

**Grantee: Luzerne County, PA**

**Grant: B-12-UT-42-0002**

**July 1, 2012 thru September 30, 2012 Performance Report**

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**Grant Number:**

B-12-UT-42-0002

**Obligation Date:****Award Date:****Grantee Name:**

Luzerne County, PA

**Contract End Date:****Review by HUD:**

Reviewed and Approved

**Grant Amount:**

\$15,738,806.00

**Grant Status:**

Active

**QPR Contact:**

Catherine Hilsher

**Estimated PI/RL Funds:**

\$0.00

**Total Budget:**

\$15,738,806.00

## Disasters:

### Declaration Number

FEMA-4025-PA

FEMA-4030-PA

## Narratives

### Disaster Damage:

During September 2011, Luzerne County witnessed historical flooding from Tropical Storm Lee. The Susquehanna River reached a record high of 42.6 feet (13 meters) in Wilkes-Barre. The river topped the 40.9-foot (12.5 meters) level in flooding caused by Hurricane Agnes in 1972. Due to the recovery and flood protection (primarily a levy) efforts following the Agnes destruction, the City of Wilkes-Barre was spared severe damage.

Not all areas of the County fared as well unfortunately, and thus Luzerne County has been allocated CDBG disaster recovery funds for the purpose of assisting recovery in the most impacted and distressed areas declared a major disaster in 2011 under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.5121 et seq.).

As of July, 2012, recovery work has been initiated by FEMA, PEMA, and SBA in over 60 municipalities within the County. A total of \$18,248,000 has been targeted for almost 300 properties by FEMA, which represents about 42% of applications submitted. It appears that Flood Insurance in the amount of \$14,000,000 may have also been paid out for covered claims. PEMA's Luzerne County Representative has put together a specific list of 116 properties where buyouts will likely occur and then coordinated with the County's Disaster Action Plan focusing on 5 communities but also serving 10 others, which hopefully will be approved by HUD in mid October, 2012. Based on the substantial level of unmet need, Luzerne County's designated portion of the 2011 Disaster allocation is \$15,738,806. The Office of Community Development notified and will assist all families, individuals (some in temporary Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) housing), and businesses from 2011 flood impacted County Municipalities identified as Phases 1 and 2 by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) including Conyngham, Dennison, Exeter, Hunlock, Jenkins, Nescopeck, Plains, Plymouth, and Wright Townships, as well as, Duryea, New Columbus, Shickshinny, West Pittston, and West Wyoming Boroughs, and the City of Nanticoke, to identify and submit proposals for individual properties, infrastructure and economic opportunity that require assistance above and beyond assistance previously provided by FEMA, PEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), or the Small Business Administration (SBA). Finally, during the execution stage, the County will also examine other municipalities that may have sustained some damage not yet clearly identified during the planning stage.

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### Recovery Needs:

The Disaster Action Plan promotes:

(a) Sound, sustainable long-term recovery planning informed by a post-disaster evaluation of hazard risk, especially land-use decisions that reflect responsible flood plain management, and (b) How it will coordinate with other local and regional planning efforts and leverages with funding provided by other federal, state, local, private, and nonprofit sources to generate a more effective and comprehensive recovery.

#### Energy Efficiency Construction

The Disaster Action Plan encourages construction methods that emphasize high quality, durability, energy efficiency, sustainability, and mold resistance, including how it will support adoption and enforcement of modern building codes and mitigation of hazard risk, where appropriate;

#### Provision of Adequate, Flood Resistant Housing for all Income Groups

The Disaster Action Plan encourages the provision of adequate, flood-resistant housing for all income groups, including the activities planned to address, if needed and appropriate, in the flood damaged communities of the County: (a) The Luzerne County Continuum of Care will continue to serve the transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families (including subpopulations) that may be located in the flood damaged communities of the County;(b) The Housing Opportunity Commission and Commission on Equal Opportunity will continue to work for the prevention of low-income individuals and families with children (especially those with incomes below 30 percent of the area



median) from becoming homeless in the flood damaged communities of the County; (c) The Housing Opportunity Commission and Commission on Equal Opportunity will continue to work on the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing (e.g., elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol or other drug addiction, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and public housing residents, as identified. in 24 CFR 91.315 (e) or 91.215(e) as applicable) in the flood damaged communities of the County; (d) The County has considered how planning decisions may affect racial, ethnic, and low-income concentrations and is considering ways to promote the availability of affordable housing in low-poverty, non-minority areas where appropriate and in response to disaster related impacts in the flood damaged communities of the County;e) The County plans to minimize displacement of persons or entities, and assist any persons or entities displaced in the flood damaged communities of the County;(f) The County has a Plan in place to handle program income, and the purpose(s) for which it may be used in the flood damaged communities of the County;(g) The County Monitoring standards and procedures are sufficient to ensure program requirements, including non-duplication of benefits, are met and provide for continual quality assurance and investigation. The County also has an internal audit function with responsible audit staff reporting independently to the County Manager in the flood damaged communities of the County or;(h) The County has procedures in place to prevent fraud, abuse, and mismanagement of funds (including potential conflicts of interest and duplication of benefits). All such procedures invoked shall be identified in the County’s performance reports to HUD for the flood damaged communities of the County;(i) The County is increasing the capacity of existing grant reci

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ipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, and any other entity responsible for administering activities under this grant as necessary in the flood damaged communities of the County; and (j) Unmet needs regarding the allocation of CDBG disaster recovery resources have been and will continue to be coordinated with FEMA, PEMA, SBA, USACE for assistance in the flood damaged communities of the County.

**Public Comment:**

Through the public participation and consultation process, the County has identified the community’s overall goals and objectives.

Overall	This Report Period	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$807,595.60
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$807,595.60
Total Obligated	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets**

Requirement	Required	To Date
Overall Benefit Percentage (Projected)		0.00%
Overall Benefit Percentage (Actual)		0.00%
Minimum Non-Federal Match	\$0.00	\$0.00
Limit on Public Services	\$2,360,820.90	\$0.00
Limit on Admin/Planning	\$3,147,761.20	\$0.00
Limit on State Admin	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Progress Toward Activity Type Targets**

Activity Type	Target	Actual
Public services	\$2,360,820.90	\$0.00



## Progress Toward National Objective Targets

National Objective	Target	Actual
Low/Mod	\$7,869,403.00	\$0.00

### Overall Progress Narrative:

With the assistance of our consultants, we completed our Disaster Recovery Action Plan and received our Funding Approval Agreement from HUD. We are working in conjunction with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to eliviate duplication of some paperwork. We signed and submitted the necessary Non-Disclosure Statements to the State, so that we could receive a copy of the information they received from FEMA. Meetings were held with the County Eengineer, Head of the Flood Protection Authority and some of the Community Development staff to determine projects to be undertaken and the process for submitting these projects for review and approval. it was suggested that the County reach out to all of the municipalities to determine their needs.

### Project Summary

Project #, Project Title	This Report Period	To Date	
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
4, Planning and Delivery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5, Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



