

**CDBG PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Borough of Edinboro**  
**August 14, 2023**

**Welcome to the Public Hearing:**

Mayor Gast opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. Council members present were Aaron Gast, Pat Davis, Mark Eisert, Amanda Frantz-Mamani, and Jim Kiley. Other officials present were Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg and Tony Cunningham, Erie County Planning. Citizens present were John Stachowiak, Curtis Hals, and Kyle Shoulders. Mayor Gast 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” Edinboro Borough 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 Borough is entitled to receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds from the PA DCED pursuant to PA Act 179 of 1984.

**Application/Allocation:**

For FY 2023 the Borough is entitled to apply for and receive \$105,285.

**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.

Tony went on to explain that the current Nature’s Outlet project was funded on the basis of LMC.

**Borough’s Prior Use of CDBG Funds.**

Manager Spangenberg provided a Nature’s Outlet project overview.

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

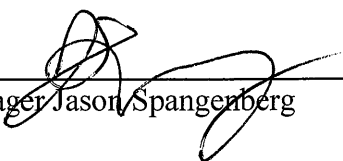
1. The council asked about changes to the census block groups. No updates have been released from the 2020 census at this time.
2. Council members deferred to Jason Spangenberg to select appropriate projects that meet CDBG Criteria.
3. At this time the council members agreed that 2023 funding will go towards continued Natures Outlet Park Improvements as had been previously planned.

We have \$105,285 funding with 17.9% for administration (\$18,846). On the date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing yet to be scheduled, Borough Council will vote to approve the cooperative agreement with the County and the project for 2023 CDBG funding.

**Adjournment:**

Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Manager Jason Spangenberg

  
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Mayor Aaron Gast