

**CDBG PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Borough of Edinboro**  
**July 11, 2022**

**Welcome to the Public Hearing:**

Mayor Gast opened the public hearing at 6:15 PM. Council members present were Mary Ann Horne, Aaron Gast, Pat Davis, Jim Kiley, and Amanda Frantz-Mamani. Absent were Mark Eisert and Spencer Larson. Also present were Borough Manager Jason Spangenberg, Solicitor Tim Wachter, Joe Berdis of Erie County Planning, Mary Ann Mook, and a few residents as they arrived for the Council meeting. The meeting was turned over to Joe Berdis.

**Purpose of Hearing:**

This public hearing is the second and final public hearing regarding the Borough's FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. Notice of hearing appeared in the Erie Times News on June 29, 2022 as well as posted on the Borough's website. No comments were received prior to this hearing. The primary purpose of this hearing is to identify the activities the Borough proposes to undertake with its FY 2022 CDBG allocation and to take comments.

**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. Since 1985 the Borough has received approximately \$4.9 million in funding. The FY 2022 allocation of \$105,252 is a decrease of \$14,442 from FY 2021. A portion of the allocation will be set aside for administration which will be provided by County Planning. The submission deadline for the application to DCED requesting the funding is October 28.

**Proposed Activities:**

Based upon comments from the first hearing and subsequent discussions with municipal officials, the Borough proposes to undertake the following activities with its FY 2022 allocation:

- \$9,500 or 9% of the allocation will be set aside for Program Administration to be provided by County Planning. Of note, DCED allows up to 18% for administration.
- \$95,752 for a Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Project, which would provide for rehabilitation of single-family, owner occupied housing units in order to make them safe, decent, sanitary, and energy efficient for compliance with DCED Housing Quality Standards. Some of the Housing program requirements include but are not limited to the following:
  - Families eligible to receive the assistance must be of low-to-moderate income (80% of median income).

- The assistance provided to eligible participants is referred to as a "deferred-payment loan" which will be secured by a five-year (60 month) mortgage. No re-payment will be required so long as the borrower complies with the terms and conditions of the program.

- In no case will funding used for rehabilitation work exceed \$24,999. Lead Hazard Control costs are not included in the \$24,999 maximum.

- Eligibility of the property will be determined by (a) confirming that real estate taxes and mortgages are current, (b) verifying that the property is insured, (c) performing a site-specific environmental review, including floodplain determination, and (d) an initial property review to confirm that the property is in reasonable condition and can be properly rehabilitated within the program's restrictions.

- The County on behalf of the Borough will contract with the Erie Redevelopment Authority (ERA) for the provision of legal and delivery services associated with the project. The fee per unit will generally not exceed \$2,500.

- Mobile homes located on rented property are NOT eligible for the program.

- Homes in floodplains are NOT eligible for the program

Manager Spangenberg stated that an attempt was made to survey the residents of Ontario Street, in order to qualify new sidewalks on Ontario Street for CDBG funding, but only one response was received from the survey.

### **Three-Year Plan:**

The short-term plan is to complete the FY2021 Nature's Outlet project and make ADA improvements near Pat Crawford Beach. Depending on cost estimates, FY2022 funds may be used for that project as well before beginning the Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Project. The long-term plan is to attempt another survey for Ontario Street sidewalks and perform ADA improvements to Borough parks.

### **Adjournment:**

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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Manager Jason Spangenberg

  
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Mayor Aaron Gast