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### **WPPSEF Grant to West Overton Village Supports Energy Efficiency Upgrades in the Small Stock Barn**

August 27, 2018 – West Overton Village and Museums received a \$30,000 grant from West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) to complete energy efficiency upgrades in the Small Stock Barn. This award will facilitate an essential piece of the Stock Barn Distillery Project by providing high quality energy efficiency updates. The completed Stock Barn Distillery will house a craft whiskey distillery, educational programming, and a facility rental venue.

Our story begins in 2016, when WPPSEF provided West Overton Village with a grant to conduct an energy assessment of their campus located in Westmoreland County. That energy audit led to another funding request to co-fund implementation recommendations for the small brick barn which will house a 50-gallon still for the distillery project. The support will provide funding to install vaulted ceiling insulation, two-stage high efficiency heat pumps, and LED lighting upgrades.

The vision for this project sees this building serve as a destination for locals and visitors; a true centerpiece to the village and the community. This additional usable space will provide not only more opportunities to engage visitors with the whiskey heritage of West Overton, but also opens the door to STEM education through educational distillation. As a facility rental venue, the building will also allow West Overton to keep community dollars at home instead of residents traveling out of the community to hold small upscale functions.

Joel Morrison, Director of the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF), stated “The Fund is pleased that it could assist with WOV efforts to renovate its Small Stock Barn into a new, working small distillery. The energy efficiency upgrades will provide WOV with reduced utility bills and these savings can be reinvested back into WOV’s core activities.”

West Overton Village is the birthplace of Henry Clay Frick, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a stop on the American Whiskey Trail. Learn more about West Overton or plan a visit at: <https://www.westovertonvillage.org/>

The West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that invests in the deployment of sustainable energy technologies that benefit West Penn Power ratepayers in Pennsylvania. WPPSEF investments are focused in three broad categories:

- ✓ Deployment of sustainable and clean energy technologies;
- ✓ Deployment of energy efficiency and conservation technologies; and
- ✓ Facilitating economic development, environmental betterment, and public education as they relate to sustainable energy deployment in the WPP service region.

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