

FY-2021 CDBG PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING – ACTIVITY MODIFICATION
Council Chambers, City Hall, Franklin, PA
November 10, 2025

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

Members Excused: Samuel Lyons

In Attendance: James Wetzel, City Manager
Harmony Motter, Deputy Manager
Andrew Eckel, Fire Chief
Dan Wetzel, Franklin Fire Department
Mark Bresee, Franklin Fire Department
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary
Kevin Siragian, Franklin Police Chief
Amanda Power, Community Development
Cindi Power, City of Franklin
Alex Spaid, Dale, Woodard, Gent, McFate
Helen Fielding, The Derrick
Jodi Lewis, Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce
Josh Jolly, Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce
Chuck Brehm, 440 Elk Street

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Power explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizens' views and comments on the City's proposed use of \$20,000 remaining from FY-2021 CDBG funds which includes eliminating the allocation of those funds for demolition and offering a food assistance program. She indicated activities include providing food to Franklin residents facing food insecurity, focusing on low-moderate income individuals and seniors. The Community Development Department will coordinate with the Fire Department and other volunteers for food packaging and distribution.

Mrs. Power further explained that the project aligns with the City's Community Development goals by addressing an immediate public service need and advancing HUD's national objective of benefiting low-moderate income persons. Funds would be used for the purchase of non-perishable food items and direct distribution costs.

The activity meets the CDBG national objective of benefiting low-moderate income persons through the following qualifying methods:

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- Presumed Benefit – providing food assistance to seniors and other groups presumed by HUD to be of low-moderate income
- Service Area Benefit – targeted to areas identified as at least 51% low-moderate income
- Limited Clientele – based on income verification or participation in another program with eligibility criteria equal to or more restrictive than HUD’s LMI limits. All participants will be documented in accordance with HUD’s record keeping requirements.

The project plans for no displacement of any persons or affordable housing units and would only benefit low-moderate income residents.

Pending no adverse comments to the proposed activity changes, Mrs. Power requested to hold a final public hearing prior to the December 1, 2025 regular City Council meeting at 7 P.M. in Council Chambers at Franklin City Hall, 430 13th Street, Franklin, PA 16323. Public comments can be made until 4 P.M., Friday, November 21, 2025 by contacting the Community Development Department.

There being no comments or questions from Council, the hearing was adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



T.J. Parks,
Recording Secretary