

FY-2022 CDBG PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING
Council Chambers, City Hall, Franklin, PA
August 1, 2022

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
James Johnson
Christian Marshall
Todd Zahner
Samuel Lyons

Members Excused: Ryan Rudegear

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
James Wetzel, Fire Chief
Harmony Motter, Finance Director
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary
Helen Fielding, The Derrick
Bev Hart, 1333 Elk Street
Deb Eckelberger, FICDA
Jaimi Hajzus, Reproductive Freedom Action Committee
Veronica Santee, Reproductive Freedom Action Committee
Nicole Bulven, Reproductive Freedom Action Committee
David Psybylek, Elk Street
Matt Parson, Franklin
Joy Strain, McGill, Power, Bell
Ashley Smith, 1346 Elk Street
Shawn Ulery, representing 1280 Elk Street (via teleconference)

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

Mrs. Jamieson introduced the City's FY-2022 Community Development Block Grant Program on behalf of Mrs. Power who was unable to be at the meeting. The City's FY-2022 CDBG allocation is \$306,969, down by \$8,061 from the City's FY-2021 allocation.

She explained that all CDBG activities must benefit low-moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slums and blight, or address an urgent threat or need, and that at least 70% of project funds must be used to benefit persons with low to moderate incomes.

Mrs. Jamieson reviewed the low-moderate income ranges for Venango County and presented the City's LMI percentages, and pointed out those areas eligible for area-wide projects.

Mrs. Jamieson then went on to review the types of eligible and ineligible projects, and

past CDBG-funded activities. She reviewed the City's Statement of Replacement for occupied or occupiable homes which requires any structure considered to be a low-moderate income dwelling lost to CDBG-funded demolition must be replaced within three (3) years, within the same jurisdiction and must be of the same size and capacity and remain a low-moderate income dwelling for ten (10) years.

Some of the possible FY-2022 projects include demolition of blighted structures, street and sidewalk improvements, replacing light poles on 13th Street, and new lighting in Bandstand Park. She plans to seek tentative approval from Council for proposed uses of the FY-2022 CDBG funds at the panel's September 12, 2022 meeting. The second and final hearing for the FY-2022 CDBG program is planned for October 3, 2022, with Council to consider the application for approval at a special meeting following the hearing later in October, pending no adverse comments. The application is due October 28, 2022.

Mayor Baker asked who to contact if someone has a comment. Mrs. Jamieson responded that the Community Development Department is best point of contact, but anyone at City Hall would relay the message.

There being no comments or questions from Council, the hearing was adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T.J. Parks", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

T.J. Parks,
Recording Secretary