

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2022 CDBG-CV COMPETITIVE PROGRAM
FOR THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET ON BEHALF OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER TURKEYFOOT AND THE BOROUGHES OF GARRETT,
HOOVERSVILLE, MEYERSDALE AND ROCKWOOD**

The County of Somerset hereby give notice, on behalf of the Township of Lower Turkeyfoot, Boroughs of Garrett, Hooversville, Meyersdale, and Rockwood, will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. to discuss applications to the 2022 CDBG-CV Competitive Program. This meeting will be held at the Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County, 300 N. Center Avenue, Suite 520, Somerset, PA 15501.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the needs of these communities, because of the need to prepare, prevent and respond to the COVID-19 global pandemic and the use of CDBG-CV funds. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has allocated certain funds which it has received under the CARES Act, for activities to provide immediate and direct response to the crisis impacting areas of Somerset County, because of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County will be preparing an application on behalf of the County and these Townships and Boroughs to DCED for the CDBG-CV 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. This Public Hearing will gather information and input on the needs of the municipalities within the County of Somerset, and ways to address the problems caused by the COVID-19 virus. Funding can be used for eligible CDBG Public Improvement Projects, Public Service Activities, housing assistance payments, and for Economic Development – Business Assistance Activities. At least 70% of the available funding must be utilized 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.

Associated costs include, and are not limited to general administration, planning, environmental review, audit, and preparation of the CDBG application.

If the County of Somerset 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 is responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted because 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 this public hearing, 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 invited to attend this Public Hearing and they will be afforded the opportunity to present oral or written comments concerning the needs of the municipalities of the County of Somerset, and the use of CDBG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the needs created by the coronavirus. 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 five (5) days after the public hearing.

The competitive CDBG-CV applications are due to the PA Department of Community & Economic Development no later than August 1, 2022. The applications will be presented to the Somerset County Commissioners at a regular meeting held July 19, 2022, at 10:30 A.M., for their review and approval for submission.

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