

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
FY 2026 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG)**



**PUBLIC
HEARING
AND
APPLICATION
WORKSHOP**



AGENDA

Opening remarks:

- Welcome Statement
- Quick Introductions
- Meeting Purpose

Program Information:

- National Objectives
- Eligible and Ineligible Activities
- CDBG Disclaimers
- Program Requirements

Application:

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- Community Needs & Survey

Public Comment

Application Workshop

- Application Timeline
- Breakdown of Elements
- Selection Criterion
- Notes

Closing Remarks:

- Contact Information
- Recap

WELCOME STATEMENT

Franklin County, PA will receive FY 2026 CDBG Funds from the **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)**, on behalf of the United States Department of **Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**, to benefit non-entitlement municipalities and Community organizations within the County.



Pennsylvania

**Department of Community
& Economic Development**



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Meet the
Team

PURPOSE



Franklin County is holding this Citizen Participation Public Hearing to discuss community needs for the FY 2026 CDBG Application

During this time, along with the 10-day Public Comment period, we encourage you to ask questions and share your thoughts and ideas.

CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

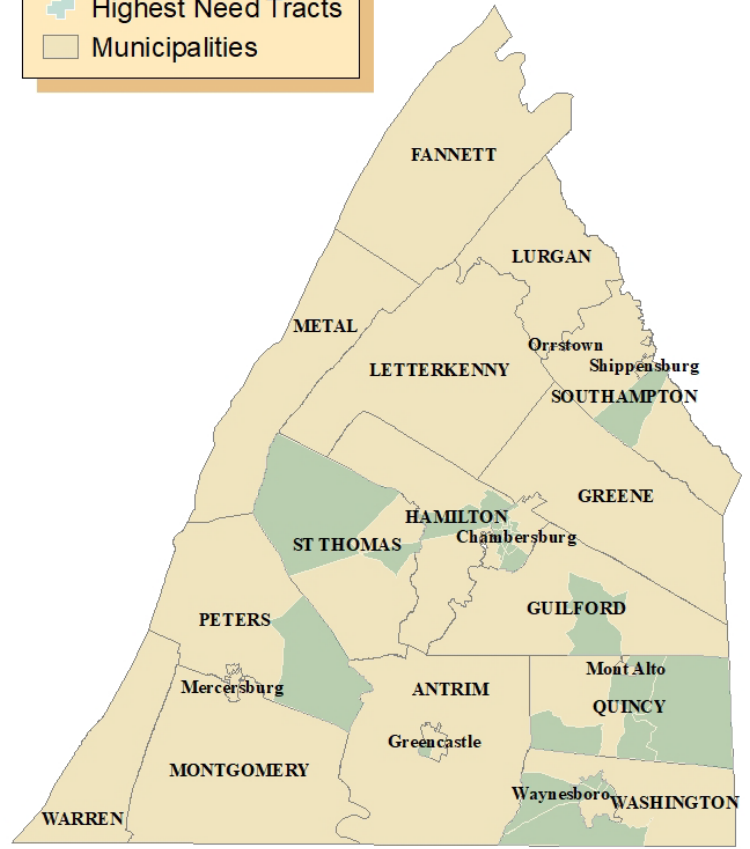
- **Elimination of Slum and Blight Areas**
- **Urgent Need**
- **Benefit for Low-to-Moderate-Income (LMI)**



Legend

Layers

-  Highest Need Tracts
-  Municipalities



FRANKLIN COUNTY CENSUS TRACTS OF HIGHEST NEED

FUNDABLE ACTIVITIES

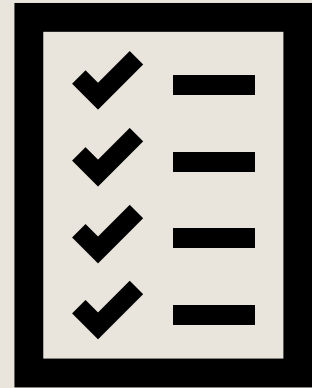
- Utility System Improvements
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Public/Community/Recreation/Parking Facility Improvements (ADA Compliance)
- Street/Road Improvements
- Removal of Architectural Barriers
- Solid Waste Facilities
- Code Enforcement
- Acquisition/Clearance/Disposition of Real Property

NON-FUNDABLE ACTIVITIES

- Acquisition, Construction, or Reconstruction of Buildings for General Conduct of Government
- Political or Religious Activities
- Operation and Maintenance Activities
- Equipment
- Construction of New Housing by Units of General Local Government

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Beneficiary Eligibility Verifications
- Environmental Review + Notice to Proceed Process
- Procurement Procedures- Bidding
- Funds Allocated on Reimbursable Basis
- Plans and Policies Compliance
- Quarterly Reporting



APPLICATION



Where to get your Application:

- **Website:**

- www.franklincountypa.gov
- Navigate to Planning Department – Programs

- **In Person:**

- Franklin County Planning Department
272 North Second St.
Chambersburg, PA

- **Email:**

- mgsmith@franklincountypa.gov

COMMUNITY NEEDS & SURVEY

- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Facilities
- Services
- Employment Opportunities and Training

Franklin County
Community Needs
Questionnaire



<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/KxjspYMqDg>

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



APPLICATION BREAK-DOWN

All Application Forms are enclosed in Application Pack

- **Risk Assessment**

(attachments required)

- Financial Statements
- Most Recently Completed Audits
- Board Meeting Minutes

- **Project Narrative**

- Section 1- Applicant Information
- Section 2- Project Budget including planned grant funding
- Section 3- Activity Description
- Section 4- Photographs
- Section 5- Project Map
- Section 6- Engineering Designs/Permits
- Section 7 (if available) - Income Verification/ Surveys/ Indication of Need

**Please schedule a CDBG Project Consultation
if you plan to apply.**

- Severity of the Problem to be Addressed
- Resolution of the Problem
- Benefit to Low/ Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
- Readiness: 3-Year Window
- Capacity of Applicants
- Timeliness / Past Performance
- Local Match, if Needed
- Past Funding

APPLICATION

Selection
Criterion

Any work, bidding, or settlements performed prior to the contract execution may jeopardize allocated funding.

If seeking Multi-Funding Year CDBG allocations, projects must be broken down into stand-alone phases, have reasonable timelines, and other funding for the project settled.

Requests for projects less than \$15,000 may not be beneficial to applicants.

Special items pertaining to specific activities will need to be provided upon submission of application.

APPLICATION NOTES

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

- CDBG Allocation Available
 - April 2026 - **\$290,697.38**
- Applications Due to Franklin County, PA
 - Friday July 31st, 2026
- Second Public Hearing
 - September 23rd, 2026
- Application Submissions to DCED
 - October 30th, 2026



- Subrecipient Agreement
 - Summer/ Fall 2027
- Environmental Review
 - Fall 2027
- Notice to Proceed/Bidding
 - Winter 2027
- Activity Completion Deadline
 - Summer 2030

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our planning department

By Phone: 717-261-3855

By Email at either:

- planning@franklincountypa.gov

Or

- mgsmith@franklincountypa.gov

RECAP

- Submit Application to:
Melanie Smith
Community Planner

- Hand Delivery or Mail:
272 North Second St.
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Email: planning@franklincountypa.gov
OR
mgsmith@franklincountypa.gov

**FY 2026 CDBG
APPLICATION
DEADLINE:**



**Friday July
31st 2026, by
4:00 pm.**