

**NOTICE OF INITIAL PUBLIC HEARING
FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
FY2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

Notice is hereby given that the Redevelopment Authority on behalf of the County of Fayette will hold a public hearing to obtain the views and comments of citizens on community development needs in non-entitlement communities on **June 12, 2023 at 10:00 am**. This meeting will be held at the Redevelopment Authority offices located at 86 West Main Street in Uniontown, PA 15401. This location is accessible to people with disabilities. Every effort will be made to provide the needed materials to all residents, including persons with disabilities and LEP persons, upon request. Please call 724-437-1547 ext. 210 at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing to request technical assistance.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program including the County's past and future uses of CDBG funds, and the required Three-year Community Development Plan. This hearing will specifically discuss potential uses of the County's CDBG Non-Entitlement allocation, which is anticipated to be approximately \$265,800. The County's total FY2023 CDBG allocation is approximately \$1,405,282. CDBG and funds are provided to the County from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

CDBG Program funds may be utilized for a variety of community development and housing activities such as: 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. 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 urgent need requirements. At least seventy percent (70%) of all available CDBG funds must benefit primarily (51% or greater) low- and moderate-income persons.

It is the stated policy of the County to avoid activities which result in displacement. In the unlikely event any activity funded by the CDBG programs result in displacement, it is the responsibility of the County and / or local municipality to provide relocation assistance and to replace any low- and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of the use of CDBG funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons wishing to comment on the community development needs and uses of CDBG funds may attend the hearing or submit written remarks to the attention of Andrew French, Executive Director, Fayette County Redevelopment Authority (86 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401) by the end of day, **June 12, 2023**. Electronic comments may also be submitted by email to bgirod@racfpa.org. Please indicate which funding you are addressing.

Individual initial hearings (yet to be announced) will be held in the County's nine entitlement communities: Bullskin, Dunbar, Georges, German, Luzerne, Menallan, North Union, Redstone, and South Union Townships. A final public hearing discussing all proposed FY2023 CDBG activities is tentatively set for October 12, 2023 at 10am at the Redevelopment Authority offices. It is anticipated that the County Commissioners will consider final approval of the FY2023 CDBG application at a regularly scheduled public meeting set for October 19, 2023 at 10am in the conference room at 2 West Main Street in Uniontown, PA 15401. The PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has announced the application submission deadline of October 27, 2023.

