

**NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING
MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP
FY 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

Millcreek Township is “entitled” to apply for and receive an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) pursuant to the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The Township was designated a HUD entitlement in 1998 when its population went over 50,000 persons and since then has received approximately \$5 million in CDBG funds. Millcreek’s CDBG program is administered by the Erie County Department of Planning (ECDP).

The Township’s allocation for FY 2017 is not yet known but is anticipated to be approximately \$230,000. The application requesting the funds is due into HUD by May 17, 2017.

The first of two required public hearings regarding the Township’s CDBG program is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the Assembly Room of the Millcreek Township municipal building located at 3608 West 26th Street, Erie, PA 16506. The facility is handicapped accessible. Items to be discussed include a brief background of the CDBG program; how agencies and organizations can apply for a share of the funding; potential projects; and previously funded activities.

CDBG funds can be used to undertake a wide range of activities, including, but not limited to: water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer construction; street reconstruction; curb and sidewalk replacement; recreation/park improvements; handicapped accessibility improvements; single family/rental housing rehabilitation; first-time homebuyer assistance; fair housing activities; public services; and administration/planning. It is noted that Millcreek Township would be responsible for replacing all low and moderate income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of a CDBG funded activity. The Township does not anticipate the demolition or conversion of any housing units.

Eligible activities must meet one of three National Objectives: 1) principally benefit low-to-moderate income persons, 2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; or 3) meet a need having a particular urgency. Of the three (3) objectives, the primary objective is to Principally Benefit Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) persons and at least 70% of the funds must be allocated for this purpose.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing. Those who are unable to attend but would like to comment may do so by contacting the Erie County Department of Planning (ECDP), 150 East Front Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA 16507 or jberdis@eriecountypa.gov. Comments will be accepted until the time and day of the hearing.

Millcreek Township Supervisors