

September 17, 2020

HEARING OF McKEAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

CALL TO ORDER

A hearing of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Janice Dennis at 3:30 p.m. on September 17, 2020 as previously publicized by the Erie County Department of Planning in accordance with the Sunshine Act and took place at the McKean Township Municipal Bldg.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Janice Dennis, Brian Cooper, and Ronald Bole. Guest present was Joseph Berdis from the Erie County Department of Planning.

PURPOSE OF HEARING

The purpose of the hearing was to inform the public that the Township is eligible to apply for and receive a special allocation of funds from DCED to address COVID-19, discuss needs that have arisen as a result of COVID, how COVID has impacted persons primarily of low-to-moderate income, and how the special allocation can address those needs.

Background Information

- The DCED has notified Erie County and its four (4) entitlement municipalities, including McKean Township that it is eligible to apply for and receive a special CDBG allocation to be used specifically for the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the Coronavirus.
- McKean Township's allocation is \$61,811 and the deadline to submit the funding request application to the DCED has passed but an extension has been granted.

Eligible Activities

- Food Assistance Programs such as delivering meals on wheels to quarantined individuals or individuals that need to maintain social distancing due to medical vulnerabilities.
- Carry out job training to expand the pool of health care workers and technicians that are available to treat disease within a community.
- Construct a facility for testing, diagnosis, or treatment.
- Provide grants or loans to support new businesses or business expansion to create jobs and manufacture medical supplies necessary to respond to infectious disease.

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Activities are to meet one of the 3 National Objectives of the CDBG program with the primary objective to benefit low-to-moderate income persons.

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Needs Due to COVID

“Feeding America’s Map the Meal Gap” recent study shows 12.3% of all individuals throughout Erie County are food insecure. Statistics demonstrate that a significant number of families in Erie County, including many in the McKean area, do not have the resources to provide adequate food for their families on a daily basis. Due to the current situation involving COVID-19, there is an increased number of families and individuals who are facing food insecurity.

Potential opportunities to address COVID related needs

Work with local agencies such as Second Harvest Food Bank and Meals on Wheels to provide emergency food relief to families in crisis situations.

COMMENTS

None

ADJURNMENT

With no objections, the hearing adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice T. Dennis, Secretary