## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2025 CITY OF FARRELL CDBG PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given by the City of Farrell, that it will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Farrell Municipal Building, 500 Roemer Boulevard, Farrell, PA 16121. This meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or for persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you wish to attend and require special accommodations, please notify the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission 72 hours in advance at (724) 981-2412 (for TDD – dial 711 plus (724) 981-2412), cconti@mcrpc.com.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of the City of Farrell, their performance under the previously funded CDBG program years and the required Three –Year Community Development Plan.

The City of Farrell is expected to receive an allocation of \$303,906 of FY 2025 CDBG funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. At least 70% of the available funding must be used for activities which benefit low and moderate income persons. The proposed activities must benefit at least 51% low-moderate income persons in the service area to qualify as a low-moderate income project. The PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has announced the application submission deadline of October 31, 2025.

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 the City of Farrell would undertake activities that results in the displacement of families or individuals, then the city's policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. The city 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.

In conjunction with the CDBG Program, the City of Farrell has adopted a Fair Housing Resolution, appointed the Mayor as the Fair Housing Officer, and has adopted a MBE/WBE Plan.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing and/or to present written comments concerning the needs of the City of Farrell, proposed CDBG Program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG Program in general. Proposals and comments may be also submitted to the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission at 2491 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA 16148, cconti@mcrpc.com until October 10, 2025.

Kimberly Doss, Mayor Farrell City Council

