

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT and
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS
CITY OF BETHLEHEM**

The City of Bethlehem is initiating planning for the 2020-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan and the 2020 Annual Action Plan as part of its application for funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Community Development Block Grant for FY 2020 is estimated at \$1,300,000 and HOME funds are estimated to be \$400,000. Funds may be used to assist persons with low to moderate incomes, remove slums and blight, or address urgent needs.

The first public hearing will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Bethlehem's Town Hall, 10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Citizens are invited to provide written or verbal comments at or prior to the hearing. Information will be made available to citizens regarding Application procedures, timing, eligible activities, and other regulations related to the CDBG and HOME Programs.

Areas of particular interest includes comments regarding homeless prevention services, homeless shelters and transitional housing, affordable housing development, housing and services for those with special needs, community services for the low and moderate income community, economic development and public facilities/infrastructure in low and moderate income neighborhoods. Representatives from the City will also be available to answer questions that may arise at this hearing or any of the work sessions.

The draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024) and the 2020 Annual Action Plan, will be prepared following the public hearing and various work sessions. These documents will be available for public review for 30 days starting October 4, 2019 in order to meet the timing and submission requirements established by HUD. The City will hold a second public hearing on October 10, 2019 to receive comments on the proposed Plans prior to finalizing these documents.

Comments can be sent to the Department of Community & Economic Development, City Hall, 10 E. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Applications for FY 2020 CDBG and HOME funds will be received by the Department of Community and Economic Development until September 6, 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM
Robert J. Donchez, Mayor