

2018 Community Development Block Grant Program
Preliminary Public Hearing
August 6, 2018

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Michael Dulaney
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
James Johnson
Samuel Lyons
James Marshall
Fred Mays

Members Excused: None.

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Charles Gibbons, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer
Deb Eckelberger, Franklin Development Director
Sheila Boughner, Community Development Coordinator
Harmony Motter, Finance Director
Kevin Anundson, Chief of Police
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
David Ballard, Trails to Ales
Bob Shawgo, R Bandana Winery
Bob Graham, 1237 - 15th Street
Ginny Rial, Rial Construction
Bridget Wood, 1403 Otter Street, Franklin Little League
Ryan Rudegeair, 1244 Buffalo Street
Marty Rudegeair, 828 Liberty Street, Franklin General Authority
Diana Klein, Hatched
Jim Meyer, Venango Newspapers, Inc.
Chris Rossetti, Explore Venango

Mayor Baker called the hearing to order at 7 PM.

Ms. Boughner explained that this is the preliminary public hearing for the City's 2018 Community Development Block Grant program. The City was recently notified of its allocation of \$296,249, up by \$26,634 or 9.9% from the City's FY-2017 allocation. With \$53,324 (18%) for administration, there will be approximately \$242,925 for project uses. The application will be due on November 2 and the funds should be available by mid-summer 2019.

She reviewed the low/moderate income ranges for Venango County and indicated that all CDBG Projects must meet one of the following objectives:

- Benefits a majority of low/moderate income persons
- Prevents or eliminates slums and blight
- Addresses an urgent threat or need

She also reviewed the types of eligible and ineligible projects, past CDBG-funded activities and the City's statement of replacement. She and City staff are exploring possible uses, including street improvements, sidewalks, ADA curb ramps and demolition.

She advised the Council that the application must be submitted by November 2, 2018, and is requesting approval of the projects at the September council meeting and that the second public hearing be held on October 2, prior to the regular Council meeting. Barring any objections, the projects could then be submitted to Council for approval at its regular meeting following the hearing.

There being no further comments or questions from the Council or the public, Mayor Baker closed the hearing at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary