

**Public Hearing Notice
And Request for Proposals for the
2019 CDBG Entitlement and Competitive Programs**

Notice is hereby given by the County of Indiana that it will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Indiana County Commissioners Hearing Room located at the Indiana County Courthouse at 825 Philadelphia Street in Indiana, Pennsylvania. This meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or for persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you wish to attend 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 admin1@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us.

The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of the County of Indiana, and Indiana County's performance under the previously funded CDBG Program years, and to discuss the required Three-Year Community Development Plan of Indiana County.

The County of Indiana will receive an allocation of \$284,968.00 of 2019 CDBG funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition, Indiana County anticipates that no program income will be received during the 2019 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 entitlement application submission deadline of November 1, 2019.

The County of Indiana will consider applying for Competitive CDBG funds for municipalities and projects that meet all of the competitive program criteria set forth by the PA Department of Community & Economic Development. Applications must be a minimum of \$100,000.00 with no set maximum limit. The application deadline for the competitive CDBG program is December 6, 2019.

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

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing and/or to present written comments concerning the needs of Indiana County, proposed CDBG Program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG Program in general by proposals and comments may be submitted to the Indiana County Office of Planning and Development at 801 Water Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701 or by email at admin1@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us by July 25, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

