

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

The purpose of this notice is to advertise and encourage participation in a public hearing on August 3, 2021 at 1 p.m. and to notify the public of: 1) modification of CDBG funding for FFY 2020; and 2) the availability of CDBG funding for FFY 2021.

**NOTICE OF MODIFICATION
FFY 2020**

In accordance with CDBG regulations, the County of Pike is allowed to modify its budget in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan. To address the needs of businesses and citizens related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County will amend CDBG funding for FFY 2020 as follows:

Rental Assistance	- 231,186
Mortgage Assistance	+ 231,186

**AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
FFY 2021**

Pike County anticipates receiving an entitlement grant of \$286,725 in FFY2021 CDBG funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Funds will be used to meet one of three CDBG national objectives: 1) benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) individuals; 2) aid in the elimination of slums and blight; or 3) meet a need having a particular urgency. At least 70% of the County's funding will be used to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals.

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 if required, and preparation of the CDBG application.

If Pike County would undertake activities that result in the displacement of families or individuals, then Pike County's policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. Pike County 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.

Pike County welcomes suggestions for use of these funds based on community needs. Suggestions may be either: 1) shared a public hearing on August 3, 2021 at 1 p.m.; or 2) submitted before the hearing to Robert Ruiz, Executive Director of Human Development, at (570) 296-3434 or r Ruiz@pikepa.org.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pike County will hold a public hearing on August 3, 2021 at 1 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of the Pike County, Pike County's performance under the previously funded CDBG Program years, and to take views and comments from the public related to reallocation of FFY 2020 funding and the availability of funding for FFY 2021. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing.

The first public hearing will be held 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 961 3315 8025 and passcode 308439.

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.

