

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FIRST PUBLIC HEARING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP NOTICE

The Potter County Commissioners plan to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for Federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds. DCED received \$2,346,400 to address needs related to the recovery from Tropical Storm Debby in 2024 to Tioga, Lycoming, Potter and Union Counties. No Grantee program income is anticipated to be used.

A Public Hearing and Project Development Workshop will be held on August 13, 2026, at 11:00 AM, at the Main Conference Room, Gunzburger Building, 1 North Main Street, Coudersport, PA 16915.

These hearings are accessible to individuals with disabilities and persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you wish to attend and have a disability or Limited English Proficiency and require special accommodations, please notify the CDBG-DR Administrator, Jamie Shrawder at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled hearing at 570-524-4491 or 1-800-332-6701, TTY: 1-800-654-5984, TDD: 1-800-654-5988 or jshrawder@seda-cog.org to make such arrangements.

Proposed project activities must meet one national objective: benefit low- and moderate-income persons and/or alleviate immediate threats to the health and safety of the community. The Potter County Commissioners will commit not less than 70% of the total funds, after administration costs, to projects which principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons (LMI). Housing, community, and economic development activities are eligible; examples include housing rehabilitation, buyouts, new housing construction, public services, economic revitalization, and infrastructure projects.

The purpose of the Public Hearings and Project Development Workshop is to discuss the CDBG-DR Program, and receive public input on proposed activities and/or proposals for new activities. Potter County also wishes to receive public comment on potential environmental impacts, the previous use of CDBG-DR funds, and the Three-Year Community Development Plans. All interested parties that are unable to attend may present written comments and project ideas in advance of the scheduled hearing to Jamie Shrawder at 570-524-4491 or jshrawder@seda-cog.org. Interested applicants should contact Jamie Shrawder, as soon as possible for funding consideration, but in no case later than August 27, 2026. The grant application submission deadline is anticipated to be October 16, 2026, subject to change.

No displacement is anticipated, and every effort will be made to avoid or minimize displacement and relocation. Should displacement be required, the applicant is responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that are demolished or converted. At this hearing, Potter County will disclose the types and levels of assistance that it would make available if persons were to be displaced by CDBG-DR funded activities.

Potter County does not discriminate in access to, participation in, or treatment or employment in its federally funded programs or services. In the event the public believes that discrimination, denied accessibility, or denied equal opportunity has occurred, Potter County's Section 504 officer, the Community Development Director, may be reached at 814-274-8290.

Technical assistance will be provided upon request to any groups or persons, especially LMI persons or their representatives, when developing proposals intending to use CDBG-DR funds. The Potter County Commissioners will strive to make all programs and activities accessible to the learning, mobility, vision, hearing, and language-impaired persons. If you have a disability or limited English proficiency and require an auxiliary aid or accommodations, please contact Jamie Shrawder at SEDA-COG, 1-800-332-6701, 1-800-654-5984 TTY, 1-800-654-5988 TDD to discuss your needs. Translators will be available upon request.

Any complaints should be written and submitted to Jamie Shrawder at SEDA-COG, 570-524-4491 or 1-800-332-6701, TTY: 1-800-654-5984, TDD: 1-800-654-5988 or jshrawder@seda-cog.org. Written responses will be addressed within 15 working days when practicable.

Übersetzer sind für die öffentliche Sitzung auf Anfrage erhältlich.

Traductores estarán disponibles en las reuniones públicas por petición.

