

**NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING
MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP
FY 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given that Millcreek Township will be applying for FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the approximate amount of \$250,000. The Township intends to submit its FY 2020 Annual Action Plan (application) to HUD on or before May 15, 2020 and begin its federal FY 2019 CDBG program on or about July 1, 2020.

The 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 \$5.6 million in CDBG monies. Millcreek's CDBG program is administered by the Erie County Department of Planning.

In accordance with the Final Rule for revised program regulations, 24 CFR, Parts 91, et. al. and the adopted Millcreek Township Citizen Participation Plan, the Township intends to conduct a minimum of two (2) public hearings regarding its CDBG program - - the first hearing is to obtain information related to housing and community development needs and the second to obtain comments on proposed activities to address these needs with FY 2020 funding.

The first of these hearings is scheduled for **Thursday, February 13, 2020 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. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing. Those who are unable to attend but would like to comment may do so by writing to the Erie County Department of Planning, 150 East Front Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA 16507 or jberdis@eriecountypa.gov.

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.

The Township will make reasonable accommodation for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in these public hearings. Persons needing an accommodation should notify/contact Sheryl Williams, Assistant Township Secretary at (814) 833-1111, extension 314 or swilliams@millcreektownship.com at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled event.

Millcreek Township Board of Supervisors