

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF HERMITAGE, PA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
APPLICATION FOR 2016 FUNDING**

Act 179 of 1974 of the Pennsylvania Legislature, entitled the Community Development Block Grant Program, establishes annual block grant entitlements for certain Cities, Boroughs, and Towns and Townships. The City of Hermitage, PA, an Entitlement City, is making application for a \$272,958 grant from the 2016 CDBG program from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Approximately \$250,000 of the City's entitlement funding will be available to benefit low to moderate income persons through public / community improvements.

The **FIRST PUBLIC HEARING** will be held on **THURSDAY, August 4, 2016 at 4:30PM** in the Hermitage Municipal Building, 800 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148, Commissioners' Conference Room #303, to obtain citizen input and comment on the 2016 CDBG Program, as well as, previous CDBG programs conducted by the City of Hermitage. **The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen input on the Three-Year Community Development Plan that will contain the projects proposed under the CDBG program, and to solicit input and possible projects from the community. The City encourages all citizens to attend the public hearings to discuss the CDBG Program and submit oral and/or written comments.**

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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