

2019 CDBG Workshop

Armstrong County Department
of Planning and Development



Welcome

- Introduction
- Attendance Sheet
- Purpose of Workshop
- Proposals due 4:30 p.m., June 12, 2019
- Q&A to follow Presentation

CDBG Explained

- ❑ **Intent of Community Development Block Grant Program**
- ❑ **Act 179**
- ❑ **Eligible Activities & Ineligible Activities**
- ❑ **County Priorities**

CDBG Explained

- ❑ 504 Evaluations
- ❑ Fundability & Eligibility
- ❑ LMI Benefit

CDBG Explained

- ❑ 2015 ACS Data
- ❑ Challenging ACS Data
- ❑ 2020 Census Data & Effect on Municipalities

CDBG Explained

- ❑ **100% LMI Activities**
- ❑ **Administrative Activities**
- ❑ **Submission Date for CDBG Application – Probably
October/November 2019**

CDBG Explained

- ❑ **Project Time Frame**
 - ❑ **3 Year Project Completion Date**
 - ❑ **18-Months Deobligation of Funds**
- ❑ **Allocation – Approximately \$199,000 After Administrative Costs Deducted**

Preparing the Proposal

- ❑ Proposals due to Armstrong County Department of Planning & Development (DPD) by 4:30 p.m., June 12, 2019
- ❑ Proposal Form can be accessed at:

<https://co.armstrong.pa.us/index.php/departments-m/planning-and-development-m/community-development-m>



Preparing the Proposal

- ❑ Describe the problem and explain how the proposed project will solve the problem
- ❑ Will the proposed project completely solve the problem or will additional work be needed
- ❑ Will the proposed project be ready for construction within one year of actual receipt of funding and will it be constructed within three years of actual receipt of funding

Preparing the Proposal

- ❑ Is your proposed project part of a larger revitalization plan
- ❑ Is your proposed project consistent with approved County plans
and/or local planning factors

Preparing the Proposal

- ❑ Procurement Process
- ❑ Engineering Estimates
- ❑ ADA & Public Facilities

Preparing the Proposal

- ❑ Water & Sewer Projects

Mandatory Tap Connection Ordinance

- ❑ Davis-Bacon Wage Requirements
- ❑ Right-of-Way & Maps

Preparing the Proposal

- Demographic Surveys
- Benefit/Service Area
- Verify Service Areas

Preparing the Proposal

- ❑ **Back-Up Documentation**
 - ❑ **DEP Testing**
 - ❑ **Support Letters – No Form Letters**
 - ❑ **Pictures – Color & Digital**
 - ❑ **Mandates, Citations and Consent Orders**

Preparing the Proposal

- DUNS
- FEMA Floodway
- Applicant / Project Worksheet Form
- Cooperation Agreements

Preparing the Proposal

Other Funding (Must be firm commitment at project evaluation)

- PENNVEST
- Rural Development
- Tap Connection Fees
- Local Match
- Keystone Communities
- Multi-Modal

Preparing the Proposal

Site Visit



Proposal Ranking & Selection

- ❑ Evaluation Process

- ❑ Categories for Ranking

- ❑ Fundability & Eligibility

- ❑ Percentage of LMI

- ❑ Health/Safety

- ❑ Development Potential

- ❑ Population Affected

- ❑ Leveraging

- ❑ Need

- ❑ Project Impact on Problem

- ❑ CDBG Cost per Household

Proposal Ranking & Selection

A Proposal Checklist is helpful and can be found at:

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Competitive Applications

- ❑ What is a Competitive Application?
- ❑ Allocation (up to \$1M, including County Admin Costs)
- ❑ Submission Dates – Open Window – Twice a Year
- ❑ Submit for only Water, Sewer, Blight Removal, Housing Rehab

Competitive Applications

- ❑ County Entitlement Dollars need blended
- ❑ Criteria
 - ❑ Seriousness & Resolution
 - ❑ Timeliness
 - ❑ LMI Benefit
 - ❑ Administrative Capacity
 - ❑ Applicant's Past Performance
- ❑ Selection Process

**To learn more about the Community
Development Block Grant Program, visit the
Federal Program Resource Library at
dced.pa.gov/library/**

Questions?