



Executive Director's Report – August 2021

CDBG Year 48 Pre-Application Now Being Accepted – Beginning **August 9, 2021**, Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) will be soliciting pre-applications for construction-related projects for its 2022 (Year 48) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), which is funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All pre-applications must be submitted through the Quaker Valley COG. Please note that every QVCOG member community is eligible to apply for CDBG funding for “non-income based” projects such as ADA accessibility improvement projects and blight remediation. Project requests must total at least \$20,000 and municipalities may submit multiple applications each year for consideration. Projects that do not receive funding for CD Year 48 may be reconsidered the following year. Interested parties may request a fillable Pre-Application form which has been used by the COG in the past to solicit potential CDBG projects. In order to meet the County's deadline of September 10, 2021 prospective municipalities must submit their Pre-Applications to the COG by end of business on **Friday, September 3, 2021**. Given the stated timeline, please email Executive Director Connors for any questions concerning the pre-application process as soon as possible.

5-Year Refuse and Recycling Contract – On July 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. bids were received and read aloud at the Kilbuck Township Municipal Building for the 5-year waste and recycling contract with both Waste Management and Noble Environmental providing bids. After initial review of the provided documentation, Waste Management is the apparent low bidder submitting a quote in the amount of \$13,669,921.92 (Options A & B) which is **65.3%** less than the proposal submitted by Noble Environmental. The Refuse and Recycling Committee is expected to provide a formal recommendation concerning award of the 5-year waste and recycling contract during the August 18, 2021 Board of Directors Regular Meeting. Interested parties may request a PDF copy of received bid documents by emailing Executive Director Connors (pconnors@qvcog.org).

Traveling Glass Dumpster (Glenfield and Haysville Boroughs) – From July 31st – August 5th Glenfield & Haysville Boroughs partnered in sponsoring a traveling glass dumpster provided by the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC). The dumpster was located at the Quaker Valley High School. This series of events will continue with Bellevue Borough sponsoring the next event which will take place at their municipal parking lot (between Meade Avenue and S. Sprague Avenue) from August 28th through September 2nd.

Hybrid Meetings – Due to the recent success and buy-in from participants regarding “hybrid” COG meetings (simultaneous in-person and virtual meetings) this format is set to remain in place through 2021 for both the Board of Directors and the Managers & Secretaries Committee. Meeting dates and locations, along with Zoom links, can be found by visiting qvcog.org. The Quaker Valley COG thanks all member municipalities who have volunteered their facilities for the aforementioned meetings.

2019 & 2020 Audit Reports – It is anticipated that representatives of the COG's appointed Audit Firm, Case Sabatini, will be presenting a summary of the 2019 Audit Report during the August 18, 2021 Board of Directors Regular Meeting. A similar summary concerning the 2020 Audit is expected to occur soon. Once received, the Report(s) will be made available on the COG's webpage and will also be made available by request.

Haysville Traffic Signal Discussion - Ms. Amy Paff has invited interested parties to attend a meeting hosted by State Rep. Gaydos along with representatives of PennDOT to discuss the Haysville – Glen Osborn light on 65. Haysville Borough is seeking the installation of a turning arrow for residents, school buses, and local employees trying to cross the intersection. The meeting will take place in-person on August 23rd at 10:00 a.m. behind Pittsburgh Stage, Inc. (2 South Ave, Sewickley, PA 15143). QVCOG Delegates are interested members of the public are invited to attend.

2020 Census - On August 12th the US Census Bureau released initial 2020 Census data. Preliminary data for QVCOG member communities is available by visiting census.gov. I encourage all municipal staff and officials to review the available data.