



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR THE FY2022 CDBG PROGRAM, NOTICE OF 504 AND FAIR HOUSING OFFICER AND COMPLAINT PROCESS FOR WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given by Wayne County, that it will hold a Public Hearing on October 13th, 2022 at 10 a.m at the Wayne County Courthouse located at 925 Court Street in Honesdale, PA 18431. This meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or for persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you are a person with a disability or limited English proficiency and require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodations to participate, please contact Katie Blake at kblake@hailstoneeconomic.com or (570) 877-9277, to discuss how to best accommodate your needs within 72 hours in advance of the Public Hearing. Translators will be available at public meetings upon advance request. The public hearing will also be accessible virtually via Zoom. To join the hearing virtually, go to: www.my-voice.link/WayneCounty. The public can also join the Public Hearing by calling (646) 558-8656 and entering meeting ID 827 0030 4843 and passcode 443276.

The purpose of this hearing is to advertise and encourage participation in a public hearing on October 13, 2022 at 10 a.m. and to notify the public of 1) activity plans for FFY2022 CDBG 2) Wayne County's Section 504 officer and process for grievance; and 3) Wayne County's fair housing officer and complaint process.

FFY 2022 CDBG Plan

Wayne County is expected to receive an entitlement grant of \$256,093 in FFY2022 CDBG funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and proposes using the funds for the following purposes:

Administration	\$46,096.74
Berlin Township Handicare Stairlift	\$3,600
South Canaan Township - Resurfacing and Paving Project	\$90,909
Starrucca Borough - Coxton Lake Road	\$79,229
Hawley Borough - Highland Street and Cedar Avenue	\$36,258.26

Wayne County on behalf of the Borough of Honesdale is expected to receive an entitlement grant of \$98,498 in FFY2022 CDBG funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and proposes using the funds for the following purposes:

Administration	\$17,931.60
Repave Ridge Street from Cherry Street to Forest Street	\$80,566.40

Wayne County on behalf of Salem Township is expected to receive an entitlement grant of \$96,236 in FFY2022 CDBG funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and proposes using the funds for the following purposes:

Administration	\$17,244
Spudeno Road T-337 Road Improvements	\$78,992

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing and/or to present written comments concerning the needs of Wayne County proposed CDBG Program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG Program in general. Comments may be submitted to Katie Blake at kblake@hailstoneeconomic.com or % Andrew Seder, Chief Clerk, Wayne County Courthouse, 925 Court Street, Honesdale, PA 18431. Comments are due no later than October 23, 2022.

Wayne County does not discriminate in any of its programs on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, familial status, disability, or use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness, or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals.

Any complaints, grievances, or comments regarding any components of the program should be written and submitted to Andrew M. Seder, Chief Clerk, at aseder@waynecountypa.gov or Wayne County Courthouse, 925 Court Street, Honesdale, PA 18431. Written responses will be addressed within 15 working days when practicable.

Information regarding the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program is available on Wayne County's website at <https://waynecountypa.gov/>.

NOTICE OF SECTION 504 OFFICER AND PROCESS FOR GRIEVANCE

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulations ("Section 504"), no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Wayne County does not discriminate in access to, participation in, or treatment, or employment in, its programs or activities. Wayne County's Section 504 Officer is Andrew M. Seder. The Officer can be reached at: Wayne County Courthouse, 925 Court Street, Honesdale, PA 18431, aseder@waynecountypa.gov, 570-253-5970 ext. 1301.

The grievance procedure for any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against or denied equal opportunity or access to programs or services may file a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, with the following:

Andrew M. Seder
Chief Clerk
Wayne County Courthouse
925 Court Street
Honesdale, PA 18431
aseder@waynecountypa.gov
570-253-5970 ext. 1301

Or

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
FHEO/Regional III Office Mid-Atlantic Office
100 Penn Square East, 12th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 861-7643
Fax: (215) 656-3449 TTY: (800) 927-9275

Grievance procedures and complaint forms may be requested from the offices of Wayne County in the following manner: Contact Andrew M. Seder at aseder@waynecountypa.gov or 570-253-5970 ext. 1301.

NOTICE OF FAIR HOUSING OFFICER AND COMPLIANT PROCESS FOR WAYNE COUNTY

This notice will serve to advise all residents of Wayne County the following actions:

1. Restrict a person in any way in access to housing, services, or benefits;
2. Afford persons an opportunity to participate in housing, services, or benefits different than that afforded to others;
3. Treat a person differently from others in determining whether they satisfy eligibility criteria;
4. Provide any housing, services, or benefits to a person differently than to others;
5. Use criteria or methods of administration which have the effect of subjecting persons to discrimination or defeating or impairing the objectives of a funded program or activity.

if based on race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (PHRA) adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals are considered discriminatory.

It is also prohibited to threaten, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others who exercise the right. Also, retaliation against a person who has filed a fair housing complaint or assisted in a fair housing investigation is prohibited.

If you are a person with a disability or have Limited English Proficiency and require reasonable accommodation or document translation, please contact the below Fair Housing Officer.

All residents are hereby notified that Andrew Seder is designated as Fair Housing Officer for Wayne County and that any resident that believes they have been discriminated against under any of the above conditions may file a complaint with the Fair Housing Officer at the following address:

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