

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Act 179 of 1974 of the Pennsylvania Legislature titled the Community Development Block Grant Program establishes annual block grant entitlements for certain Cities, Boroughs, Towns and Townships. Overriding goals of the CDBG Program are:

- a) To help communities address a number of development needs and problems with emphasis on benefiting low to moderate income persons;
- b) To help communities focus upon and address housing and community facility problems and needs, and;
- c) To encourage and assist communities 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.

The City of Farrell intends to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2025. This notice is to inform the public of the proposed use of funds and to offer an opportunity for public comment prior to submission.

The City anticipates receiving the following 2025 CDBG allocation:

- Total Allocation: \$303,906
 - Administration (18%): \$54,703
 - \$27,352 – Mercer County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC)
 - \$27,351 – City of Farrell
 - Demolition (up to 30% excluding administration): \$74,760
 - Street Improvements – \$174,443 - Proposed for 10th Street or another eligible location within low- and moderate-income areas of the City of Farrell (final location subject to determination).

The city will hold a public hearing on their 2025 CDBG Program on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Farrell Municipal Building, 500 Roemer Blvd. Farrell, PA 16121. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen comments on the Three Year Community Development Plan and projects proposed in the 2025 CDBG application. Citizens may also comment on the city's past use of CDBG funds. The city council intends to act upon the FY 2025 CDBG Application/Three Year Plan.

Application and use of funds shall be in strict accord with the rules and regulations of Act 179 and the Community Development Block Grant Program as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. At least 70% of the total grant funds will benefit low to moderate income persons (at least 51% LMI project area). None of the activities are anticipated to cause dislocation of any city residents. The City of Farrell does have an Anti-Dislocation & Relocation Assistance Plan to address dislocation if it were to occur. The city is further responsible for replacing all Low to Moderate income housing units if any are demolished or converted to another use with CDBG funds. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and/or oral comments at or by the date of the public hearing. 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.



Kimberly Doss, Mayor, City of Farrell