

CITY OF CORRY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

5:00 PM

APRIL 6, 2023

A Public Hearing was held in Council Chambers to discuss the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and seek input from the public as to the proposed uses for this funding. Roll call found Council members, Mayor Baker, Mrs. Lindstrom, Mr. Sproveri and Mr. Roche present with Mr. Fike being excused, City Administrator Smith, Fire Chief Hodak, City Treasurer Kelly, City Controller Hammond and Lorie Sutton, of the Erie County Housing Authority.

- (1) Mrs. Sutton opened the meeting stating that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss and receive public input and comments regarding the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Funds available for the City of Corry under the 2023 CDBG Program will total approximately \$300,000.
- (2) Mrs. Sutton read the Public Notice for the meeting, which included the statement of eligible activities that qualify for CDBG fund, which include broad areas of housing, infrastructure, economic development and public services. More specific activities include: code enforcement where such enforcement, together with public improvements, rehabilitation and services to be provided may be expected to arrest the decline of the area; improvement of public works, including water, sewer, and storm sewer projects. Limited funds are available, as well, for public services, administration and planning costs. Proposed activities must meet one or more of three objectives: benefit low-and-moderate-income persons; prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and or alleviation of immediate threats to the health and safety of the community. The City of Corry is required to and will commit not less than seventy percent (70%) of the total funds to projects, which principally benefit low and moderate-income persons.
- (3) Public comments included:
 - Mayor Baker started by asking if Storm Sewer-Separation and Code Enforcement have become depended upon – Mrs. Smith answered, yes and noted that if we did not have that included with the CDBG funds – it would have to be budgeted for.
 - Chuck Gray, of Impact Corry, asked if there was any remainder left after City projects they'd like to be kept in mind for two things - they are still working on their Mission Main St Façade Replacement with about 25 people on the waiting list. They would really like to keep this going downtown as it is making a big impact. They will be applying for \$124,000 from ECRA and if received that would get them 10 more projects done. They also have their Renaissance Block Program (used for blight and low income), which received 90 applications and could use some funding towards that as they are \$100,000 short to handle those homeowners. Target areas include Schoolhouse Block, N Center, E Smith, Wayne and Route 6.
 - Sheri Taylor suggested enhancing crosswalks in town and areas around schools. Example – down by Wayne St, there is a sign with times and school days for school zone. Mrs. Taylor feels if there was a flashing light to indicate school was it would grab people's attention more.
 - Mr. Roche stated the importance of the Storm Sewer Separation as we are getting ready to start on the new sewer plant and we should make sure we have enough funds separated for that. Mr. Roche also said it seems a lot of places are using this money for blight now and it's a pretty normal thing.
 - Mr. Hammond asked when the City has to decide on projects. Mrs. Sutton replied that projects are decided at the 2nd public hearing which is typically held in September or October. At that time, it would have to be pretty much ready to go.
 - Mr. Roche advised that we should check with the City Engineer and see what he has on mind for sewer separation and engineering projects.
- (4) The 2nd public hearing will be announced at a later date.
- (5) The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Laura L. Thomas
City Clerk

