

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

The purpose of this notice is to advertise and encourage participation in a public hearing on October 12, 2021 at 11 a.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 2021 CDBG PLAN

Pike County is expected to receive an entitlement grant of \$286,725 in FFY2021 CDBG funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and proposes using the funds for the following purposes:

Administration: \$51,610
Camp for Children with Developmental Disabilities: \$8,500
Fresh Food Access: \$34,508
First-Time Homebuyers Program: \$192,107

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 a 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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Commissioners of Pike County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 11 a.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to take views and comments from the public related to the funding distribution plans for FFY2021 CDBG. 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 meeting 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 (929) 436 2866 and entering meeting ID 879 0252 8775 and passcode 811875.

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 Development, 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 Development, 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 Development, 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, 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.

