

**MONROE COUNTY, AND  
MONROE COUNTY ON BEHALF OF:  
EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH AND STROUDSBURG BOROUGH  
FFY 2017  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
FIRST PUBLIC HEARING**

As in previous years, it is the intent of the Monroe County Commissioners 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) 2017, Monroe County is expected to receive an allocation of approximately \$329,679. The County will also include in its application CDBG funds of approximately \$130,952 on behalf of East Stroudsburg Borough and approximately \$95,799 on behalf of Stroudsburg Borough. The submission date of the application for the use of these funds has not been announced by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

Proposed project activities must meet one or more of three objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income persons; prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and/or alleviation of immediate threats to the health and safety of the community. Monroe County Commissioners are required to and will commit not less than 70% of the total funds, after administration costs, to projects, which principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons (LMI). It is the desire of the Commissioners to receive public comment on possible projects or activities, the previous use of CDBG funds, and/or the County's Three Year Community Development Plan.

Eligible Community Development Block Grant project may include but limited to: acquisition, demolition, historic preservation, housing rehabilitation, public improvements and economic development. Limited funds are available, as well, for public services and administration.

A Public Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, July 19, 2017**, at 9:30am in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the second floor at the County Administrative Center, One Quaker Plaza, Stroudsburg, PA. A public hearing pertaining specifically to East Stroudsburg Borough will be held on **Tuesday, August 1, 2017**, at 7:00pm in Council Chambers of the Borough Municipal Building, located at 24 Analomink Street, East Stroudsburg, PA; and a public hearing pertaining specifically to Stroudsburg Borough will be held on **Tuesday, July 18, 2017** at 7:00pm in Council Chambers on the second floor of the Borough Municipal Building located at 700 Sarah Street, Stroudsburg, PA.

The purpose of these public hearing(s) is to discuss the CDBG Program in general: the needs of the County and municipalities and the performance under the previously funded CDBG Program Years. The public is also invited to provide input into the respective applicant(s) Three-Year Community Development Plan.

As a result of these hearings, proposed projects will be reviewed and prioritized by the Commissioners as well as East Stroudsburg Borough Council and Stroudsburg Borough Council. Every effort will be made to avoid or minimize displacement and relocation. Should any displacement be required, the respective applicant(s) will be responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that are demolished or converted.

The Monroe County Commissioners will make every effort to make all programs and activities accessible to the learning, mobility, visually, hearing, and language-impaired persons. Therefore, if you are a person with a disability and require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodations to participate in these public hearing(s), please contact the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe, 15 South Courtland Street East Stroudsburg, PA 18301, (570)421-4300 to discuss how we may best accommodate your needs.

Greg F. Christine, Chief Clerk/Administrator

