

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF HERMITAGE, PA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
APPLICATION FOR CARES ACT (CDBG-CV) FUNDING

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 was signed into law to respond to the growing effects of the coronavirus public health crisis. The CARES Act provides special allocation of funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

Act 179 of 1974 of the Pennsylvania Legislature, entitled the Community Development Block Grant Program, establishes block grant entitlements for certain Cities, Boroughs, and Towns and Townships. The City of Hermitage, PA, an Entitlement City, is making application for a \$193,732 grant from the CDBG-CV program from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

The **FIRST PUBLIC HEARING** will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 at 4:00PM** to obtain citizen input and comment on the CDBG-CV Program, **The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen input on the projects proposed under the CDBG-CV program, and to solicit input and possible projects from the community. The City encourages all citizens to participate in the public hearings to discuss the CDBG-CV Program and/or submit comments to Jeremy P. Coxe, Assistant Director, Planning & Development Department, 724-981-0800 x1265 or jcoxe@hermitage.net.**

The Public Hearing is being held via phone conference. Due to the current Covid-19 situation, the City Building is closed to the public. For instructions on how to access the public hearing, or if you have any comments or questions concerning the Public Hearing and/or the City's application for CDBG-CV funding, please contact Jeremy Coxe, 724-981-0800 x1265 or jcoxe@hermitage.net. The public comment period for this 1st public hearing will remain open from Wednesday, May 20th @ 8am through Thursday, May 28th @ 12PM.

Grantees must develop their own programs and give maximum feasible priority to activities that either benefit low and moderate income persons, or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight. In addition, activities may be carried out which the community certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. **Activities which do not meet one of these three national objectives may not be undertaken with CDBG**

funds. CDBG-CV funds must be used to prevent, prepare for and/or respond to the Coronavirus.

Application and use of funds shall be in strict accordance with the rules and regulations of Act 179 and the Community Development Block Grant Program as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. At least 70% of the total grant funds will benefit Low-to-Moderate Income persons (at least 51% LMI project area). Activities that can be carried out with CDBG-CV grant funds include, but are not limited to: Building & Improvements, Rehabilitation, including public facilities; Assistance to Businesses, including Special Economic Development Assistance; and Public Services, all with a direct impact related to a response to the coronavirus pandemic.

In conjunction with the CDBG program, the City of Hermitage has adopted a Fair Housing Resolution and appointed the City Manager as the Fair Housing Officer and has adopted a MBE/WBE Plan and Section 504 Plan.

Information regarding the CDBG program is available from the Hermitage Office of Community and Economic Development, Telephone number is 724-981-0800 x1265 or email @ jcoxe@hermitage.net. Provisions and accommodations are available to the handicapped. Information also available online @ www.hermitage.net

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