



Forest County Preliminary Public Hearing FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

7/19/2021

6:00pm Forest County Visitor Center

422 Elm Street

Tionesta, Pa. 16353





Program objectives

- The purpose of the first hearing is to inform the public about the program, gather information from the community about potential project ideas.
- While the commissioners have not determined projects to pursue, CDBG is to be used for project which aims to develop viable communities by providing decent and affordable housing, and expand economic opportunities.



Citizen Participation – Federal regulatory requirements

- Local governments must provide citizens with reasonable advance notice of and opportunity to comment on proposed activities in an application to the state

Citizen Participation

- The primary goal is to provide citizens-- especially low and moderate income citizens of the community where CDBG-funded activities will take place- an opportunity to participate in an advisory role in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the programs and projects.

FY-2021 Forest County Estimated Funds Allocated

Total Funds for 2021: \$211,028

Available funds for county wide projects: \$173,048

Administration of CDBG \$37,980

Eligible Activities

Each activity must be analyzed in relation to the need and the intended primary beneficiaries to determine if a national objective is met. Each activity must meet one of the three national objectives:

- low and moderate income benefit,
- slums and blight removal
- urgent need such as where an existing condition poses a threat to health and welfare of the community and other sources are not available.
- Seventy percent (70%) of each grant amount must be assigned to activities that benefit low and moderate income persons.

What does this mean?

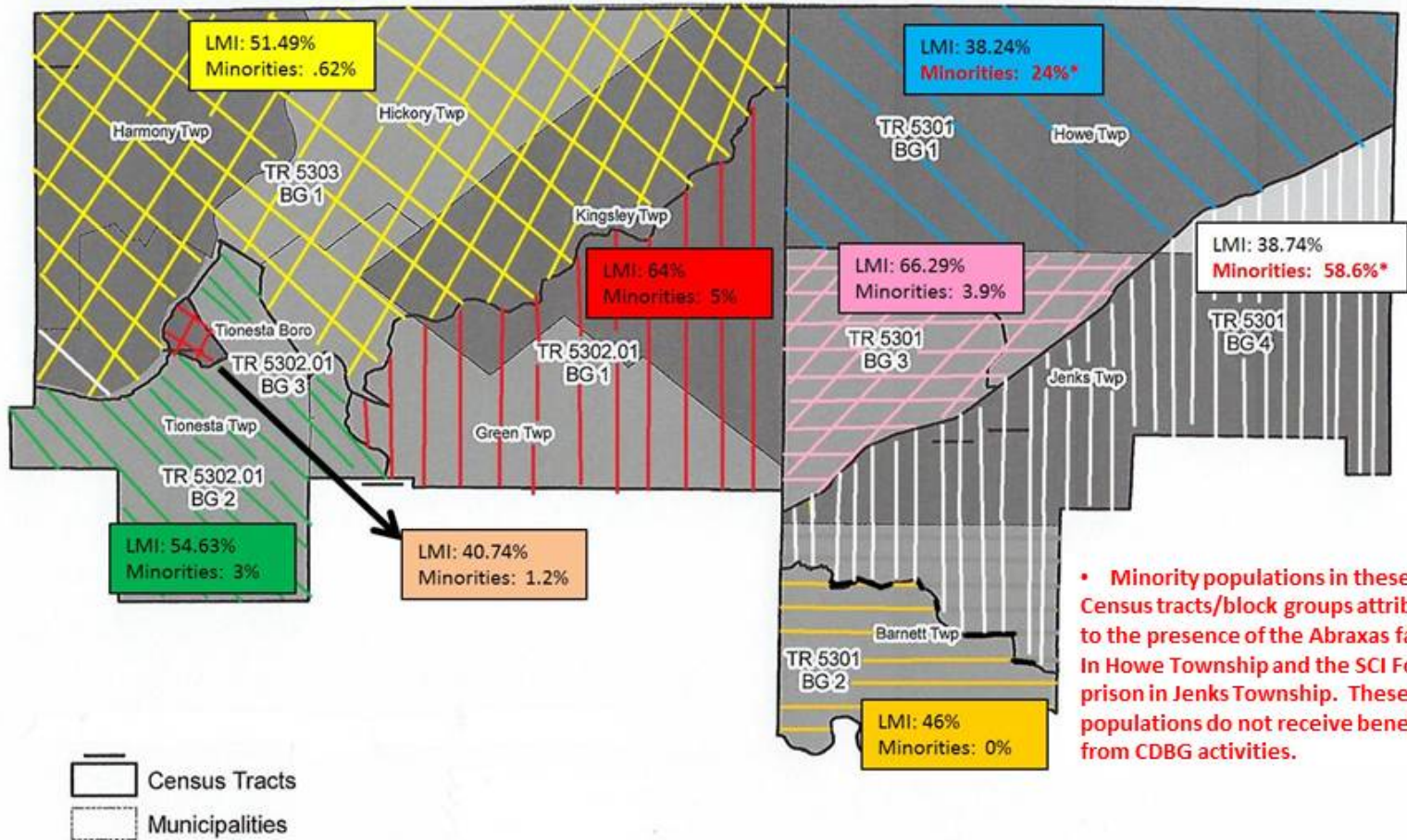
- At least 70% of all activities must benefit persons of low to moderate income.
 - Activities must be in an area where such residents reside or are effected.
 - 51% of the residents in an area wide project must fall within the low to moderate income range.
 - Groups such as Elderly or disabled adults are presumed LMI by HUD.
- No more than 30% may be used for Blight and demolition.



Low to Mod Income limits for Forest County

Household Size	Income Limits for 2021
1 person	\$36,500
2 person	\$41,700
3 person	\$46,900
4 person	\$52,100
5 person	\$56,300
6 person	\$60,450
7 person	\$64,650
8 person	\$68,800

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• **Minority populations in these Census tracts/block groups attributed to the presence of the Abraxas facility in Howe Township and the SCI Forest prison in Jenks Township. These populations do not receive benefits from CDBG activities.**

Census Tracts based on 2010 Census boundaries

Examples of Eligible Activities

- Public Facilities and Improvements
 - Publicly owned
 - Streets
 - Sidewalks
 - Water and sewer lines or facilities
 - Playgrounds
 - Barrier Removal
 - Non-profit owned for public use
- Blight Removal
- Housing Rehab / Home ownership
- Code Enforcement
- Real Property Acquisition
- Economic Development
- Community Development and Planning

Ineligible Activities

- Construction or rehab of governmental buildings (exception is to become ADA Compliant)
- General Government Expenses
- Political Activities
- Purchase of general equipment
- Operation and Maintenance expenses for public facilities
- New Housing

Forest County Funded Projects 2015-2019

Hickory Township	\$	47,527.50
Kingsley Township	\$	84,963.67
Jenks Township	\$	354,070.00
Tionesta Borough	\$	352,246.50
Admin	\$	186,982.00
non-profit through Forest County	\$	25,811.33

Recently Funded Activities

- Jenks Township Sidewalks & Curb Cuts
- Walnut St, Tionesta Storm Water
- West Hickory VFD Siren
- Hickory Township Storm Water
- Tionesta Library ADA Restroom
- Hickory Township Queen Bridges
- Elm St, Tionesta Waterlines
- Maple St, Jenks Township, Storm Water
- Historical Society Roof Repair
- Tionesta Blight Removal



Application Requirements

- Address the problem
- Project Proposed solution
- Scope of work to include full and phased (if seeking multiyear funding)
- Budget
- Indicate the national objective met

Questions?? Citizen Input

- The purpose is to gather information from the local community about potential project ideas.