



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE FY2024 CDBG PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given by Pike County, that it will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 21st at 12:00 p.m. at the Pike County Human Services office located at 506 Broad St., Milford PA, 18337. The hearing will also be available virtually via Zoom. This meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or for persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you are a person with a disability or limited English proficiency and require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodations to participate, please contact Katie Blake at kblake@hailstoneeconomic.com or (570) 877-9277, to discuss how to best accommodate your needs within 72 hours in advance of the Public Hearing. Translators will be available at public meetings upon advance request. To join the hearing virtually, go to: my-voice.link/pikecounty. The public can also join the Public Hearing by calling 646-558-8656 and entering meeting ID 817 7116 6160 and passcode 033928.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of Pike County and Pike County's performance under the previously funded CDBG Program years, and to discuss the required Three-Year Community Development Plan of Pike County.

Pike County is expected to receive an allocation of \$277,108 of FY2024 CDBG funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Funds will be used to meet one of three CDBG national objectives: 1) benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) individuals; 2) aid in the elimination of slums and blight; or 3) 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. The PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has announced the application submission deadline in October of 2024.

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 Pike County would undertake activities that result in the displacement of families or individuals, then Pike County's policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. Pike 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.

All interested citizens are encouraged 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 Pike County proposed CDBG Program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG Program in general. Comments may be submitted to Katie Blake at kblake@hailstoneeconmic.com or Robert Ruiz, Executive Director of Human Services, ruiz@pikepa.org. Written comments should be received at or before the public hearing. Comments are due no later than June 3, 2024.

Pike County does not discriminate in any of its programs on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, familial status, disability, or use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness, or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals.

Information regarding the Pike County Community Development Block Grant program is available on Pike County Human Services website at <https://www.pikeforward.com/cdbg>.

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Applications are being accepted for eligible projects in Pike County. Applications are available at <https://www.pikeforward.com/rfps>. Completed applications are due on Friday, June 21, 2024. The County will provide technical assistance, upon request, to any groups or persons when developing proposals intending to use CDBG funds. Information regarding the application and Pike County Community Development Block Grant program is available on Pike County Human Services website at <https://www.pikeforward.com/cdbg>.