

# BOROUGH OF DUNMORE



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## **Borough Council Agenda**

*Dunmore Community Center, Monday, May 9, 2022; 5:45pm*

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public hearing for FFY 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Joseph Rovinsky, Compliance Manager, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
3. Close public hearing.

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*Dunmore Community Center, Monday, May 9, 2022; 6pm*

4. Roll call.
5. Public comment on agenda items.
6. Motion to approve minutes.
7. Motion to approve and pay open bills.
8. Treasurer/Financial Report.
  - a. Mark Burton, Treasurer
9. Municipal Administration
  - a. Christopher Kearney, Community Center Director
  - b. Joseph Lorince, Health, Code and Zoning Office
  - c. Michael Judge, DPW Director
  - d. Sal Marchese, Police Chief
  - e. Christopher DeNaples, Fire Chief
10. Public comment.
11. Public officials.
12. Adjourn.

## **2022 CDBG Public Hearing Notes: Dunmore Borough**

**Meeting Date: Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Time: 5:45 PM**

**Location: 400 S Blakely St. Dunmore PA 18512**

- **Sign-In/Meeting Attendance**
- **Needs Assessment:** Please provide an updated Needs Assessment to Lackawanna County by Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 am. Mail to Lackawanna County Government Center, 123 Wyoming Avenue 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Scranton, PA 18503
- **Introduction:**
  - The Lackawanna County Department of Planning and Economic Development is the administering agency for the CDBG Program in the County. CDBG funds are federal funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development which are administered by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. There are eleven entitlement communities of which Dunmore Borough is one of and twenty-seven Non-entitlement communities in Lackawanna County, PA. To be considered an Entitlement Community, the Community:
    - Must have a population of 4,000 or more
    - Meet the current minimum standards of physical and economic distress of the Federal Urban Development Action Grant Program
- **2022 Funding Allocation Not Available; will be provided to borough when available**
- **From Prior Funding**
  - **All current funding is allocated to Dunmore Chestnut Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects**
  - **Current Cost Estimate of Phase 2-\$505,546.00**
- **CDBG Objectives**
  - Assist communities in preparing Community Development Plans designed to address significant needs of the low and low to moderate income.
  - Assist communities in administering community development activities designed to address a number of community development needs identified in the Community Development Plan
  - Encourage and assist communities to focus upon and address housing and community facility problems and to pursue economic development, and commercial revitalization activities through public/private investment initiatives that will result in the development and expansion of job opportunities within the Commonwealth
- **Eligible Activities**
  - Water/Sewer Improvements
  - Storm Water Improvements
  - Street Improvements
  - Parks, Recreation Facilities

- Senior Center/Facilities
- Fire Station/Equipment
- Public Facilities - Other
- Parking Facilities
- Rehab: Single-Unit Residential
- Rehab: Publicly or Privately Owned Comm/Ind.
- Direct Homeownership Assistance
- Construction of Housing
- Acquisition - for Rehabilitation
- Acquisition of Real Property
- Relocation
- Clearance and Demolition
- Disposition
- Non-Residential Historic Preservation
- Interim Assistance
- ED Direct Financial Assistance
- Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal
- Public Services
- Senior Centers
- Handicapped
- Youth Programs
- Child Care
- Code Enforcement
- Planning and Capacity Building, such as:
- Comprehensive Plans
- Zoning Ordinances
- Subdivision/Land Development Ordinances
- Building Codes
- Program Administration Costs
- **Ineligible Activities**
  - Buildings or portions thereof, used for the general conduct of government
  - General Government Expenses
  - Operating and Maintenance Expenses
  - Political Activities
  - Purchase of Construction Equipment
  - Purchase of Fire Protection Equipment
  - Purchase of Furnishings and Personal Property
  - Income Payments
- **Fundability Requirements**
  - In order for an activity to be considered fundable, it must first be an activity which is eligible under CDBG Program requirements.
  - The project must then meet one of the Three National Objectives of the CDBG Program in order to be considered fundable. These are;



▪ **1. Benefit to Low to Moderate Income (LMI) Persons**

- Direct Benefit to LMI Persons- CDBG funds will directly benefit LMI persons, such as in a housing rehabilitation program where LMI homeowners receive funds directly to address health and safety problems in the home.
- Indirect Benefit to LMI Persons- CDBG funds will indirectly benefit a majority of at least 51% LMI persons, such as a sanitary sewer line reconstruction project in a given area where a minimum of 51% of the persons hooked up to the sewer line are LMI.
- Assumed Benefit to LMI Persons- CDBG funds will be assumed to benefit LMI persons, such as a Senior Citizen Center project which benefit Senior Citizens, or a architectural barrier removal project which increases access for handicapped/elderly persons; these projects are assumed to meet LMI requirements according to CDBG regulations.
- Limited Clientele- Public Service projects limited to a specific group of people, such as a senior citizen, disabled, or homeless, of which 51% are LMI.
- Economic Development- Projects to create or retain permanent jobs, where at least 51% of the jobs involve the employment of LMI persons.

▪ **2. Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight**

- In an area where a substantial number of deteriorated, dilapidated structures, a project to address this condition may qualify under this National Objective. Activities may include acquisition of structures for demolition, relocation activities, or rehabilitation of structures. Applicants must define specific boundaries of blighted areas and quantify the "substantial" number of deteriorated, dilapidated structures in accordance with CDBG requirements.

▪ **3. Immediate Threat to the Health and Safety of the Community**

- Under this National Objective, the applicant must clearly demonstrate a threat to the health and safety of residents. The condition must have developed and become critical within 18 months of the application for funds. In addition, the applicant must demonstrate that it is unable to finance the activity on its own and no other sources of funding are available for this purpose.

• **Other Requirements**

- All proposals must be accompanied by an executed Resolution adopted by the Local Governing Body authorizing the submission of the proposal.
- Applicants must certify that all information is true and correct. Any false or misleading information discovered by Lackawanna County or DCED, which require Lackawanna

County to pay back grant monies to DCED, will require the applicant to pay these monies to Lackawanna County, plus any interest and penalties.

- For proposals which seek to retrofit or rehabilitate a public building, the public building must have prior State Occupancy Approval on the as-built construction plans from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.
  - All applicants must certify the title to property(ies) on which proposed rehabilitation/development is to be made, that the title to the property is in the name of the applicant, and that the title is good and marketable. If there are easements or restrictions against the property, Lackawanna County will review each proposal for building suitability and legality.
  - All applicants for sanitary sewer projects must have evidence of adoption of an updated Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan.
  - All applicants whose municipal boundaries lie within the Lackawanna River Watershed must have an updated Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan.
  - All applicants must participate in the National Flood Insurance Program if their community has been classified as flood prone.
  - Communities that have flood prone areas will be required (as a grant condition) to adopt and implement an appropriate floodplain ordinance that brings the community into full compliance with State Act 166.
  - Communities that receive CDBG funds for the extension of water and/or sewer service will be required (as a grant condition) to adopt an ordinance mandating that all residences intended to benefit from the improvements tap into the extended system. If this type of ordinance has already been adopted, a copy must be provided to Lackawanna County.
  - All applicants must comply with State regulations governing the use of State CDBG funds allocated under Act 179 of 1984.
  - Additional State requirements are shown in the Statement of Assurances in the CDBG application.
- **Current Projects Discussion:** Dunmore Chestnut Street Improvements (ongoing)
  - **Potential Projects:** Please provide Needs Assessment by **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, to Lackawanna County, and potential project ideas as soon as possible
  - **Public Comment/Questions**
  - **Please Provide a Copy of Minutes/ Agenda to Lackawanna County**
  - **Adjournment**

