



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR THE FY2022 CDBG PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given by Pike County, that it will hold a virtual Public Hearing on September 14th, at 1 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or for persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you are a person with a disability or limited English proficiency and require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodations to participate, please contact Katie Blake at kblake@hailstoneeconomic.com or (570) 877-9277, to discuss how to best accommodate your needs within 72 hours in advance of the Public Hearing. Translators will be available at public meetings upon advance request. To join the hearing, go to: my-voice.link/pikecounty. The public can also join the Public Hearing by calling 646-558-8656 and entering meeting ID 837 8373 3916 and passcode 545547.

The purpose of this notice is to advertise and encourage participation in a public hearing on September 14th at 1 p.m. and to notify the public of 1) activity plans for FFY2021 CDBG; 2) Pike County's Section 504 officer and process for grievance; and 3) Pike County's fair housing officer and complaint process.

FFY 2022 CDBG PLAN

Pike County is expected to receive an allocation of \$277,108 of FY2022 CDBG funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and proposes using the funds for the following purposes:

Administration: \$49,879.44

First-Time Homebuyers Program: \$227,228.56

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 Pike County proposed CDBG Program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG Program in general. Comments may be submitted to Katie Blake at kblake@hailstoneeconomic.com or Robert Ruiz, Executive Director of Human Services, ruiz@pikepa.org. Written comments should be received at or before the public hearing. Comments are due no later than September 24, 2022.

Pike County does not discriminate in any of its programs on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, familial status, disability, or use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness, or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals.

Information regarding the Pike County Community Development Block Grant program is available on Pike County's website at <https://www.pikeforward.com/cdbg>.

NOTICE OF SECTION 504 OFFICER AND PROCESS FOR GRIEVANCE

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulations ("Section 504"), no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be excluded

from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Pike County does not discriminate in access to, participation in, or treatment, or employment in, its programs or activities. Pike County's Section 504 Officer is Gary Orben. The Officer can be reached at: 506 Broad Street, Milford, PA 18337, gorben@pikepa.org, (570) 296-7613.

The grievance procedure for any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against or denied equal opportunity or access to programs or services may file a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, with the following:

Gary Orben
Chief Clerk
Pike County
506 Broad Street
Milford, PA 18337
gorben@pikepa.org
(570) 296-7613

Or

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
FHEO/Regional III Office Mid-Atlantic Office
100 Penn Square East, 12th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 861-7643
Fax: (215) 656-3449 TTY: (800) 927-9275

Grievance procedures and complaint forms may be requested from the offices of Pike County in the following manner: Contact Gary Orben at gorben@pikepa.org or (570) 296-7613.

NOTICE OF FAIR HOUSING OFFICER AND COMPLAINT PROCESS

This notice will serve to advise all residents of Pike County that the following actions, if based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age and ancestry:

- Refusing to sell or rent to, deal or negotiate with any person.
- Discriminating on terms or conditions for buying or renting housing.
- Discriminating by advertising that housing is available only to persons of a certain race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, handicap (disability), age or ancestry.
- Denying that housing is available for inspection, sale or rent when it really is available.
- Blockbusting-for profit, persuading owners to sell or rent housing by telling them that minority groups are moving into the neighborhood.
- Denying or making different terms or conditions for home loans by financial institutions.
- Denying to anyone the use or participation in any real estate services, multiple listing services or other facilities related to the selling and renting of housing.

If you're a person with a disability and require reasonable accommodation, please contact the below Fair Housing Officer.

If you're Limited English Proficient and require a document translation, please contact the below Fair Housing Officer.

All residents are hereby notified that Robert Ruiz is designated as Fair Housing Officer for Pike County and that any resident that believes they have been discriminated against under any of the above conditions may file a complaint with the Fair Housing Officer at the following address:

Robert Ruiz
Executive Director, Human Development
506 Broad Street
Milford, PA 18337
rruiz@pikepa.org
(570) 296-3434