations through Lowe's Community Bucket List. The grant will fund gymnasium repairs, new exterior doors, upgraded flooring, fresh paint, and more improvements, transforming the community center's multi-purpose spaces to be far more useful and accessible for local youth and families.

"Winning a national grant of this caliber proves what our region already knows: our shared spaces are worth investing in." said Autumn Hawthorne, Executive Director of Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission. *"This grant gives us incredible momentum to transform Day Street Community Center into the high-quality facility our community deserves."*

The Lowe's Community Impact Grant partners with nonprofits to turn community "bucket list" ideas into tangible improvements. Stroud Recreation and Lowe's Red Vest volunteers will collaborate this fall to execute hands-on renovation work, addressing key functional repairs, aesthetic refreshes, and amenity upgrades across the facility.

The investment fulfills Lowe's Community Impact Program's five-year, \$100 million commitment to revitalizing and restoring hometowns. Through the program, Lowe's will invest \$10 million in Lowe's Community Impact Grants and an additional \$10 million to support more than 2,000 associate-led impact projects that will improve community spaces nationwide. Each project will address local needs, from expanding food pantries to restoring shelters and safe housing resources to reviving outdoor spaces and renovating facilities for first responders and veterans.

The Day Street Community Center project marks a major milestone, and Stroud Recreation leadership emphasizes that this national recognition is just the beginning of a broader revitalization wave across Dansbury Park and the entire regional park network.

To ensure every grant dollar stretches as far as possible, Stroud Recreation is launching a local fundraising campaign for the Day Street Community Center. Opportunities range from room naming rights for local business partners to micro-donation options for community members wanting to support room finishes, furnishings, and equipment.

"This grant award demonstrates that national partners believe in our vision," Hawthorne added. *"As we revitalize Day Street, we invite local businesses, civic groups, and residents to join us in keeping this momentum going. Whether through volunteering at the Community Center or supporting our other park improvement campaigns, every contribution helps us build a stronger community together."*

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