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To: Agencies, Groups & Organizations Serving Residents of Millcreek Township
From: Joseph T. Berdis, CDBG Administrator Erie County Department of Planning on behalf of Millcreek Township Supervisors
Re: FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Date: January 21, 2020

The Erie County Department of Planning on behalf of Millcreek Township is writing to announce the beginning of another fiscal year of the township's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Millcreek is "entitled" to apply for and receive an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant 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. Since 1998 the Township has received approximately \$5.6 million in CDBG dollars.

The CDBG funds are to be used to undertake activities which address the township's community development and/or housing needs as identified in Millcreek's Five Year Consolidated/Strategic Plan and which principally benefits low-to-moderate income persons. Additionally, the Township is to take actions to "affirmatively further fair housing". The Township's CDBG program is administered by the Erie County Department of Planning.

The amount the Township is entitled to apply for and receive for FY 2020 is unknown at this time, but it is anticipated that the grant will be approximately \$250,000. The Township's request to HUD is due on or before May 15, 2020.

Agencies, groups, organizations and township departments which assist residents of Millcreek can apply for a share of the grant dollars. Enclosed are ***Program Guidelines and Application form to request funding.***

The deadline to submit an application for funding consideration is Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Please submit your application as a WORD document to jberdis@eriecountypa.gov. Also, mail a hard copy of the application to:

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Attn: Joseph T. Berdis

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 to obtain information related to housing and community development needs and the second to obtain comments on the 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. Those interested in applying for funding are strongly encouraged to attend.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 451-7330 or jberdis@eriecountypa.gov.

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