

**First Public Hearing Notice for
Huntingdon County and on Behalf of Huntingdon Borough and Smithfield Township
for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

Notice is hereby given that the Huntingdon County Commissioners plan to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The County has not been informed as to the amount of its FFY 2023 allocation nor the deadline to submit the application. Anticipated funding allocations based on FFY 2022 allocations are listed below. The application to DCED is expected to be due in October of 2023.

The first of two required public hearings regarding Huntingdon County and on behalf of Huntingdon Borough and Smithfield Township FFY 2023 CDBG program will be held in person at each municipality as follows. These hearings are 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 72 hours in advance of the public hearing at (814) 643-5091 or via e-mail at jbellis@huntingdoncounty.net

Municipality	Anticipated Allocation	Date/Time	Location
Huntingdon County	Total: \$250,000 Project: \$205,000 Admin: \$45,000	June 5, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.	Huntingdon County Annex 1 Building Conference Room 205 Penn Street Huntingdon, PA 16652
Huntingdon Borough	Total: \$127,000 Project: \$104,140 Admin: \$22,860	May 31, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.	Huntingdon Borough Office 530 Washington Street Huntingdon, PA 16652
Smithfield Township	Total: \$85,000 Project: \$69,700 Admin: \$15,300	June 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.	Smithfield Township Building 202 South 13 th Street Huntingdon, PA 16652

Items to be discussed include a brief summary of the CDBG program in general, the needs of the County, Huntingdon Borough and Smithfield Township which could potentially be addressed with CDBG funds, and the performance under previously funded CDBG program years and to discuss the required three-year community development plan of the municipalities.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG Program: Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, and neighborhood centers; housing rehabilitation; public services that are new or provide quantifiable increases in the delivery of services; removal of architectural barriers; economic development; demolition; and program administration.

Eligible activities must meet one of three national objectives: principally benefit low-to-moderate income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or meet a need having a particular urgency. At least 70% of the available funding must be used for activities which benefit low and 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.

If the applicant would undertake activities that could result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the applicant is responsible for replacing all low and moderate income housing units that may be demolished or converted. No displacement is anticipated and every effort will be made to avoid or minimize displacement and relocation.

The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing and will be offered the opportunity to express oral testimony. Written or oral comments are also encouraged and can be directed to Jen Bellis, Community Development Administrator, jbellis@huntingdoncounty.net (814) 643-5091, Huntingdon County Planning and Development Department, 205 Penn Street, Suite 3, Huntingdon, PA 16652. All comments must be received by 3:30 p.m. the day of the hearing as listed above.

