



LUZERNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL PUBLIC FACILITIES & IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE: To develop viable neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for County residents, principally for persons of low and moderate income. The program goal is achieved by meeting one of the three national objectives: Benefiting Low- and Moderate-Income Persons; Preventing or Eliminating Slums or Blight; and Meeting Urgent Needs.

ELIGIBLE FUNDING RECIPIENTS: Boroughs and Townships throughout Luzerne County.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES: Projects may consist of Capital Improvements such as Senior Centers, Recreational Facilities, Fire Protection Equipment, Street Improvements, Water/Sewer Improvements and Flood Improvements, Removal of Architectural Barriers (ADA Improvements), and Acquisition of property.

ELIGIBLE COSTS: Costs of labor, supplies and materials of approved activities. Engineering costs can be paid if an approved request for proposals is completed.

PROGRAM FINANCING: Funding for the Municipal Public Facilities & Improvements Program is derived from the County's Community Development Block Grant yearly allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is based upon the availability and demand for funding. The amount of funding for a specific activity will be determined upon review of the application.

PROGRAM MECHANICS: Luzerne County Townships and Boroughs are eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funding on a three year rotating basis. Prior to the submission of the County's annual application (Action Plan) to HUD, the municipality must submit an application to the County, along with required supportive documentation specified in the application. The application will be reviewed for eligibility and fundability under the federal guidelines. A Cooperation Agreement is prepared and forwarded to the municipality for execution after the County's contract with HUD is executed.

MBE/WBE: All non-profit agencies receiving funding through the Luzerne County Office of Community Development are encouraged to utilize the services of minority and/or women owned businesses.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: No organization receiving funding through the Luzerne County Office of Community Development shall discriminate against any individual because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or familial status.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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