

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE FY 2026
COUNTY OF ELK AND RIDGWAY BOROUGH CDBG PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given by the County of Elk and Ridgway Borough, that it will hold a Public Hearing on April 23, 2026 at 3:00 PM at the Elk County Courthouse Annex Building, 300 Center Street, Ridgway, PA 15853 in Conference #1. This meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you wish to attend and require special accommodations, please notify the Elk County Planning Department office 72 hours in advance at (814) 776-5335 or bltaylor@countyofelkpa.gov.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of the County of Elk and Ridgway Borough in housing, community development and economic development, and the County and Boroughs performance under the previously funded CDBG Program years, potential competitive grant projects and to discuss the required Three-Year Community Development Plan of both entitlements.

For FY 2026 CDBG, the County of Elk is expected to receive approximately \$218,000.00, and the Ridgway Borough is expected to receive approximately \$94,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition, the County of Elk and Ridgway Borough do not anticipate the receipt of any program income during the 2026 program year. At least 70% of the available funding must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The proposed activities must benefit at least 51% low-moderate income persons in the service area to qualify as a low-moderate income project. The PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has not announced the application submission deadline, but it is expected to be late October. Early planning is necessary for this process.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG Program: water and sewer line replacement and improvements; housing rehabilitation; construction of affordable housing; construction/reconstruction of public/community facilities; recreational facilities; public services that are new or provide quantifiable increases in the delivery of services; street improvements; historic preservation; removal of architectural barriers; code enforcement; economic development; acquisition and relocation; clearance and demolition; and general administration, planning, audit if required, and preparation of the CDBG application.

If the County of Elk and/or Ridgway Borough would undertake activities that result in the displacement of families or individuals, policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. The County of Elk and Ridgway Borough are responsible for replacing all low-and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of the use of CDBG funds.

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 the County of Elk and Ridgway Borough, proposed CDBG Program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG Program in general. Written comments will be received for 10 days beginning on April 24, 2026. Project applications and/or comments may be directed to Becki Taylor, CDBG Coordinator at P.O. Box 448, 300 Center Street, Ridgway, PA 15853 or bltaylor@countyofelkpa.gov. Application deadline for CDBG entitlement will be 3:30 pm on August 12, 2026.

