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## MIFFLIN COUNTY AND MIFFLIN COUNTY ON BEHALF OF ARMAGH TOWNSHIP, BROWN TOWNSHIP, DERRY TOWNSHIP, GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP, AND LEWISTOWN BOROUGH FFY 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FIRST PUBLIC HEARING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP NOTICE

The Mifflin County Commissioners plan to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. For Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024, the County's estimated allocation is \$223,208. The County will also include in its application CDBG funds estimated at \$94,749 on behalf of Armagh Township, \$95,796 on behalf of Brown Township; \$130,321 on behalf of Derry Township; \$101,544 on behalf of Granville Township; and \$145,546 on behalf of Lewistown Borough. No program income is anticipated to be used.

A Public Hearing and Project Development Workshop will be held on June 20, 2024, at 9:00 AM, at the Mifflin County District Courthouse, 20 North Wayne Street, Lewistown. Public hearings pertaining specifically to the OBO municipalities will be held as follows: Armagh Township June 3, 2024, at 6:00 PM, in the Township Building, 283 Broad Street, Milroy; Brown Township, June 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM at 22 Brown Township Drive; Derry Township, June 17, 2024, at 5:30 PM, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown; Granville Township, June 3, 2024, at 4:00 PM at 100 Helen Street, Lewistown; and Lewistown Borough, June 19, 2024, at 5:30 PM, 2 East Third Street, Lewistown.

These hearings are accessible to individuals with disabilities and persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you wish to attend and have a disability or Limited English Proficiency and require special accommodations, please notify the CDBG Administrator, Tyler Dombroski at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled hearing at 570-524-4491 or 1-800-332-6701, TTY: 1-800-654-5984, TDD: 1-800-654-5988 or tdombroski@seda-cog.org to make such arrangements.

Proposed project activities must meet one or more of three objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income persons; prevent or eliminate slums or blight; and/or alleviate immediate threats to the health and safety of the community. The Mifflin County Commissioners will commit not less than 70% of the total funds, after administration costs, to projects which principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons (LMI). Housing, community, and economic development activities are eligible; examples include housing rehabilitation, demolition or improvement of blighted property and public works projects. A list of eligible activities can be found in Section 105(s) of the Housing and Community Development Act (P.L. 93-383) as amended.

The purpose of the Public Hearings and Project Development Workshop is to discuss the CDBG Program, receive public input on proposed activities and/or proposals for new activities. Mifflin County and Armagh Township, Brown Township, Derry Township, Granville Township, and Lewistown Borough, also wish to receive public comment on potential environmental impacts, the previous use of CDBG funds, and the Three-Year Community Development Plans. All interested parties that are unable to attend may present written comments and project ideas in advance of the scheduled hearing to Tyler Dombroski at 570-524-4491 or tdombroski@seda-cog.org. Interested applicants should contact Tyler Dombroski as soon as possible for funding consideration, but in no case later than July 18, 2024, for Mifflin County, June 24,

2024, for Armagh Township; July 1, 2024, for Brown Township; July 1, 2024, for Derry Township, June 17, 2024, for Granville Township, and July 19, 2024, for Lewistown Borough. Activities for OBO municipalities should be addressed to the OBO municipalities at or before the first hearing, date and time as listed above. Grant application submission deadline is anticipated to be October of 2024, subject to change.

No displacement is anticipated, and every effort will be made to avoid or minimize displacement and relocation. Should displacement be required, the applicant is responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that are demolished or converted. At this hearing, Mifflin County will disclose the types and levels of assistance that it would make available if persons were to be displaced by CDBG-funded activities.

Mifflin County does not discriminate in access to, participation in, or treatment or employment in its federally funded programs or services. In the event the public believes that discrimination, denied accessibility, or denied equal opportunity has occurred, Mifflin County's Section 504 officer, Lonnie Griffith, may be reached at 717-242-0893 or lgriffith@mifflincountypa.gov.

Technical assistance will be provided upon request to any groups or persons, especially LMI persons or their representatives, when developing proposals intending to use CDBG funds. The Mifflin County Commissioners will strive to make all programs and activities accessible to the learning, mobility, vision, hearing, and language-impaired persons. If you have a disability or limited English proficiency and require an auxiliary aid or accommodations, please contact Tyler Dombroski at SEDA-COG, 1-800-332-6701, 1-800-654-5984 TTY, 1-800-654-5988 TDD to discuss your needs. Translators will be available upon request.

Any complaints should be written and submitted to Tyler Dombroski at SEDA-COG, 570-524-4491 or 1-800-332-6701, TTY: 1-800-654-5984, TDD: 1-800-654-5988 or tdombroski@seda-cog.org. Written responses will be addressed within 15 working days when practicable.

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