

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2005

RESOLUTION OF THE (BOROUGH TOWNSHIP) OF Schuykill  
APPROVING SUBMISSION OF CDBG FUNDING REQUEST TO THE COUNTY OF  
SCHUYLKILL.

The Supervisor of  
Schuykill Twp having met this 7th day of November, 2005  
(name of municipality)

in public session, has approved a funding request to the County of Schuykill in

the amount of \$20,000.00 for the project described below:

Roadwork + Drainage To Mary. O. Free Company  
Project will Lower Entrance To Free Company  
Garage from Driveway

The Municipal Governing Body authorizes Alfred Benesch to submit the  
application for funding on its behalf.

Approved:

By Joseph Brown  
Chief Elected Official

Attest: Mary E. Rubel  
Municipal Secretary

Affix Municipal Seal

**THIS RESOLUTION MUST BE ATTACHED TO APPLICATION**  
**AND SUBMITTED BY 4:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2005.**

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**SCHUYLKILL COUNTY**  
**F.Y. 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

To: Schuylkill County  
Office of Economic Development  
Court House - 401 N. Second St.  
Pottsville PA 17901-2528

The (Borough / Township) of Schuylkill intends to apply for funding for the project described below:

Check which type of activity you are applying for:

- 1. Water Lines
- 2. Sewer Lines
- 3. Storm Water Collection
- 4. Recreation
- 5. Street Improvements
- 6. Handicap Barrier Removal
- 7. Economic Development
- 8. Demolition
- 9. Public/Community Facility:  
i. e. Community Senior Citizens Center; Fire Station improvements
- 10. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Provide specific location of proposed project: Indicate address, street intersection, Township or State Route **and attach map of location.**  
Mary D Fire Company driveway, Main Street, Mary D, Schuylkill Township

Describe the scope of the project. Please be specific. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Currently the driveway to the Mary D Fire Company's truck  
bays suffers from flooding, poor drainage and is too elevated to  
accomodate modern tanker trucks. This project will lower the  
elevation of the driveway to accomodate the new tanker trucks and  
address drainage. Alfred Benesch will be the project engineer.

What specific problems would be solved if this project is funded? (i.e: detail how many and which homes get flooded for a storm water project; why new waterlines are needed; what problems persons with disabilities have in attending meetings)

Currently, the entry driveway to the Mary D Fire Company's truck bays is so high, modern tanker trucks scrape when entering.

Moreover, the truck cannot be housed when full, creating a safety concern in case of a fire. This project will lower the

entrance to the fire company's garage to allow the truck to be stored full.

What is the status of the project? ( i.e., right of way to be acquired, permits needed, engineering and design work to be done; applications to be filed for other funding)

Right of way for the project is secured as the property is either township or fire company owned. Alfred Benesch will be the engineers to assist with plans and bid documents. **PROJECT WILL REQUIRE FIELD SURVEY TO VERIFY ESTIMATE.**

This project is expected to serve 503 households. This is the number of households you will have to survey. It is best to be very specific about who benefits from the project and the number who will benefit.

Design work, preparation of bid documents and on-site project inspections will be provided by the engineering or architectural firm. Identify individual in the firm who provided assistance with the application if appropriate.

Individual: Dave Crispell Firm: Alfred Benesch

Phone number: 570-622-4055

Application submitted by:

Municipality Schuylkil Township

Name and Title of Chief Elected Official

Joseph Boran  
Signature of Chief Elected Official

Joe Boran Chairman  
11/7/05  
Date Seyewer

PROJECT BUDGET:

| Source                             |                  | Status      |             |          |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
|                                    |                  | Application | Application | Funds    |
|                                    |                  | to be made  | Filed       | Approved |
| General Fund                       | \$ _____         |             |             |          |
| County CDBG Funds                  | \$ <u>20,000</u> |             | X           |          |
| Other Funds Identify:              |                  |             |             |          |
| PennVest                           | \$ _____         |             |             |          |
| Rural Development Administration   | \$ _____         |             |             |          |
| Bank Loan                          | \$ _____         |             |             |          |
| CDBG Discretionary Grant from DCED | \$ _____         |             |             |          |
| Other State Funds                  | \$ _____         |             |             |          |
| Other Federal Funds                | \$ _____         |             |             |          |

Engineering Fees \$ 3,000  
 (to be paid by Municipality)

Estimated Total Project Cost \$ 23,000

Cost estimate prepared by:

Name JAMES TOMIŁ Telephone: (570) 622-4055  
Alfred Benesch and Company

Address 400 ONE NORWEGIAN PLAZA  
Pottsville PA 17901

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY  
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CDBG PROGRAM

*Joe Brought  
in court  
house  
11/10/05*

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Court House  
401 North Second Street  
Pottsville PA 17901-2528

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TO: ALL NON-ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES  
FROM: MARK SCARBINSKY, DIRECTOR  
DATE: AUGUST 31, 2005  
SUBJECT: F.Y. 2006 CDBG Program

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to submit an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for F.Y. 2006. The application will be due to the Courthouse by November 30, 2005 for funding consideration. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

To provide you with information on the application process and solicit input on the housing and community development needs within the County, the Schuylkill County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 19, 2005**, following the work session meeting (which starts at 10:00 a.m.), in the Commissioners' Board Room, Court House, 401 North Second Street, Pottsville, PA.

In addition, a review of the County's performance in undertaking previous programs will be reviewed and comments on such performance are invited.

The County anticipates receiving approximately \$360,000 from Fiscal Year 2006 Small Communities Program entitlement funds, as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). This represents a reduction of approximately 20% in funding received for 2005. Of the total grant award, approximately \$300,000 will be allocated to projects in the non-entitlement communities of the County. The remaining allocation will be utilized for administration expenses. The County will review the eligibility, fundability and staff capacity to properly administer the program and overall feasibility of the proposed projects.

