

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING
Township of Girard
September 13, 2023

Welcome to the Public Hearing:

Township Supervisor Lindy Platz opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. Also present were township supervisors Peter Dion, Jeffrey Ferrick, Clay Brocious, zoning manager Tiffany Kramer, and Tony Cunningham, Erie County Planning. Supervisor Platz turned the meeting over to Tony Cunningham.

Purpose of Hearing

This Public Hearing is to inform residents that the County of Erie “on behalf of” Girard Township intends to apply for FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. Provide a brief overview of the CDBG program. Review prior use of funds). Review and update the Borough’s Three Year CDBG Plan – identify community needs/objectives. Solicit input on potential projects to be funded with the FY2023 funds.

Background Information:

The Township is entitled to receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds from the PA DCED pursuant to PA Act 179 of 1984.

Application/Allocation

For Fy2023 the Borough is entitled to apply for and receive \$104,227. 17.9% of these funds, \$18,656.63 will be reserved for the program administration.

Eligible Activities:

Tony went on to explain that CDBG funds can be used for a wide array of activities which include, but are not limited to: Water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer construction, street reconstruction, sidewalk/curb replacement, recreation improvements, housing rehabilitation, homeownership assistance, property acquisition, fair housing activities, handicapped accessibility improvements, planning activities, and administration.

Ineligible Activities:

Activities which cannot be assisted with CDBG funds include acquisition of buildings, or the construction or rehabilitation of space in a building, or portion of a building, which is used for the general conduct of government, payment of expenses required to carry out the regular responsibilities of a general unit of government, financing of political activities, purchase of equipment, unless for fire protection, and maintenance and repair of publicly owned streets, parks, playgrounds, water and sewer facilities, etc.

National Objective:

Activities must meet one of the three National Objectives of the program: Benefit low-to-moderate income persons; aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; or meet a need having a particular urgency.

The primary objective is to benefit low-to-moderate income persons and at least 70% of the funds must go towards meeting this objective. That means 51% of the persons benefiting from an activity are of low-to-moderate income.

Borough's Prior/current Use of CDBG Funds.

Miller Road Culvert Replacement overview.

Review and update of three year community Development Plan and discuss possible FY 2023 funds


1. The board of supervisors asked about changes to the census block groups. No updates have been released from the 2020 census at this time.
2. The board asked if 2023 funds would be able to be used on the miller road project which will start in spring/summer 2024.
3. Tony will follow up with DCED grant manager to see if using 2023 funds on a project taking place in 2024 is a feasible prospect.

This is the end of the Public Hearing and the 2nd Public Hearing was scheduled 10/10/2023 at 6:15 PM we will outline the next phase of Miller Road Culvert Replacement, and finalize plans for the 2023 application. On the date of the 2nd public hearing the board of supervisors will decide on a project to move forward with for the 2023 applications.

Adjournment:

Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Township Supervisor Lindy Platz