

October 4, 2011

ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Public Hearing CDBG

Mr. Leone, Chairman, called to order a Public Hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program Fiscal Year 2011 Application at 6:00 p.m. in the Erie County Council Chambers, Erie County Courthouse, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Smith called the roll:

Members Present: Mr. Leone, Chairman  
Mr. Fatica, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Beeman  
Mr. Cleaver  
Dr. Foust  
Mrs. Loll

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Members Absent: Mr. Giles

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk  
Joseph Berdis, CDBG Administrator

Joseph Berdis, CDBG Administrator, stated that he provided an informational packet to Members of Council last week. This is the final public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2011 Block Grant Program. The purpose of this hearing is to identify the projects to be undertaken with the block grant monies as well as to give the public an opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Berdis explained the county is entitled to receive block grant monies each year from the state under the provisions of Pa. Act 179 of 1984. Since 1985, the county has received approximately \$11 million. For Fiscal Year 2011, the county is entitled to receive \$339,843. Mr. Berdis pointed out that this amount is \$101,173 less than last year's grant of \$441,016 representing a decrease of 23%. This is the lowest amount the county has received since 1991.

Mr. Berdis further explained that the county's block grant funds are to be used to assist non-entitlement boroughs and townships, undertake housing and community development projects which primarily benefit low to moderate income families. A non-entitlement municipality is one that does not receive its own grant, state or HUD. Erie County has 38 municipalities, 30 of which are non-entitlement and have an opportunity to request the county's block grant funds.

Mr. Berdis stated that application packets were mailed out several months ago to these non-entitlement municipalities. Seven applications were received. Based on the anticipated allocation, the Planning Commission selected four projects for funding; however, with the greater than anticipated cut in funding, only three of the four projects can be funded. The third project will be funded at a reduced amount.

The county proposes to undertake the following projects with these fiscal 2011 funds:

- 1) \$100,000 to Cranesville Borough. This will involve the replacement of 1,580 feet of six inch diameter cast iron asbestos cement waterline along Bowman Avenue from John Williams Avenue to Pa Route 18. This project will benefit 19 families consisting of 47 persons, 53% of whom are low to moderate income.
- 2) \$100,000 will go to Lake City Borough. Approximately 1800 feet of sewer line will be rehabilitated along Dunn Avenue and Elk Street. The number of families that will benefit are 192 consisting of 380 persons, 50% low to moderate income.

3) In Wesleyville Borough, 750 feet of six inch diameter VCP sanitary sewer line will be replaced along Willow Street from Buffalo Road to Freemont Street. This project will benefit 14 families consisting of 43 persons, 69% of whom are low to moderate income.

The amount of \$61,000 has been set aside for program administration.

As Mr. Berdis mentioned, one of the project cannot be funded due to the cutbacks. That project is the Lawrence Park Bell Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. The Wesleyville project is being funded at a reduced amount. Initially, the Planning Commission had hoped to fund that project at \$100,000. It is being funded at \$78,843.

Mr. Berdis asked for any questions, comments or concerns regarding how the county proposes to use the fiscal 2011 funds.

Mr. Berdis stated that a requirement of the program during the application process is the development of a three year community development block grant plan. Each Council Member received a summary of that plan. A copy of that plan is also available in the County Planning Office. In addition to the county's block grant program, the County Department of Planning administers the grants of three entitlement communities, Girard Township, McKean Township and North East Borough. The exhibit provided in the packet identified those projects.

Mr. Berdis noted that Council will having an opportunity during this evening's meeting to pass a resolution approving the application, which must be submitted to the state by October 14, 2011.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the public hearing adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Ann M. Bruno, Council Secretary

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October 4, 2011 Minutes of Sept. 20, 2011 Reg. Mtg. aprvd. Liquid Fuels funding for Conneaut Twp adopted. Liquid Fuels funding for Lake City Borough adopted. First Rdgs: MH/MR Revis. Rev & Exp; PH Revis. Rev & Expend; PH SA Comm. Health Assess & Comm. Health Improv. Plan; Health Choices Revis Rev & Expend; D&A Revis. Rev. & Expend.; In Sprt. of Dist. Rev. Commission Final Report. Apprvg 2011 FY 2011 CDBG App adopted; Apprv Aud. Rpt of COG for Yr Ending Dec. 31, 2010 adopted; Apprv Erie Comm. Found. E-Govt Prjct Grant to COG adopted.

ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

Mr. Leone, Chairman, called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Erie County Council Chambers, Erie County Courthouse, Erie, Pennsylvania. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Loll recited a prayer.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Leone, Chairman  
Mr. Fatica, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Beeman  
Mr. Cleaver  
Dr. Foust  
Mrs. Loll

Members Absent: Mr. Giles

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk  
Joseph P. Maloney, Council CPA  
Jerry Mifsud, Director of Administration

James Sparber, Director of Finance

- Minutes Mr. Fatica moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011 Regular Meeting. Mr. Cleaver seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
- Finance Committee Dr. Foust reported the Finance Committee met on September 29, 2011 and agreed to place Ordinances 85 and 86 for second readings, and Ordinances 87 through 93 for first readings. Also on the agenda are Resolutions 39, 40 and 41.
- Liquid Fuels Fund. For Conneaut Twp. Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 85, 2011, "Third 2011 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For \$6,528 In Emergency Liquid Fuels Funding For Conneaut Township." Mrs. Loll moved to adopt; Dr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
- Liquid Fuels Funding For Lake City Borough Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 86, 2011, "Fourth 2011 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For \$30,000 In Emergency Liquid Fuels Funding For Lake City Borough." Mrs. Loll moved to adopt; Dr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
- First Readings Mr. Smith gave first readings of the following ordinances:
- Ordinance Number 87, 2011, "2011 MH/MR Fund Budget Revised Revenue And Expenditures In The Amount Of \$12,170 To Reflect Decrease In Revenue"
  - Ordinance Number 88, 2011, "2011 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Revenue And Expenditures Of \$13,748 To Reflect Reduction In Injury Prevention Grant"
  - Ordinance Number 89, 2011, "2011 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Revenue And Expenditures Of \$8,057 To Reflect Reduction In Cancer Grant"
  - Ordinance Number 90, 2011, "Eighth 2011 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$30,000 For A Community Health Assessment And Community Health Improvement Plan"
  - Ordinance Number 91, 2011, "2011 Health Choices Fund Budget Revised Revenue And Expenditures"
  - Ordinance Number 92, 2011, "2011 Drug & Alcohol Fund Budget Revised Revenue And Expenditures Of \$50,229"
  - Ordinance Number 93, 2011, "In Support Of The 2011 Erie County District Revision Commission Final Report"
- Apprvg FY 2011 CDBG Application Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 39, 2011, "Resolution Approving The FY 2011 CDBG Application And Authorizing Its Submission To The Pennsylvania Department Of Community And Economic Development." Dr. Foust moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
- Apprv Independ. Aud. Rprt of COG for Yr Ending Dec. 31, 2010 Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 40, 2011, "A Resolution To Approve The Independent Auditor's Report Of The Erie Area Council Of Governments For The Calendar

Year Ending December 31, 2010.” Dr. Foust moved to adopt; Mr. Cleaver seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Apprv Com. Found.  
E-Govt Prjct to COG

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 41, 2011, “A Resolution To Approve The Erie Community Foundation E-Government Project Grant To The Erie Area Council Of Governments.” Dr. Foust moved to adopt; Mr. Cleaver seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Ann Bruno, Council Secretary

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