

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING
Borough of Edinboro
October 9, 2017

Welcome to the Public Hearing:

Mayor Horne opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. Council members present were Pat Davis, Nathan Latimer, Jim Kiley, Stephen O'Neill, Aaron Gast, and Mary Ann Horne. Brenda Cannell was absent. Also present were Manager Opple, Finance Director Jason Spangenberg, and Joe Berdis from Erie County. Mayor Horne turned the meeting over to Joe Berdis.

Purpose of Hearing:

This Public Hearing is to indicate how the Borough proposes to use its FY 2017 CDBG funds and allow for public comment, review the Three Year Plan Summary which identifies the proposed 2017 funded project (Short Term Plan) and potential projects for FY's 2018 and 2019 (Long Term Plan), and discuss the future schedule of events.

Background Information:

The Borough is entitled to apply for and receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds from the PA DCED pursuant to the provisions of PA Act 179, of 1984 and since 1985 has received approximately \$4.3 million in CDBG monies. The monies are to be used to undertake housing and/or community development projects which meet an identified need of the community and which "primarily" benefits low-to-moderate income persons. For FY 2017 the Borough is entitled to \$101,678. This is \$1,286 less than last year's grant of \$102,964 which represents a decrease of 1.25%.

Proposed Projects for FY 2017 Funding:

Based upon input from the First Public Hearing held on June 10, 2017, and subsequent conversations with Borough officials it is proposed that:

- \$10,000 of allocation be used for program administration
- \$91,678 will be used for reconstruction of Darrow Road, from South Perry Lane to Heather Road, a distance of approximately 1,580 feet. It is anticipated the project will require 2 years of CDBG funding as the cost of construction is estimated at \$132,685. The project meets the primary National Objective of the CDBG program in that it will benefit an area that is = to or > 51% LMI. As per the Census map, the project primarily benefits the residents of Block Group 6 which according to census data has a LMI population of 74.84%. Note, the project also benefits Block Group 3, but because the area is a college campus, there is no LMI data, as group quarters are not used in the calculation

Comments:

Mr. Berdis and Manager Oppe briefly discussed the road work that was done on the other half of Darrow Road, in 2017. Mr. Berdis said that the Monroe Street project was paid in advance by the Borough, with the County reimbursing the Borough when the CDBG funds became available. He said that this practice is no longer allowed by the state, so the Darrow project will need to wait until all funding has been received. Manager Oppe confirmed that the Borough wishes to wait until all available CDBG funding has been received for Darrow Road before beginning, which means 2019 at the earliest.

Three Year Plan Summary:

The short-term plan (FY 2017) is to complete the Darrow Road Reconstruction Project.

The long-term plan (FY 2018 and FY 2019) consists of considering the following activities:

- Darrow Road Reconstruction Project (multi-year funding)
- Rehabilitation of Stonehaven Drive

Mr. Berdis noted that the census data used to determine project eligibility will be recalculated in the coming years, so it is important to complete eligible projects now.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Borough Council is scheduled to consider passing a Resolution this evening approving the application for funding along with its submittal to DCED by County Planning. The County on behalf of the Borough will submit an application to DCED requesting the funds by November 3. In addition to the borough's funds, the application will also include a request for the County's CDBG funds to benefit "non-entitlement" municipalities as well as funding for the entitlement municipalities of Girard Township, McKean Township and North East Borough whose programs the County administers. Total request including the Borough's monies will be \$632,496.

Adjournment:

Nathan Latimer moved for adjournment, and the public hearing was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



Manager Kevin Oppe



Mayor Mary Ann Horne