

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

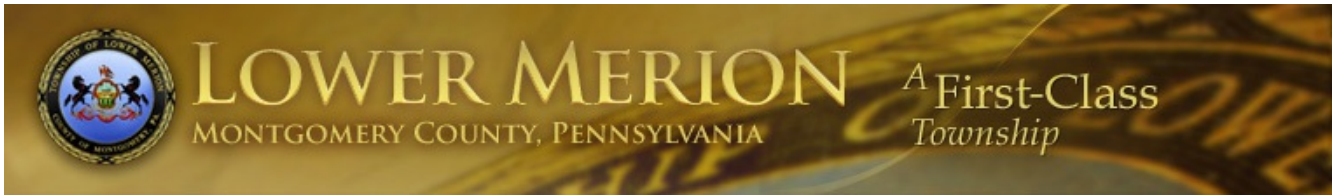
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, July 31, 2024
6:30 PM (Approximately)**

Chairpersons: Sean Whalen
Vice Chairperson: Rick Churchill, Jeremiah Woodring

AGENDA

- 1. RESOLUTION - APPLICATION TO THE PADCED IDA RECOVERY GRANT FOR STORMWATER MITIGATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**



AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

ITEM: RESOLUTION - APPLICATION TO THE PADCED IDA RECOVERY GRANT FOR STORMWATER MITIGATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Consider for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners adoption of a resolution authorizing the Township to submit a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PADCED)'s Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program for stormwater mitigation and infrastructure improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
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TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Public Works Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Resolution to Submit an Application to the PA DCED Ida Recovery Grant for Stormwater Mitigation and Infrastructure Improvements

Prepared By: Jesse Hunting, Assistant Director of Public Works
Brandon Ford, Assistant Township Manager

Date: July 26, 2024

I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Township to submit a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PADCED)'s Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program for stormwater mitigation and infrastructure improvements.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

The CDBG-DR program requires a resolution passed by the applicant's government body authorizing submission to the grant program.

III. Current Policy or Practice (If Applicable): N/A

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

In September 2021, a major disaster for Pennsylvania was declared due to the effects of Hurricane Ida. As a result of the declaration, federal funding was made available to provide disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the area impacted by the natural disaster.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania received more than \$38.2 million in federal funds to address needs related to the recovery from Hurricane Ida in 2021. In order to effectively utilize the funds, PADCED has prepared the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grant program to finance municipal projects intended to address housing, infrastructure, economic development, and hazard mitigation needs resulting from Hurricane Ida.

This funding is available to local governments that receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds in Bedford, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and York Counties.

The Federal Register Notices also require 80% of the funds for the CDBG-DR program be allocated to local governments in Delaware and Montgomery Counties.

CDBG-DR funds can be utilized to address local stormwater infrastructure improvements and identified hazard mitigation needs to increase the resilience of municipal jurisdictions to future severe storm events. Examples of eligible projects include water and sewer system enhancements, storm drainage and associated road and bridge improvements as well as flood-control and protection devices.

Township staff have identified approximately \$1.6 million in eligible investments in local stormwater infrastructure and mitigation improvements across eight projects currently included in the Township's proposed 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP):

CIP Project #4237 Bridge Maintenance Program

1. Lafayette Road Culvert Repair	\$ 300,000
2. Bridge Repairs at Grenox Road	\$ 80,000
3. Bridge Repair at Bryn Mawr Avenue	\$ 60,000
4. Bridge Repairs at Beech Road (South)	\$ 50,000
5. Bridge Repairs at Roslyn Lane	\$ 30,000
6. Bridge Repairs at Morris Road	\$ 30,000
7. Bridge Repairs at Wyngate Road	\$ 30,000

CIP Project #4652 Stormwater Facilities

8. River Road Culvert Improvements	\$ 1.0 million
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V. Impact On Township Finances:

The total estimated cost of this project is approximately \$1.6 million and is currently budgeted in the Township's proposed 2025-2030 CIP. The CDBG-DR program requires no match and grant awards can total up to \$2 million. Any funds awarded to this project would result in potential net savings to the Township in avoided CIP costs.

VI. Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving the resolution authorizing the Township to submit an application to the PADCED CDBG-DR grant program for stormwater mitigation and infrastructure improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY
(CDBG-DR) PROGRAM FOR STORMWATER REPAIRS &
MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the public interest that the Township of Lower Merion, Pennsylvania, receive funds from the commonwealth through the Department of Community and Economic Development in accordance with the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Merion has the legal authority to apply for Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funds; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Merion is familiar with the requirements of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Merion wishes to apply for said funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Merion that its Township Manager is authorized to have prepared the necessary forms and documents to apply to the Department of Community and Economic Development for Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funds for the purposes aforesaid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if CDBG-DR funds are determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to be expended on ineligible program costs or do not meet a national objective, the Township of Lower Merion agrees to repay the proportion deemed ineligible from non-federal sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Merion is empowered to place their signature, on behalf of the governing body, on necessary application forms and affix thereto the official

RESOLVED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

BY: _____
Todd M. Sinai, President

ATTEST:

Jody L. Kelley, Secretary