

**FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
FY 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV (Corona Virus)
COUNTY OF MONROE AND ON BEHALF OF EAST STROUDSBURG AND STROUDSBURG BOROUGH
AND
COVID-19 LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS – MONROE COUNTY**

The Monroe County Commissioners on behalf of East Stroudsburg Borough and Stroudsburg Borough, plan to submit two applications to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020.

For **CDBG Entitlement funds**, Monroe County will be allocated \$420,561, East Stroudsburg Borough will be allocated \$153,680, and Stroudsburg Borough will be allocated \$108,657. For **CDBG-CV funds**, Monroe County will be allocated \$166,152, East Stroudsburg will be allocated \$76,360, and Stroudsburg Borough will be allocated \$64,913, which may only be used for activities that prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus.

Also, Monroe County is considering applications to be submitted utilizing their previous program year funds under their CDBG Local Revolving Loan Fund for the effects of COVID-19 on local businesses. These funds will be used for working capital such as salaries, wages, inventory, utilities, rent, insurance payments and must retain LMI jobs. The estimated amount available will be \$400,000.

The County of Monroe and on behalf of East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg Borough Public Hearings will be held on:

- East Stroudsburg Borough: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:15P.M. at 24 Analomink Street, East Stroudsburg, PA*
- Monroe County: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:30A.M. at 1 Quaker Plaza, Stroudsburg, PA*
- Stroudsburg Borough: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:00P.M. at 700 Sarah Street, Stroudsburg, PA*

***Note that if federal and state guidelines regarding COVID-19 are still in place and public meetings cannot be held at the above government buildings as scheduled, this meeting will take place as a virtual video web and teleconference. The public is invited to observe and participate as follows:**

East Stroudsburg Borough: 601-300-5186 Pass Code:8720; The meeting can also be viewed on Facebook at East Stroudsburg Borough Virtual Meetings; **Monroe County**: join meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://www.gotomeet.me/Commissioners/commissioners-public-meetings>; access by using your phone-United States: +1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 174-960-037; **Stroudsburg Borough**: via Zoom and the Borough's Facebook livestream page.

The above meeting's platform is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If accommodations are needed for those with special needs related to language, sight, or hearing, please notify the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe office 72 hours in advance at 570-421-4300 or exdirector@monroecountyrda.org.

Proposed project activities must meet one or more of three objectives: benefit low-and moderate-income persons; prevent or eliminate slums or blight; and/or alleviate immediate threats to the health and safety of the community. Housing, community and/or economic development activities are eligible: examples include housing rehab, demolition or improvement of blighted property and public works projects. A list of eligible activities can be found in Section 105(s) of the Housing and Community Development Act (P.L. 93-383) as amended.

Monroe County on behalf of East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg Borough will commit not less than 70% of the total funds after administration costs, to projects which principally benefit low-and moderate-income persons (LMI). They encourage public comment on possible projects including environmental impacts, Three-Year Community Development Plans, as well as current or past CDBG projects.

No displacement is anticipated, and every effort will be made to avoid or minimize displacement and relocation. Should displacement be required, the applicant is responsible for replacing all low-and moderate-income housing units that are demolished or converted.

Monroe County does not discriminate in access to, participation in, or treatment or employment in its federal funded programs or services. In the event the public believes that discrimination, denied accessibility, or denied equal opportunity has occurred, the Monroe County Section 504 officer may be reached at 570-421-4300.

All interested citizens are encouraged to submit public comment during the allocated times listed above to Martha Robbins at exdirector@monroecountyrda.org. Written comments concerning the needs of the County of Monroe and on behalf of East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg Borough, proposed FY 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV Program activities comments may be submitted to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe, 701 Main Street, Suite 502, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 or via email at exdirector@monroecountyrda.org no later than 4:00pm on June 16, 2020.



Greg F. Christine
Chief Clerk/Administrator