

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR FY2021 ENTITLEMENT CDBG PROGRAMS
FOR THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND ON BEHALF OF THE
TOWNSHIPS OF CONEMAUGH, JENNER AND SOMERSET AND BOROUGH OF
SOMERSET AND WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA**

Notice is hereby given by the County of Somerset, as a CDBG Entitlement under the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program and on behalf of the Entitlement Townships of Conemaugh, Jenner and Somerset, and the Entitlement Boroughs of Somerset and Windber, that Public Hearings will be held to discuss the 2021 Entitlement CDBG Applications at the date, time and locations as follows:

County of Somerset – Monday, July 26, 2021 @ 3:00 P.M. at the offices of the Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County, County Annex Building, 300 N. Center Avenue, Suite 520, Somerset, PA 15501. 2021 Allocation is \$266,219.00

Township of Conemaugh – Wednesday, July 21, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M. at the Township Municipal Building, 1120 Tire Hill Road, Johnstown, PA 15905. 2021 Allocation is \$128,798.00

Township of Jenner – Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @ 2:30 P.M. at the Township Municipal Building, 2058 Lincoln Highway, Boswell, PA 15531. 2021 Allocation is \$94,623.00

Borough of Somerset - Monday, July 26, 2021 @ 4:00 P.M. at the Borough Municipal Building, 340 W. Union Street, Somerset, PA 15501. 2021 Allocation is \$117,951.00

Township of Somerset – Thursday, July 8, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M. at the Township Municipal Building, 2209 N. Center Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501. 2021 Allocation is \$181,226.00

Borough of Windber - Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M. at the Borough Municipal Building, 1401 Graham Avenue, Windber, PA 15963. 2021 Allocation is \$94,796.00

The Public Hearings will discuss the 2021 Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of the non-entitlement municipalities within the County of Somerset, as well as the entitlement municipalities which include Conemaugh Township, Jenner Township, Somerset Borough, Somerset Township and Windber Borough, and the County's and all entitlement municipalities' performance under the previously funded CDBG

Program years, and to discuss the required Three-Year Community Development Plan of these municipalities.

The County will be preparing its application and an application on behalf of the Townships and Boroughs to DCED for the CDBG Entitlement funds. The County, in preparation of these applications for funds, will afford residents, local agencies, and interested parties with the opportunity to become involved in the planning process. These Public Hearings will gather information and input on the needs of the Non-entitlement Areas of the County and the Entitlement Townships and Boroughs. 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 following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the Entitlement CDBG Program: water and sewer line replacement and improvements; housing rehabilitation; construction of affordable housing; construction/reconstruction of public/community facilities; recreational facilities; public services that are new or provide quantifiable increases in the delivery of services; street improvements; historic preservation; removal of architectural barriers; code enforcement; economic development; acquisition and relocation; clearance and demolition; and general administration, planning, audit if required, and preparation of the CDBG application.

If the County of Somerset or the Entitlement Municipalities would undertake activities that result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the County of Somerset's policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. The County of Somerset and the Entitlement Municipalities are responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of the use of CDBG funds.

If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing or vision impairments, or those with limited English proficiency, in order to participate in these public hearings, please contact Mr. Steven R. Spochart, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County, by phone at (814) 443-2780, by email at steve@somersetredevelopment.org , or by mail at 300 N. Center Avenue, Suite 520, Somerset, PA 15501, at least one day in advance of the public hearing to allow for the necessary arrangements to be made. Persons with hearing and/or speech impediments may contact the Redevelopment Authority through the PA Telecommunications Relay Services at 1-800-654-5984, or by dialing 7-1-1.

All residents, local agencies, and interested parties are encouraged to attend these Public Hearings and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written comments concerning the needs of the Non-entitlement Areas of the County and Entitlement Townships and Boroughs and the use of 2021 Entitlement CDBG funds. Written or oral comments may be directed to the attention of Mr. Steven R. Spochart, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County, by phone at (814) 443-2780, by email at steve@somersetredevelopment.org, or by mail at 300 N. Center Avenue, Suite 520, Somerset, PA 15501, within ten (10) days after the public hearings; or no later than August 6, 2021.

Upon completion of the required second public hearings for the 2021 Entitlement CDBG funds, the applications will be submitted to the Somerset County Commissioners for their review and approval, at their regular meeting to be held on October 19, 2021, at 10:30 A.M., in the Commissioner's Board Room located in the County Annex Building, 300 N. Center Avenue, Suite 500, Somerset, PA 15501. Once approved by the Commissioner's, the application will be submitted by the Redevelopment Authority, electronically to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development no later than 5:00 P.M. on October 28, 2021.

Steven R. Spochart, Executive Director
Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County