

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN 1st PUBLIC NOTICE

The County of Carbon through the Office of Planning and Development will be conducting Public Hearings for the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, FISCAL YEAR 2024 APPLICATION, on behalf of the Entitlement and Non-Entitlement Communities. It is anticipated that applications will be submitted to the PA DCED in **October/November, 2024**. As required by regulations, Public Hearings will be held in accordance with the following schedule to obtain citizens views and comments on how CDBG Funds should be used and discuss activities that may be included in the applications. Citizen participation, both oral and written, is encouraged. Special emphasis is placed on participation of Low and Moderate Income, Minority and Handicapped persons. Those wishing to attend in person are welcome to join at 44 Susquehanna Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Jim Thorpe, Pa.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

| Municipality | Time | LINK | Meeting ID / Passcode | Approximate Funds Available |
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| Franklin Township | 10:00 am | https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81159371714?pwd=PptV5ZB71ZH6SAxokaH42Px1qtL1P.1 | 811 5937 1714 / 404064 | 98,514 |
| Jim Thorpe Borough | 10:30 am | https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84675957916?pwd=bXRaLtlfSdRqhkNB8rBEIvbBOQveF1.1 | 846 7595 7916 / 743457 | 100,195 |
| Lansford Borough | 11:00 am | https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86913558033?pwd=he1Ald31eGzWY8cEUbbgr2HOkHTJ5u.1 | 869 1355 8033 / 772904 | 96,119 |
| Lehighton Borough | 11:30 am | https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87321856822?pwd=t9cBiXKWY8bl5bRQwhLei0YKjxXT9j.1 | 873 2185 6822 / 925299 | 108,448 |
| Mahoning Township | 2:00 pm | https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88459025879?pwd=F16HssfjDfNAaxvZduqgGbTBtk7GV6.1 | 884 5902 5879 / 441958 | 97,456 |
| Palmerton Borough | 2:30 pm | https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82287513116?pwd=FdF7ArMTSJMdPO635OIIvYb4bNfcD.1 | 822 8751 3116 / 393708 | 112,290 |
| All Non-Entitlement | 3:00 pm | https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89648123895?pwd=VQUkRoW7AcvQNdDjM3bRQ8Ocs4RZZi.1 | 896 4812 3895 / 371672 | 248,337 |

OR Dial by your location +1-646-558-8656 US (New York) (meeting / passcode listed above)

Tutorial on how to join zoom meeting: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193>

The following types of activities are eligible for funding: Water/Sewer Development or Improvements, Public Facilities and Improvements, Parks/Recreational Facilities, Parking Facilities, Solid Waste Disposal Improvements, Flood Drain Improvements, Street Improvements, ADA Handicap Corners, Sidewalks, Clearance and Demolition, Handicap Centers, Neighborhood Facilities, and Other Activities.

A Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan is adopted by the County Commissioners each year. Carbon County will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low/moderate income dwelling units demolished or converted to use other than as low/moderate income housing as direct result of activities assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, as described in 24 CFR Part 570.606(b)(1). All replacement housing will be provided within three (3) years of the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation relating to conversion. Carbon County, consistent with the goals and objective of activities assisted under the Act, has no pending or future plans to undertake any activities which will result in the displacement or relocation any occupied housing units.

Eligible Activities describes each type of activity that may be carried out with CDBG Funds. It is required that each activity must address at least one of the national objectives of the CDBG Program.

National Objectives describes the criteria that must be met and the records that must be maintained to qualify an activity as either Benefiting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) persons; Addressing slums or blight; or meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

(Overall Benefit to LMI Persons) requires that at least 70% of all CDBG Funds be expended for activities that benefit LMI persons. This is distinct from the requirement that individual activities that are considered to meet the LMI national objective must benefit persons at least 51% of whom are LMI. Additional information will be provided at the Public Hearings concerning eligible activities, application procedures, and other program requirements.

All residents are invited to attend the Public Hearings and express their views on proposals for the use of Community

Development Block Grant funding being applied for as well as the actual prior use of CDBG funding. Any persons requiring special assistance are asked to contact the Office of Planning and Development at (570) 325-3671 in advance of the Public Hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made. A TDD number is available for those persons with hearing impairments (570-732-0084). Any written comments regarding the CDBG Program must be received on or before **3:00 P.M. (prevailing time), May 8, 2024, at the Carbon County Office of Planning and Development, P.O. Box 210, Jim Thorpe, PA, 18229-0210.** Comments can also be emailed to ccopad@carboncounty.net.

Michael J. Sofranko, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

