

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
1st PUBLIC NOTICE**

The County of Carbon through the Office of Planning and Development will be conducting Public Hearings for the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPLICATION, on behalf of the Entitlement and Non-Entitlement Communities. It is anticipated that applications will be submitted to the PA DCED in **October/November, 2025**. As required by regulations, Public Hearings will be held in accordance with the following schedule to obtain citizens views and comments on how CDBG Funds should be used and discuss activities that may be included in the applications. Citizen participation, both oral and written, is encouraged. Special emphasis is placed on participation of Low and Moderate Income, Minority and Handicapped persons. Those wishing to attend in person are welcome to join at 44 Susquehanna Street, Planning & Development Office - Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Jim Thorpe, Pa.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

Municipality	Time	LINK	Meeting ID / Passcode	Approximate Funds Available
Franklin Township	10:00 am	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82149618324?pwd=aUFvYViC3WgbYJhyR2cHa6hTQZDYY0.1	Meeting ID: 821 4961 8324 Passcode: 447301	97,208
Jim Thorpe Borough	10:15 am	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81158516827?pwd=bxY9zRnVJ26avFcpz8OCh1HAYMBI3a.1	Meeting ID: 811 5851 6827 Passcode: 807158	98,845
Lansford Borough	10:30 am	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86812617725?pwd=l6lrRNJNamwXXbbQYJ5mBdKs4ZDau3.1	Meeting ID: 868 1261 7725 Passcode: 299404	94,878
Lehighton Borough	10:45 am	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82964888574?pwd=enr85GlgzPFyiFirkQUwaoXtRMjKRA.1	Meeting ID: 829 6488 8574 Passcode: 319930	106,875
Mahoning Township	11:00 am	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89320181867?pwd=mUAQu3srAHb2tbZkMM7faRCxDMTWC3.1	Meeting ID: 893 2018 1867 Passcode: 353196	96,179
Palmerton Borough	11:15 am	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86947291426?pwd=lc99Oaymdb8aLG5PIpgrVab9fovyc.1	Meeting ID: 869 4729 1426 Passcode: 584669	110,614
All Non-Entitlement	11:30 am	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82409259588?pwd=hIDH72LgmVnpalbEXJKsWSTa8ylppW.1	Meeting ID: 824 0925 9588 Passcode: 152243	246,808

OR Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) (meeting / passcode listed above)

Tutorial on how to join zoom meeting: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193>

The following types of activities are eligible for funding: Water/Sewer Development or Improvements, Public Facilities and Improvements, Parks/Recreational Facilities, Parking Facilities, Solid Waste Disposal Improvements, Flood Drain Improvements, Street Improvements, ADA Handicap Corners, Sidewalks, Clearance and Demolition, Handicap Centers, Neighborhood Facilities, and Other Activities.

A Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan is adopted by the County Commissioners each year. Carbon County will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low/moderate income dwelling units demolished or converted to use other than as low/moderate income housing as direct result of activities assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, as described in 24 CFR Part 570.606(b)(1). All replacement housing will be provided within three (3) years of the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation relating to conversion. Carbon County, consistent with the goals and objective of activities assisted under the Act, has no pending or future plans to undertake any activities which will result in the displacement or relocation any occupied housing units.

Eligible Activities describes each type of activity that may be carried out with CDBG Funds. It is required that each activity must address at least one of the national objectives of the CDBG Program.

National Objectives describes the criteria that must be met and the records that must be maintained to qualify an activity as either Benefiting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) persons; Addressing slums or blight; or meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

(Overall Benefit to LMI Persons) requires that at least 70% of all CDBG Funds be expended for activities that benefit LMI persons. This is distinct from the requirement that individual activities that are considered to meet the LMI national objective must benefit persons at least 51% of whom are LMI. Additional information will be provided at the Public Hearings concerning eligible activities, application procedures, and other program requirements.

All residents are invited to attend the Public Hearings and express their views on proposals for the use of Community Development Block Grant funding being applied for as well as the actual prior use of CDBG funding. Any persons requiring special assistance are asked to contact the Office of Planning and Development at (570) 325-3671 in advance of the Public Hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made. A TDD number is available for those persons with hearing impairments (570-732-0084). Any written comments regarding the CDBG Program must be received on or before **3:00 P.M. (prevailing time), April 25, 2025, at the Carbon County Office of Planning and Development, P.O. Box 210, Jim Thorpe, PA, 18229-0210.** Comments can also be emailed to ccopad@carboncounty.net.

Michael J. Sofranko, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

