

**NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE
MUNICIPALITY OF PENN
HILLS, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) AND
HOME INVESTMENT
PARTNERSHIPS (HOME)
PROGRAMS**

Notice is hereby given that the Municipality of Penn Hills, Allegheny County, PA will hold a public hearing before the Planning Commission on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 7:30 PM, prevailing time, in the Council Chambers, Penn Hills Municipal Building, 102 Duff Road, Penn Hills, PA 15235. If accommodations are needed to participate in the public hearing, please call Mr. Chris Blackwell, Director, Department of Planning and Economic Development, at (412) 342-1173, by email at **CBlackwell@pennhills.org**, or 711 for the hearing impaired, to make arrangements.

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs through the Allegheny County HOME Consortium, as well as the housing, community and economic development needs of the Municipality of Penn Hills, PA. This information will be utilized by the Municipality for the preparation of the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan.

For FY 2024, the Municipality of Penn Hills estimates that it will receive a CDBG entitlement grant in the amount of \$674,064, program income of \$35,000, and a HOME allocation of approximately \$130,495 through the Allegheny County HOME Consortium. In order to receive these funds, the Municipality of Penn Hills must prepare a One Year Annual Action Plan for the use of the CDBG funds. At least 70% of the CDBG funds must benefit low and moderate-income persons living in the Municipality. The Municipality will be preparing its CDBG application, and it intends to afford residents, local agencies, and interested parties the opportunity to become involved in the planning process.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG program: acquisition of property; disposition costs; improvements to public facilities, including the removal of architectural barriers; demolition and environmental clean-up; public services that are new or a quantifiable increase in the level of service; interim assistance; relocation payments for persons displaced as a result of a CDBG activity; rehabilitation of houses; code enforcement; special economic development activities; special activities undertaken by a community based development organization; home ownership assistance for purchase; planning; environmental; program administration; audit; and other miscellaneous activities.

If the Municipality would undertake an activity that would result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the Municipality would utilize its policy for minimizing such displacement. Furthermore, the Municipality is responsible for replacing all low and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of CDBG funds.

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the needs of the Municipality of Penn Hills and the use of CDBG and HOME funds to address those needs over the next year. Comments may be addressed to Mr. Chris Blackwell, Director, Department of Planning and Economic Development, 102 Duff Road, Penn Hills, PA 15235; by phone (412) 342-1173; by email at **CBlackwell@pennhills.org**; or 711 for the hearing impaired.

Hon. Pauline Calabrese,
Mayor
Municipality of Penn Hills,
PA