



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
March 14, 2023
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
AND
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

5:50 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE Amending the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (State Foreclosure Grant).

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on the matter listed on the Agenda. Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address Council. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.

Those attending in person are asked to complete and submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk of Council before the first speaker is called.

Those attending virtually are asked to refer to the Public Meetings Online page of County's Website at <https://www.luzernecounty.org/1279/Public-Meetings-Online> for more information on how to participate in Public Comment via technology.

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

| ITEM TITLE | COUNCIL MEETING DATE | AGENDA NUMBER |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| To amend 2023 revenue and expense budgets for the State Foreclosure Grant to reflect the balance for 2023. | 2/14/2023 | |
| Dept: | Budget and Finance | |
| Contact: | Chris Dalessandro | |
| Phone: | 570-706-8439 | |

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Budget and Finance recommends that Council approve the addition of funds to the 2023 revenue and expense budgets for the State Foreclosure Grant. This increase will be funded by the following:

Carryover from 2022: \$1,381,390

SUMMARY:

The State Facility Closure funds were allocated to the following: White Haven Borough, Sanitary Authority of Shickshinny, Newport Township, City of Nanticoke, Foster Township and Plymouth Borough. Sub recipient agreements have been executed each of these entities and Luzerne County.

FINANCING:

Funding was awarded by the state and requires zero county match.

DISCUSSION:

PA DCED program guidelines required Luzerne County to be the applicant, the municipalities and authority previously identified would not have had access to these funds, as they were not an eligible applicant. All funds will be passed-thru to the sub-recipients.

ALTERNATIVES:

If Council decides not to approve, the entities identified above will not be able to utilize grant funds for their projects.

No. 2023-____

ORDINANCE

*An Ordinance of County Council for the County of Luzerne
Amending the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County*

WHEREAS, Luzerne County was previously awarded funds through the State Foreclosure Grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, not all funds were utilized in fiscal year 2022; therefore, County Administration is recommending the carryover amount of \$1,381.390.00 be reflected in the 2023 fiscal year budget to allow for use of said funds in 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget which accounted for anticipated revenue and expenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.10.F. of the Home Rule Charter states County Council may amend the budget at any time during the fiscal year by ordinance adopted by an affirmative vote of at least a majority plus one of its current members after a public hearing has been held; and

WHEREAS, County Council for Luzerne desires to amend the 2023 Budget at the appropriate line items in order to account for the carryover of funds from the State Foreclosure Grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the following is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Luzerne County Council:

SECTION ONE. Incorporation of Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

SECTION TWO. Amendment of Line Items in Budget.

A public hearing having been held on _____, 2023, County Council hereby amends the following line items in the 2023 fiscal year budget in order to account for the carryover of funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the form of State Foreclosure Grant:

\$1,381,390.00 in revenue to line item 146.20.4176.450.80.

\$1,381,390.00 in expenses to line item 146.20.4176.590.30.

SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.

All other line items in the 2023 Fiscal Year Luzerne County Budget shall remain unchanged.

SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after enactment.

Enacted by County Council, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

AYES:

NAYS:

Attest:

Kendra Radle, Chair

Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of County Council

John Lombardo, Vice-Chair