

**Public Hearing Notice
And Request for Proposals for the
2026 CDBG Entitlement Program
Indiana County “OBO” Center Township**

Notice is hereby given by the County of Indiana “on behalf of” Center Township will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Center Township Municipal Building located at 1212 Neal Road, Homer City, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of Center Township, and Indiana County’s performance “on behalf of” Center Township under the previously funded CDBG Program years, and to discuss the required Three-Year Community Development Plan for Center Township.

The Township of Center will receive an allocation of \$97,720.00 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the 2026 CDBG entitlement allocation. In addition, Indiana County “on behalf of” Center Township anticipates that no program income will be received during the 2026 program year. 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 Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has announced an application deadline of October 30, 2026 by 5:00 PM.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG Program: water and sewer line replacements 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, and preparation of the CDBG application.

If the County of Indiana “on behalf of” Center Township would undertake activities that result in the displacement of families or individuals, then Indiana County’s policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. The County of Indiana “on behalf of” Center 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.

This meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or for persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you wish to attend/participate and require special accommodations, please notify the Indiana County Office of Planning and Development office 72 hours in advance at 724-465-3870 (Telephone) or 724-465-3805 (TDD) or by email at comments@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide input. If you are unable to attend/participate written comments will be accepted until Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 12:30 PM. Comments can be submitted to LuAnn Zak, Assistant Director, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development, 801 Water Street, Indiana, PA 15701 or by email at comments@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us.