Enclosed is a list of eligible activities under the Community Development Block Grant Program. If your municipality intends to apply for CDBG funds, the application must be received by the Schuylkill County Office of Economic Development, Court House, 401 North Second Street, Pottsville PA 17901-2528 by **4:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2005.**

All applications **must be approved by resolution** at a public meeting of the municipal governing body and signed by an **authorized representative** of the governing body.

If more than one project is proposed, a separate form must be used. If additional forms are required, the application form may be reproduced. If more than one application is submitted, projects must be **numbered by priority** by the municipality at the time of submission.

Projects must serve lower income residents. Projects serving a residential area such as sewer, water or street improvement may require an actual surveys of household income for those families who will benefit from each project. **Fifty-one percent (51%) of the persons living in the service area must be considered low/moderate income**, as determined by the income guidelines provided in the attachment. Surveys must be undertaken by responsible individuals from the respective community. The County Office of Economic Development must be contacted prior to any survey being undertaken and no survey should be undertaken without prior approval by this office. Handicap barrier removal projects do not require surveys.

Please note that Federal wage rates (Davis-Bacon Act) apply to all construction or renovation projects under this program and that **the municipality is responsible for all engineering costs.**

Renovation or construction of buildings used for the general conduct of government (Borough Halls or Township buildings or garages) except for handicap accessibility in compliance with ADA requirements is NOT an eligible activity.

The County may fund a demolition program with these funds. All requests for demolition of vacant property should be submitted to Dan Grow, Solid Waste Management, Courthouse, Pottsville, PA 17901. Individual requests for demolition will not be considered.

The application must include a complete project description, with a cost estimate prepared by an individual knowledgeable in the preparation of such estimates, using Federal construction requirements, including, but not limited to, Federal wage rates.

Please call me at (570) 628-1167 if you have any questions or would like to discuss your proposed project.

We are looking forward to a successful 2006 Community Development Block Grant Program.

# STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2006 SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

## A. RANGE OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

1. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

2. DISPOSITION EXPENSES (RESALE EXPENSES)

3. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Streets, curbs, sidewalks  
Storm and sanitary sewers  
Water lines  
Parks  
Community centers, senior centers  
Parking lots  
Fire Stations

4. DEMOLITION

5. PUBLIC SERVICES

No more than 15% of the annual grant can be used for new or expanded public services related to health, welfare, crime prevention, drug abuse, recreation needs, etc.

6. PAYMENT OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE

Grant funds can be used to pay the local share of other grant-in-aid projects.

7. PRIVATELY-OWNED UTILITIES

8. REHABILITATION

This includes renovation of closed school buildings and buildings occupied by low/moderate income families being located in non-entitlement communities. Also complete rehabilitation of a property, or special emergency repairs, energy improvements, smoke detectors, connection of residential structures to water distribution lines or local sewer collection lines, and related costs.

9. CODE ENFORCEMENT

10. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

11. REMOVAL OF MATERIAL AND ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS WHICH RESTRICT MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED PERSONS

12. HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE

Grant funds may be used to subsidize interest rates; finance the acquisition by low and moderate income homebuyers of housing occupied by the homebuyers; acquire guarantees; provide up to 50% of any down payment costs; or pay reasonable closing costs.

13. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

Grant funds can be used for loans, loan guarantees, interest supplements to assist commercial or industrial properties, including railroad spurs or similar extensions.

14. **LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARD EVALUATION AND REDUCTION**

15. **PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**

Grant funds can be used for audit fees, administration of the program, environmental assessment, planning and feasibility studies, comprehensive plans, etc.

16. **NON-PROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING**

Grant funds can be used to assist non-profit organizations to undertake economic development and neighborhood revitalization activities.

17. **INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS**

Matching funds may be contributed to qualified Individual Development Accounts for lower income individuals. These accounts may be used to purchase a home, receive education and job training or capitalize a microenterprise.

**NOTE:**The above activities are eligible under the CDBG Program. Priority consideration will be given to those projects which can demonstrate a serious health and safety problem exists and/or will benefit low/moderate income persons.



## B. COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

### I. LOW AND MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

1. 70% of the annual block grant funds (excluding administration and planning costs) must be used to benefit low and moderate income persons. In Schuylkill County, low and moderate income persons are defined as:\*

| <u>Family Size</u> | <u>Maximum Income</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 person           | 27,150                |
| 2 persons          | 31,050                |
| 3 persons          | 34,900                |
| 4 persons          | 38,800                |
| 5 persons          | 41,900                |
| 6 persons          | 45,000                |
| 7 persons          | 48,100                |
| 8+ persons         | 51,200                |

\* Effective January 31, 2005

There are several methods and tests to document how an activity benefits low and moderate income persons.

- a. The removal of architectural barriers for the handicapped, and activities that benefit a clientele who are generally presumed to be principally low and moderate income such as abused children, battered spouses, the elderly, homeless persons, illiterate adults, etc. are immediately accepted as benefiting low and moderate income persons.
- b. Activities that have direct benefit users, such as properties connecting to a new water line, sanitary sewer, etc. A survey could be required to document whether homeowners are above or below the income guidelines.
- c. In the case of area benefit, e.g., parks, playgrounds, street paving, if the boundaries of the Census enumeration district show a low and moderate income population in excess of 51%, then the activity can be considered meeting low and moderate income benefit.
- d. If an activity is related to economic development, then at least 51% of the jobs created or retained would be available to low and moderate income persons.

