

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MITIGATION (CDBG-MIT)

The West Virginia Development Office (WVDO) is conducting public hearings regarding Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for public engagement and input. On August 23, 2019, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Federal Register Notice FR-6109-N-02. The State of West Virginia has been allocated \$106,494,000.00. The CDBG-MIT funding will provide an opportunity to fortify resiliency measures to decrease the impact of future flooding events and other natural hazards in the following counties: Clay, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Nicholas, Fayette, Jackson, Lincoln, Monroe, Pocahontas, Roane, Summers, and Webster with a requirement of \$53,247,000.00 to benefit the Most Impacted and Distressed Counties to include Kanawha, Greenbrier, Nicholas and Clay. The Federal Register states, "HUD seeks to support data-informed investments in high impact projects that will reduce risks attributed to natural disasters, with particular focus on repetitive loss of property and critical infrastructure, build the capacity of States and local governments to comprehensively analyze disaster risks and update hazard mitigation plans through the use of data and meaningful community engagement, support the adoption of policies that reflect local and regional priorities that will have long lasting effects on community risk reduction, and maximize the impact of available funds by encouraging leverage, private-public partnerships and coordination with other Federal programs."

WVDO is in the process of drafting an CDBG-MIT Action Plan (AP) due to HUD on Sunday, November 1, 2020. The Action Plan will guide the expenditures of CDBG-MIT funding for 12 years beginning upon execution of a grant agreement with HUD. To be considered in the plans, written comments will be received at the address below, attention Sherry Risk, or submitted via email to CDBGMitigation@wv.gov. WVDO is currently gathering citizens' views on mitigation needs and responding to questions to assist in drafting programs for the plan. The Federal Register is available at <https://wvfloodrecovery.com/mitigation/> by calling the WVDO at 304-957-2068 or emailing CDBGMitigation@wv.gov.

Virtual public hearings will be held to review the CDBG-MIT funding and gather input during the development of the CDBG-MIT Action Plan. To effectively facilitate online commenting, individuals who wish to comment must use the "raise hand" function. Once an individual has raised his/her hand, the individual will be called on by the facilitator in order, unmuted and asked to comment.

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MEETING DATES AND JOIN THE MEETING REGISTRATION

<p>Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Via online webinar Register by going to the following link: https://tinyurl.com/CDBGMIT</p>	<p>Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Via online webinar Register by going to the following link: https://tinyurl.com/CDBGMIT</p>
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