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Dear Municipal Official:

The Lycoming County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the opening of the Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This program utilizes HUD funds through the Pennsylvania Entitlement Program as enacted by Pennsylvania Act 179.

For Federal Fiscal Year 2026, Lycoming County estimates that it will receive \$276,770. Eligible activities include broad areas of housing, community infrastructure, economic development, and public services. Specific activities may include property acquisition, recreation, and senior facilities. Funds may also be used for public works, water and sewerage development/improvement, and the removal of architectural barriers. All projects must have a direct benefit to low- and moderate-income residents, elimination of slums and blight, and/or elimination of urgent threats to health and safety.

In order to receive input and to solicit proposals, a Public Hearing and Project Development Workshop will be held on May 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM, in the Third Street Plaza, 3rd Floor, Conference Room 319, 33 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. This meeting will provide information regarding the program, and, more importantly, will assist communities in developing their project requests including determination of project's eligibility for CDBG funding, and methods to determine if your project serves or provides a benefit to an area that is 51% or more low to moderate income people. Projects intended to eliminate blight or an urgent health and safety threat do not need to meet this income requirement for consideration of funding.

Attached to this letter is the application preparation schedule, as well as a Project Summary form to be completed by applicants. We are requesting project information to determine project eligibility, fundability, cost and schedule to ensure efficient development and construction should the project be funded by the Commissioners. We are requesting a map of the service area, the number of households served, and a list of addresses in the service area. We are also asking applicants to secure and submit an estimate of probable cost and a schedule from an engineer. We will review the form and necessary project information at the workshop on May 20, 2026. If you are unable to attend the workshop, alternatively, you may complete and submit the Project Summary form with attachments to Larissa Hassinger at lhassinger@seda-cog.org before June 12, 2026.

Following the workshop, the County Commissioners will be accepting proposals which will be evaluated based on need, impact, and completeness. Projects will then be prioritized by Lycoming County for submission to DCED. Projects that are submitted with all requested documentation, including the estimate of probable cost, and from applicants who attended the Public Hearing and Project Development Workshop, will be prioritized for funding.

We strongly encourage you to attend the Public Hearing and Project Development Workshop. It will provide additional insight into the application process, as well as allow us to review your project in detail. You should contact Larissa Hassinger to discuss your project before submitting the Project Summary form. We are excited about the benefits that this program may yield throughout Lycoming County and look forward to seeing you at the meeting on May 20, 2026.

Sincerely,
Lycoming County Commissioners

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