

*****PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE
FY 2017 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 Public Hearings on

- **Wednesday, July 12, 2017 8 A.M., at the Union Township Building**, 1910 Municipal Dr., New Castle, PA 16101
- **Thursday, July 13, 2017 9 A.M., at the Shenango Township Building**, 1000 Willowbrook Rd., New Castle, PA 16101
- **Monday, July 17, 2017 5:30 P.M., at the Ellwood City Borough Building**, 525 Lawrence Ave., Ellwood City, PA 16117
- **Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:00 A.M., at the Lawrence County Courthouse** 1st Floor, 430 Court St., New Castle, PA 16101

These meetings are 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 County Planning office 72 hours in advance at 724-656-2144 or amckinney@co.lawrence.pa.us.

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 the 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 \$554,400.00 of FY 2017 CDBG funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- County of Lawrence approx. \$240,000.00
- Borough of Ellwood City approx. \$110,000.00
- Shenango Township approx. \$111,400.00
- Union Township approx. \$93,000.00

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% of 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) have announced the application submission deadline of Fall of 2017.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under 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; 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 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 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 the CDBG funds, as well as, the CDBG Program in general by Proposals and comments may be submitted to the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101 or via email at amckinney@co.lawrence.pa.us by 12:00 P.M. Friday, August 18, 2017. ***

-Publish in the Ellwood City Ledger and New Castle News on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 and Wednesday, July 5, 2017 Proof of Publication needed. Bill to the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development, Attn: Rebecca Shaffer RE: CDBG 2017, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101

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

-Announce at Public meetings