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Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh receives $1M grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s 2019 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program

(PITTSBURGH - August 2, 2019) Governor Tom Wolf announced yesterday that Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh will be receiving a $1 million grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s 2019 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) for the Children’s Museum’s newest capital project - MuseumLab™. The Children’s Museum will use the funding to improve visitor flow between MuseumLab and the Museum by investing in landscaping work that will visually and physically connect its facilities, improving play areas, creating space for public art and increasing equity for those using assistive devices.


“We are grateful that the Governor and our state and local representatives believe in the vision of Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh,” said Museum Executive Director Jane Werner, “and for their support of the Museum’s efforts to create MuseumLab – a new museum for older kids.”

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The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) is used for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects. Qualifying projects have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact, help create or maintain jobs, and generate economic activity.

Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh is a place that delights and inspires children, where they can take off on fantastic flights of imagination daily, and return to earth to splash in a river, hammer a nail and ink a silkscreen. With 80,000 square feet of space the Museum welcomes more than 307,500 visitors annually and provides tons of fun and loads of “real stuff” experiences for play and learning. Permanent hands-on, interactive exhibit areas at the Museum include The Studio, Theater, Waterplay, Attic, Nursery, Backyard and MAKESHOP®. The Museum’s award-winning, three-story, center building is screened by a shimmering wind Sculpture and connects two historic structures (Allegheny Post Office Building & the Buhl Building). In 2006 the Museum became a certified green building and was honored by the American Institute for Architects and the National Historic Preservation Trust. In 2015 Parents Magazine named the Museum one of the nation’s fifteen top children’s museums and in 2017 the Children’s Museum was Voted One of the Nation’s Ten Best Museums for Families in USA Today 10Best Reader’s Choice Contest for Best Museum for Families in America.