

NOTICE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY FY 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION AND FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Franklin County is now accepting applications for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The 2020 CDBG application is available by calling the Franklin County Planning Department at 717-261-3855 or emailing planning@franklincountypa.gov. Applications are due September 30, 2020 by 4:00 pm. For more information regarding the CDBG Program in Pennsylvania, please visit: <http://dced.pa.gov/programs/community-development-block-grant-cdbg>.

The Franklin County Planning Department will hold its first public hearing on September 22nd, 2020 starting at 10:00 AM/PM prevailing time, at the Admin Annex Rear Conference Room, 218 N. Second Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201. This meeting will also be held virtually on Google Meet. If you would like to attend the meeting virtually, please contact us using the information above to receive the meeting web-link. Additional information about the meeting will also be available on our website <https://www.franklincountypa.gov/>. This meeting 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 Franklin County Planning Department 72 hours in advance.

The Purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the CDBG program in general, needs within Franklin County, and previous years CDBG allocations.

Franklin County is expected to receive an allocation of approximately \$369,642.00 of FY 2020 CDBG funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. At least 70% of the available funding must be used for activities which benefit low and moderate income persons. The PA Department of Community and Economic Development (PA-DCED) has announced the application submission deadline of October 28, 2020. The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG Program: water and 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, and preparation of the CDBG application.

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

The County of Franklin does not discriminate in regards to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or age in the provision, admission, employment, or access to the County's services and programs.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing and/or present written comments concerning the needs of Franklin County and the CDBG program.