



**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**

**5:40 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 (Whole Home Repairs).

*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

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</b>	<b>AGENDA NUMBER</b>
To add an additional account to the 2023 revenue and expense budget for the Whole-Home Repairs Program to reflect a revenue increase from the PA Department of Economic and Community Development.	2-14-23	
<b>Dept:</b>	Community Development	
<b>Contact:</b>	Andrew Reilly, Executive Director	
<b>Phone:</b>	(570) 824-7214	

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Community Development Office recommends that Council approve the addition of an account to the 2023 revenue and expense budget for the Whole-Home Repairs Program. This increase in revenue reflects funding received from the following agency:

PA Department of Community & Economic Development \$3,238,918

### **SUMMARY:**

This amendment is required to accurately reflect the increase in funding awarded by the PA Department of Community & Economic Development Whole-Home Repairs Program.

### **FINANCING:**

Funding was awarded to Luzerne County to administer the Whole-Home Repairs Program for income eligible homeowners.

### **DISCUSSION:**

This program will provide much needed assistance to income eligible households to rehabilitate their homes.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Council may choose not to approve however, this is not recommended because it would deprive income eligible household's assistance to address habitability, accessibility, and safety concerns.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The County will enter into a sub-recipient agreement with the Commission on Economic Opportunity to administer the program with oversight performed by the Community Development Office.

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 awarded funding in the amount of \$3,238,918.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Whole-Home Repairs Program for income eligible homeowners; 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 Budget at the appropriate line items in order to account for the receipt of funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in order to administer the Whole-Home Repairs Program; 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 receipt of funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in order to administer the Whole-Home Repairs Program:

\$3,238,918.00 to line item: 560.30.4650.435.11 (state grant)

\$3,238,918.00 to line item: 560.30.4650.590.32 (non-government)

**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:

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Kendra Radle, Chair

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Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of County Council

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John Lombardo, Vice-Chair