

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
COUNTY OF PIKE**

The purpose of this notice is to advertise and encourage participation in a virtual public hearing on June 22, 2021 at 11 a. m. and to notify the public of: 1) the County's intent to adjust its activity plan for FFY2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and 2) the County's use of a federal waiver which eliminates the public services cap for coronavirus-related activities.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pike County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 11 a. m. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general and the County's intent to adjust its activity plan for FFY2020. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing.

The public hearing will be held in the public hearing room at 506 Broad Street, Milford, PA. The public hearing will also be available online via Zoom. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. To join the hearing, go to: www.my-voice.link/pikecounty. The public can also join the hearing by calling (646) 558-8656 and entering passcode 044352.

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 Robert Ruiz, Executive Director of Human Services, at (570) 296-3434 or r Ruiz@pikepa.org, to discuss how to best accommodate your needs. Translators will be available at public meetings upon advance request.

The public is encouraged to provide written comments to Robert Ruiz, Executive Director of Human Services, at r Ruiz@pikepa.org or 506 Broad Street, Milford, PA 18337. Written comments should be received at or before the public hearing.

Any complaints, grievances, or comments regarding any components of the program should be written and submitted to Robert Ruiz, Executive Director of Human Services, at r Ruiz@pikepa.org or 506 Broad Street, Milford, PA 18337. Written responses will be addressed within 15 working days when practicable.

Pike County does not discriminate in any of its programs on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, age, national origin, ancestry, familial status, sexual orientation, 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.

FFY2020 ACTIVITY PLAN

Pike County anticipates receiving an entitlement grant of \$281,933 in FFY2020 CDBG funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and proposes adjusting the use of funds to the following purposes:

Family Promise of Monroe County - Rental Assistance \$231,186
Administration \$50,747

USE OF FEDERAL WAIVER TO ELIMINATE PUBLIC SERVICES CAP

The CARES Act provides that notwithstanding section 105(a)(8) of the HCD Act (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(8)), there shall be no per centum limitation for the use of funds for public services activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. The CARES Act provides this flexibility for CDBG funds appropriated in FFY 2020 to the extent that grantees use these funds to carry out public service activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Pike County intends to use this waiver to and plans to allocate more than 15% of FFY2020 Community Development Block Grant funds to public services activities per FR-6218-N-01, Notice of Program Rules, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements Under the CARES Act for Community Development Block Grant Program Coronavirus Response Grants, Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 Community Development Block Grants, and for Other Formula Programs.

