

Lewistown Borough website

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**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
FOR LEWISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL'S 2017
CDBG PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given that the Lewistown Borough Council will hold the second and final required public hearing for the Township's 2017 CDBG funds, on **Monday, September 11, 2017**, at 4:45PM in the Lewistown Borough Municipal Building located at 2 East Third Street, Lewistown, PA 17044. This hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or for persons with limited English proficiency. If you wish to attend and require special accommodations, please notify the Mifflin County Planning and Development Department at (717) 242-0887.

The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of the Borough of Lewistown in relation to using CDBG funds, the Borough's performance under the previously funded CDBG Program years, and to discuss the required three-year community development plan of the Borough.

The Borough of Lewistown is expected to receive an allocation of \$116,929.00 of 2017 CDBG funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA-DCED). At least 70% of the available funding must be used for activities which benefit low and moderate income persons. The proposed activities must benefit at least 51% low-moderate income persons in the service area to qualify as a low-moderate income project. The PA-DCED has announced the application submission deadline to be **November 3, 2017**.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG Program: water and sewer line replacement and improvements; housing rehabilitation; construction of affordable housing; construction/reconstruction of public/community facilities; recreational facilities; public services that are new or provide quantifiable increases in the delivery of services; street improvements; historic preservation; removal of architectural barriers; code enforcement; economic development; acquisition and relocation; clearance and demolition; and general administration, planning, audit if required, and preparation of the CDBG application.

If the Lewistown Borough Council and the Mifflin County Commissioners on behalf of the Borough of Lewistown would undertake activities that result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the County's policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. The Township is responsible for replacing all low and moderate income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of the use of CDBG funds.

The Lewistown Borough Council are considering funding the following projects: Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Juniata Valley-youth mentoring program, two way portable radios for the City Hook and Ladder #14 Fire Company and other eligible and fundable projects. After the public hearing, the Lewistown Borough Council will adopt a Resolution for the projects they decide to fund during their regular public meeting.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the public hearing and/or to present written comments concerning the needs of the Borough of Lewistown and proposed CDBG program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG program in general. Citizen comments are welcomed and will be accepted beginning **Friday, August 25, 2017 until Friday, September 8, 2017**. Comments may be submitted to James P. Lettiere AICP Community Development Administrator/Assistant Director at jlettieri@mifflinco.org.

After the public hearing and the adoption of the Resolution by the Lewistown Borough Council at their regular meeting on **September 11, 2017**, the Mifflin County Commissioners will hold their second public hearing on **Thursday, October 5, 2017** to consider adopting projects recommend by the CDBG Advisory Committee for County projects only and adopt those projects funded by the Lewistown Borough Council.

