

# Taxpayer's money triggers responsibility

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Each of these [Boyd Theater, Starter's, Banana Factory] is a worthwhile project, but as I was constantly reminded by Members of Council and others during my 16 years managing all grants received by the City of Bethlehem, it's still taxpayers' money that's being doled out to private entities. In the case of RCAP, bonds are floated that need to be repaid by Pennsylvania taxpayers, so the gift of grants also triggers a responsibility to repay. In the case of housing at the Boyd Theater location I absolutely agree that "affordable" units should be in the mix especially since public \$\$ are subsidizing it. A blend of rental ranges must be a priority.

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