

**2026 Letter of Intent Cover Sheet**

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| **Project Title:** |  |
| **Project Director Name:** |  |
| **Department:** |  |
| **Project Director Email:** |  |
| **Host University:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **University Grants Officer:** |  |
| **Grants Officer Address:** |  |
| **Grants Officer Phone and Email:** |  |

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| **Choose *one* of the following application types:****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Targeted****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Open** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Open *Special Focus Area*****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mini Grant** |
| **Enter your topic here:**  |
| If this is an Open Topic submission, please indicate subject area(s) addressed by selecting at least one of the research areas listed below: |
| * Rural People and Communities
* Natural Resources and Environment
* Economic Development
* Rural Values and Social Change
* Local Government Finance and Administration
* Educational Outreach
* Community Services
* Agriculture
* Health and Welfare Concerns
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| **2026 Estimated Budget** |
| **Center for Rural Pennsylvania Funding Requested:** |  |
| **Other** (must include university funding; the Center cannot reimburse administrative overhead costs)**:** |  |
| **2026 Budget Total:** |  |
| **Project Duration (select one)** |
| Nine months (mini grant only) or one year (full grant):  |  |

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| **Identified project partners, co-authors, or subcontractors:** |
| **List all previous research projects, papers or publications on the same or related topic(s) by the project director or co-author(s)** (this may be provided as an attachment)**:** |

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| **Project Director Signature:**  | **Date:** |

**Attach a letter of intent narrative, up to two single-spaced typed pages in length, that includes the following elements:**

* + Project description, goals and relevance to rural Pennsylvania
	+ Research scope and methods
	+ Current local, county, or state government roles and authority
	+ Brief list of anticipated policy considerations
	+ Identification of partners or participants who are essential
	+ A statement of acknowledgment that letters of support have been obtained, or are in the process of being secured, from essential project partners (e.g., organizations to be interviewed, sites to be visited)

*Submit the completed Letter of Intent via email to* *LDimino@rural.pa.gov* *by May 30, 2025, at* ***4:00 p.m****.*