

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY FY 2012 CDBG PROGRAM MODIFICATION  
BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY FY 2013 CDBG APPLICATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013 – 6:00 PM  
BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

**Attendance**

Vance Oakes – Borough of Grove City Manager  
Paris Weiland – Borough of Grove City Administration  
Jeff Hodge – Borough of Grove City Council  
Jeffrey Black – Borough of Grove City Council, Vice-President  
William Matsich – Borough of Grove City Council  
George Pokrant – Borough of Grove City Council, President  
Shawn Myers – Borough of Grove City Council  
Al Wodzianski – Wodzianski Engineering, Borough Engineer

The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM by Jeffrey Black, Council Vice-President for the Borough of Grove City. The purpose of the hearing was to obtain citizen input on the modification of the Borough of Grove City's FY 2012 CDBG funds, as well as the borough's proposed FY 2013 CDBG program.

Mr. Conti reiterated discussion from the first public hearing for the 2013 CDBG program, i.e. funded projects must meet one of three national objectives (benefit low-to-moderate income individuals, address slum and blight and urgent need) and the borough's displacement policy.

Mr. Conti noted that the borough's FY 2013 CDBG allocation would be \$113,566 with an application deadline of September 20. He then provided an explanation of the activities that the Borough of Grove City planned to fund. These activities are removal of slum and blight (Main Street Revitalization), water and sewer improvements (McConnell Street) and administration. Citizens were then invited to comment on the proposed use of FY 2013 funds, needs for funding to be included in the borough's 3-year plan and past use of funds.

Regarding the 2012 modification the borough plans to delete the removal of architectural barriers activity (municipal building) and add a water and sewer improvement activity (McConnell Street). The funding amount is \$55,000. Since the 2012 application, the borough decided to undertake the removal of architectural barriers project with its own funding.

Discussion then centered on the water and sewer improvement activity (McConnell Street) the Borough of Grove City intends to undertake with a modification of their 2012 program and as part of their 2013 CDBG program. An income survey in the area revealed the project area to be 54% LMI. The approximate project cost would be \$850,000 (construction - \$750,000, engineering \$100,000). The borough will pay for the engineering with local, non-CDBG funds.

Between the 2012 modification and 2013 application, the borough would have approximately \$125,000 available in CDBG funds within the next year. The thought was to design, bid and construct the project in 2014, using \$125,000 in CDBG funds and the remainder (approximately \$625,000) from the borough's electric fund to pay for the project. Subsequently, the borough would reimburse the electric fund from future CDBG Entitlement Fiscal Years. If the CDBG program would cease, the borough would reimburse the electric fund from the sewer/water fund, potentially necessitating a borough-wide rate hike.

It was agreed to proceed in this fashion, pending discussion with PA DCED. Due to the aging infrastructure in the area, the project was going to have to be undertaken regardless of whether local or CDBG funds were used to pay for the project. The use of CDBG funds for all or part of the project will either forestall a potential rate hike or at least reduce the size of it.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:30

Respectfully submitted,

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