PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE
2017 CITY OF FARRELL CDBG PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given by the City of Farrell, that it will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Farrell Municipal Building, 500 Roemer Boulevard, Farrell, PA 16121. This meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or for persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you wish to attend and require special accommodations, please notify the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission 72 hours in advance at (724) 981-2412 (for TDD – dial 711 plus (724) 981-2412), cconti@mcrpc.com.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of the City of Farrell, their performance under the previously funded CDBG program years and the required Three –Year Community Development Plan.

The City of Farrell is expected to receive an allocation of approximately $269,615 of FY 2017 CDBG funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. At least 70% of the available funding must be used for activities which 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 announced the application submission deadline of November 3, 2017.

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 City of Farrell would undertake activities that result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the city’s policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. The city is 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 City of Farrell, proposed CDBG Program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG Program in general. Proposals and comments may be submitted to the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission at 2491 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA 16148, cconti@mcrpc.com.

Olive M. McKeithan, Mayor
Farrell City Council