

**COUNTY OF BERKS
SUMMARY NOTICE & PUBLIC HEARING
2025 ACTION PLAN**

The County will be adopting its Action Plan for federal fiscal year 2025 which is the second year of the County's 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan is a planning document that addresses housing and community development needs of Berks County and the use of various federal funds to address those needs. This summary is designed to give citizens, local governments, and interested organizations of the County an opportunity to comment on the Action Plan. The County anticipates approving the Action Plan at the Commissioner's Board meeting of July 10, 2025.

COUNTY PLAN: The 2025 Action Plan is the first year of the Consolidated Plan. For FFY2025, the County will receive \$2,240,548 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, \$625,880.90 from the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and \$72,000 in program income, and \$201,133 from the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. Activities proposed for funding include the following: public facilities (\$1,207,561); operations, maintenance of emergency shelters (\$105,000); homeless prevention and rapid re-housing (\$81,133); development of affordable housing (\$635,380); administration and planning (\$525,609.90); Section 108 loan payments (\$200,000); and public services (\$350,000). The estimated amount that will benefit low/moderate income persons for the CDBG Program is at least 80%. The County expects that no displacement of families, individuals, or businesses will occur as a result of the activities. Should displacement occur as a result of any project or activity, the County will follow the regulations of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

PUBLIC REVIEW: This summary is designed to give citizens, local government officials, and interested organizations with an opportunity to comment on the Action Plan and proposed amendment. Please submit written comments for the County's Action Plan to: Kenneth L. Pick, Executive Director, Berks County Redevelopment Authority, 400 East Wyomissing Avenue, Ground Floor – Suite 2, Mohnton, PA 19540 by July 7, 2025. A citizen summary of the Action Plan is available for public review and comment at the public libraries and municipal offices throughout the County.

PUBLIC HEARING: The County of Berks will hold a virtual public hearing on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm. An invitation and instructions how to join the teleconference (Zoom) meeting may be found at the Authority's website at berkspa.gov/departments/berksra. All citizens, public agencies and other interested parties may either attend this hearing or phone-in during the hearing to offer their views and comments on the proposed Plan. Persons requiring assistance due to hearing, speech, or vision impairments should notify the Berks County Redevelopment Authority at 610-478-6325 or 610-478-6335 (TDD).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The County will be undertaking an evaluation of the activities to be funded in an effort to identify historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the activities. By this Notice, the County invites interested parties who may have an interest in activities which may impact historic and archaeological resources to make themselves known. For County

projects, parties should contact the Berks County Redevelopment Authority, 400 East Wyomissing Avenue, Ground Floor – Suite 2, Mohnton, PA 19540 610-478-6325 or 610-478-6335 (TDD). The County will involve such parties in the notification and review process of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as set forth in 36 CFR Part 800.