NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA FY2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CARES PROGRAM (CDBG-CV)

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing to obtain the views and comments of citizens on community development needs will be held on **October 18, 2021 at 10:00 am** at the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority (86 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401). This location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Every effort will be made to provide the needed materials to all residents, including persons with disabilities and LEP persons, upon request. Please call 724-437-1547 ext. 210 at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing to request technical assistance.

The hearing will address the proposed request for funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Community Development Block Grant CARES (CDBG-CV) Competitive Program. If approved, funds will be used for the proposed Fayette County Broadband Expansion Initiative. It is anticipated that the total state-wide allocation for the FY2021 CDBG-CV Competitive Program will be approximately \$71,493,980.

The hearing may also include a discussion of the County's past and future uses of CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. CDBG and CDBG-CV funds are provided to the County from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and may be utilized for a variety of community development and housing activities. CDBG-CV funds may only be utilized for community development activities associated with COVID-19 relief that prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus. Seventy percent (70%) of available funds must benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The proposed project plans for no displacement of any persons or affordable housing units. It is the stated policy of the County to avoid activities which result in displacement. In the unlikely event any activity funded by the CDBG program results in displacement, it is the responsibility of the County and/or local municipality to provide relocation assistance.

All interested agencies, groups and persons wishing to comment on the County's community development needs and uses of CDBG-CV funds may submit written remarks to the attention of Andrew French, Executive Director, Fayette County Redevelopment Authority (86 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401) by the end of day, **October 18, 2021**. Electronic comments may also be submitted by email to <u>bgirod@racfpa.org</u>.

It is anticipated that the County Commissioners will consider approval of the proposed FY2021 CDBG-CV Competitive Program at their next public meeting on **October 21, 2021**.