

*****PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE
2024 CDBG PROGRAM**



Notice is hereby given by the County of Lawrence and On Behalf Of Ellwood City Borough, Shenango and Union Townships, that it will hold a Public Hearing on:

- **Monday, July 29, 2024, at 8:00 A.M., at the Lawrence County Courthouse, 1st Floor, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101**
- **Monday, July 29, 2024, at 9:30 A.M., at the Shenango Township Building, 1000 Willowbrook Road, New Castle, PA 16101**
- **Monday, July 29, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. at the Ellwood City Borough Building, 525 Lawrence Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117**
- **Monday, July 29, 2024, at 1:00 P.M., at the Union Township Building, 1910 Municipal Drive, New Castle, PA 16101**

These meetings are accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you wish to attend and require special accommodations, please notify the County Planning Office 72 hours in advance at 724-656-2144 or amckinney@lawrencecountypa.gov

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of the municipalities and the County of Lawrence and On Behalf of Ellwood City Borough, Shenango and Union Townships performance under the previously funded CDBG Program years, and to discuss the required Three-Year Community Development Plan of each municipality.

The County of Lawrence and On Behalf Of Ellwood City Borough, Shenango and Union Townships are expected to receive an allocation of approximately \$615,118.00 FY2024 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 people. 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) is projecting the application to be due at the end of October.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG Program: water and sewer line replacement and 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 the County of Lawrence and On Behalf Of Ellwood City Borough, Shenango and Union Townships would undertake activities that result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the County of Lawrence, policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. The County of Lawrence and On Behalf Of Ellwood City Borough, Shenango and Union Townships are 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.

All interested citizens are encourage to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing and/or to present written comments concerning the needs of the County of Lawrence and On Behalf Of Ellwood City Borough, Shenango and Union Townships, proposed CDBG Program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG Program in general by Proposals and comments may be submitted to the Lawrence County Planning Office, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101 or via email at amckinney@lawrencecountypa.gov by August 30, 2024***

-Publish in the New Castle News on Monday, July 15, 2024. Proof of Publication requested. Invoice sent: Lawrence County Planning Office, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101 RE: CDBG 2023.

-Post: Courthouse and respective Municipal Buildings, LCDPCD Website, LCDPCD Facebook Page.

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