Act 179 of 1974 of the Pennsylvania Legislature, entitled the Community Development Block Grant Program, establishes annual block grant entitlements to Cities, Boroughs, and Towns and Townships. The City of Hermitage, PA, an Entitlement City, is making application for a $298,504 grant from the 2019 CDBG program from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Approximately $265,000 of the City’s entitlement funding will be available to benefit low to moderate income persons through public/community improvements.

The SECOND PUBLIC HEARING will be held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2019 @ 5:00 PM in the Hermitage Municipal Building, 800 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148, Commissioners’ Conference Room #303. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen input on the 2019 CDBG Program and Three-Year Community Development Plan, that will contain the projects proposed under the CDBG program. The City encourages all citizens to attend the public hearings to discuss the CDBG Program and submit oral and/or written comments. The City of Hermitage Board of Commissioners intends to take action upon the FY 2019 CDBG Application at their regularly scheduled meeting on October 23rd, 2019 at 6:00PM.

**PROPOSED STATEMENT of**
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES and**
**PROJECTED USE OF THE FUNDS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

General Administration & Audit........................................................................................................ $ 35,504

**PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS**

Street / Roadway Improvement in CT3014 BG6, including Ellis Ave., Meadowbrook Rd., Trace St., Concord Rd., King Dr., Wells Rd
– Paving, stormwater improvements.................................................................................................. $ 263,000

**TOTAL AVAILABLE CDBG FUNDS**.......................................................................................... $ 298,504

Grantees must develop their own programs and give maximum feasible priority to activities that either benefit low and moderate income persons, or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight. In addition, activities may be carried out which the community certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. **Activities which do not meet one of these three national objectives may not be undertaken with CDBG funds.**

Application and use of funds shall be in strict accordance with the rules and regulations of Act 179 and the Community Development Block Grant Program as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. At least 70% of the total grant funds will benefit Low-to-Moderate Income persons (at least 51% LMI project area). Activities that can be carried out with block grant funds include, but are not limited to: acquisition of real property, relocation and demolition, rehabilitation of residential and nonresidential structures, construction of public facilities and improvements (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, flood and drainage
improvements), public services within certain limits, activities relating to energy conservation, the
removal of architectural barriers which restrict the inability and accessibility of elderly and
handicapped persons, and program administration.

The City is not proposing any activities or programs which could result in the displacement of, or
relocation of, any housing units in the City. Hermitage has prepared and implemented an “Anti-
Displacement and Relocation Assistance Housing Plan” which is available to the public. The City
is responsible for replacing all low/moderate income housing units that are demolished or
converted if CDBG funds were used for that purpose.

In conjunction with the CDBG program, the City of Hermitage has adopted a Fair Housing
Resolution and appointed the City Manager as the Fair Housing Officer, and has adopted a
MBE/WBE Plan.

Information regarding the CDBG program is available from the Hermitage Office of Community
and Economic Development, 800 N. Hermitage Rd., Hermitage, PA 16148 during the hours of
8:00am a.m. to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Telephone number is 724-981-0800 x1265 or
email @ jcoxe@hermitage.net. Provisions and accommodations are available to the handicapped.
Information also available online @ www.hermitage.net

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