

**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – CARES ACT**

Notice is hereby given that the Lackawanna County Department of Planning and Economic Development will hold a Virtual Public Hearing on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizens' views and comments on how Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 Pennsylvania (PA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Corona Virus Program Entitlement Funds (CARES) should be used.

The CDBG-CV programmatic requirements mirror those of the CDBG program unless specifically identified. Eligible activities include – housing rehabilitation, public services, community facilities, infrastructure improvement, development and planning that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

At least 70% of the CDBG funds must benefit low- and moderate-income persons living in the Lackawanna County or one of the eleven (11) entitlement municipalities in Lackawanna County. In preparing the CDBG CARES application the County intends to afford residents, local agencies, and interested parties the opportunity to become involved in the planning process.

Under the terms of PA Act 179, Lackawanna County is eligible to receive an entitlement grant from the FFY 2020 PA CDBG CARES Program to utilize these funds to carry out Community Development activities in the following non-entitlement municipalities: the Townships of Benton, Carbondale, Clifton, Covington, Elmhurst, Fell, Glenburn, Greenfield, Jefferson, LaPlume, Madison, Newton, North Abington, Ransom, Roaring Brook, South Abington, Spring Brook, Thornhurst, Waverly, and West Abington; and the Boroughs of Clarks Green, Dalton, Jermyn, Mayfield, Moosic, Moscow, and Vandling.

In addition, Lackawanna County, on behalf of (obo) the following entitlement municipalities, is eligible to receive entitlement grants from the FFY 2020 PA CDBG CARES Program to utilize these funds to carry out Community Development activities in these entitlement municipalities: the Boroughs of Archbald, Blakely, Clarks Summit, Dickson City, Dunmore, Jessup, Old Forge, Olyphant, Taylor, Throop, and Scott Township.

In order to comply with the Board's Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated March 16, 2020, and Governor Wolf's Shelter in Place Order dated March 27, 2020, the meeting will be live streamed at [YouTube](#). The public is invited to view this live streamed meeting.

All interested residents are encouraged to participate in this public hearing and will be afforded the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed use of CDBG CARES funds to address needs related to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Written comments may be addressed to Peggy Piccotti, Contract Manager, Lackawanna County, at [PiccottiM@Lackawannacounty.org](mailto:PiccottiM@Lackawannacounty.org) or mailed to Ms. Piccotti at The Lackawanna County Government Center, 123 Wyoming Ave., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Planning and Economic Development, Scranton, Pa. 18503. Persons wishing to provide oral testimony should contact Ms. Piccotti at (570)963-6830 ex.1356 to obtain call in instructions.