

*****NOTICE**
SECOND PUBLIC HEARING
REQUESTING PUBLIC VIEWS AND COMMENTS
ON THE PROPOSED USE OF 2025 CDBG PROGRAM FUNDS

Notice is hereby given by the County of Lawrence and On Behalf of Ellwood City, Shenango Township and Union Township, that it will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, **September 22, 2025**, at 8:00 AM at the Lawrence County Government Center, 1st Floor, Commissioners Meeting Room, 430 Court Street, New Castle, Pennsylvania 16101. Individuals with disabilities and/or for persons with Limited English Proficiency, if you wish to attend and require special accommodations, please notify the Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development, Amy McKinney, Director at 724-656-2193 amckinney@lawrencecountypa.gov

The County of Lawrence and On Behalf of Ellwood City, Shenango Township and Union Township is expected to receive an allocation of approximately \$613,245.00 of FFY 2025 CDBG funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. At least 70% of the available funding must be used for activities which benefit low and moderate-income persons. The proposed activities must benefit at least 51% low-moderate income persons in the service area to qualify as a low-moderate income project. The PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has announced the application submission deadline of October 31, 2025.

The Lawrence County Commissioners propose to use the funds for housing rehabilitation projects in the non-entitlement communities (\$100,000.00), CYS Transportation Program (\$32,000.00), Community Park Improvements at Bazzichi Park in Wayne Township (\$87,172.00) and administration of the CDBG Program (\$38,677.00). Ellwood City Borough Council proposes to use the funds for a street improvement program (\$99,963.00), Housing Rehabilitation (\$10,000.00), and administration of the CDBG program (\$15,416.00). The Council of Ellwood City will approve the projects at their regularly scheduled Council meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025. Union Township Supervisors propose to use the funds for the removal of architectural barriers (\$78,556.00), Housing Rehabilitation (\$10,000.00) and administration of the CDBG program (\$14,999.00). The Union Township Supervisors will approve the projects at their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2025. Shenango Township Supervisors propose to use the funds for Housing Rehabilitation (\$108,462.00) and administration of the CDBG program (\$18,000.00). The Shenango Township Supervisors will approve the projects at their regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, October 9, 2025. Individuals are welcome to examine records and comment on the past five years' use of CDBG funds, as well as the County's Three-Year Community Development Plan and the municipalities' Three-Year Community Development Plan.

If the County of Lawrence and On Behalf of Ellwood City, Shenango Township and Union Township would undertake activities that result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the County of Lawrence policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. The County of Lawrence and On Behalf of Ellwood City, Shenango Township and Union Township is responsible for replacing all low and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted because of the use of CDBG funds.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing and/or to present written comments concerning the needs of the County of Lawrence and On Behalf of Ellwood City, Shenango and Union Townships, proposed CDBG Program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG Program in general by proposals and comments which may be submitted to Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development, 430 Court Street, New Castle, Pennsylvania 16101, amckinney@lawrencecountypa.gov by October 6, 2025 at 12:00 PM.

The County of Lawrence and On Behalf of Ellwood City, Shenango and Union Townships will present for approval the final 2025 CDBG application at the Commissioner's regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.***

Legal Ad: September 15, 2025
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