

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP'S 2022 CDBG PROGRAM**



Notice is hereby given by the Huntingdon County Planning and Development Department on behalf of Smithfield Township that it will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 at 5:30 PM** at the Smithfield Township Building, at 202 S 13th St, Suite #3, Huntingdon, PA 16652. If you are interested in participating in the public hearing, please phone/email the Huntingdon Planning and Development Department to receive instructions for participation (814) 643-5091 or email jleibley@huntingdoncounty.net. This hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or for persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you wish to attend and require special accommodations, please notify the Huntingdon County Planning and Development Department office 72 hours in advance at (814) 643-5091 or TDD (800) 877-8339 or jleibley@huntingdoncounty.net.

The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of Smithfield Township, and Huntingdon County on behalf of Smithfield Township's performance under the previously funded CDBG program years, and to discuss the required Three-Year Community Development Plan of Smithfield Township.

Huntingdon County on behalf of Smithfield Township is expected to receive an allocation of approximately \$97,000.00 of FY 2022 CDBG funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition, Huntingdon County on behalf of Smithfield Township anticipates the receipt of \$0.00 in program income during the FY 2022 program year. At least 70% of the available funding must be used for activities that benefit low/moderate income persons. The proposed activities must benefit at least 51% low-moderate income persons in the service area to qualify as a low-moderate income project. The PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will announce that the application submission deadline will be in the final week of October 2022.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG Program: water/sewer line replacement/improvements; housing rehabilitation; construction of affordable housing; construction/reconstruction of public/community facilities; recreational facilities; public services that are new or provide quantifiable increases in the delivery of services; street improvements; historic preservation; removal of architectural barriers; code enforcement; economic development; acquisition and relocation; clearance and demolition; and general administration, planning, audit if required, and preparation of the CDBG application.

If Huntingdon County on behalf of Smithfield Township would undertake activities that result in the displacement of families or individuals, then Huntingdon County's policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. Huntingdon County on behalf of Smithfield Township is responsible for replacing all low/moderate income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of the use of CDBG funds.

Interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing concerning the needs of Huntingdon County on behalf of Smithfield Township, proposed CDBG program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG program in general. Written proposals and comments may also be submitted to the Huntingdon Co. Planning & Development Dept., 205 Penn St., Ste. 3, Huntingdon, PA 16652 or jleibley@huntingdoncounty.net by 2:00 p.m. on May 31st, 2022.