

CDBG-CV FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
Aug. 3, 2020

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
James Johnson
Samuel Lyons
Christian Marshall
Fred Mays
Ryan Rudegeair

Members Excused: None.

In Attendance: Sheila Boughner, Community Development Coordinator
Tracy Jamieson, City Manager and Recording Secretary
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Jim Wetzell, Fire Chief
Kevin Anundson, Police Chief
Deb Eckelberger, Development Director
Sarah Titley, Venango Newspapers, Inc.
The Rev. Jon Martin, Franklin Alliance Church

Mayor Baker called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Boughner explained that this was the final public hearing on the City's Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) program, convened for the purpose of taking public comment on the proposed uses of the City's CDBG-CV allocation of \$193,732.

Proposed uses, as advertised in a public notice published on June 24, 2020, include:

- **Economic Development: Direct Financial Assistance to For Profit Businesses** -- \$75,000
- **Food Banks** -- \$15,000
- **Fire Stations/Equipment** -- \$60,000
- **Health Services** -- \$8,861
- **Program Administration (18%)** -- \$34,871

Ms. Boughner indicated these allocations will provide for: \$5,000 forgivable loans to 15 businesses, hurt by the economic fallout, to assist with the retention/creation of low-to-

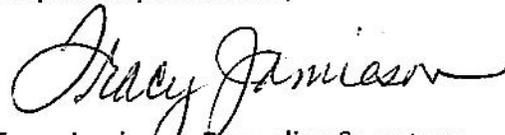
moderate income jobs; \$5,000 each to the Shepherd's Green Community Food Pantry operated by St. John's Episcopal Church, the St. Patrick Community Food Pantry operated by St. Patrick Parish and the Franklin Salvation Army Food Pantry to help them meet increased demands for their services as a result of the pandemic; an emergency response vehicle for the Franklin Fire Department for additional medical response capabilities to prevent, prepare for and respond to the pandemic; and \$8,861 for the purchase of personal protective equipment and supplies such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and sanitizing machines to assist the community as it continues to respond to the pandemic. At least 70% of CDBG funds must be used to benefit persons of low to moderate income. Ms. Boughner said all of the proposed activities would benefit low to moderate income persons.

She advised that funding requests were received from the United Way of Venango County for possible assistance with its costs for the PA 211 service and from a ZONTA Club representative for possible assistance with the purchase of personal protective equipment for back-to-school COVID CARES Kits for approximately 1,000 students across the County.

Mr. Rudegear asked if the emergency response vehicle might have been paid for with CARES Act funds received by Venango County. Ms. Boughner and Ms. Jamieson indicated the County had asked the City to keep track of its COVID-related expenditures to date but had not discussed the purchase of emergency vehicles.

There being no further questions or comments, the hearing was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Jamieson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tracy Jamieson, Recording Secretary