

**Honesdale  
Borough  
Wayne County, PA**

---



**Community  
Development Block  
Grant**

**3-Year Plan**

**2017 -2018 -2019**

**Honesdale Borough  
Wayne County, PA  
Community Development Block Grant  
3-Year Plan  
2017-2018-2019**

---

**Summary**

The Honesdale Borough Council has developed a 3-Year Plan for the use of its allocated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The plan focus is on local housing and community development needs with an emphasis on lower-income residents and provides projects for addressing identified needs. Allocated CDBG funds are administered on behalf of Honesdale Borough by the Wayne County Redevelopment Authority.

Population figures for the municipality as per the 2010 Decennial census are 4,580. Updated statistical data has been included in this plan as provided by the Wayne Economic Development Corporation serving Wayne County.

The Borough's LMI population represents 55.24 % of the total Borough population; and minorities comprise 12.5% of our total population.

The goal of the Plan is to create visible impacts that deliver greater efficiencies and bring about positive changes within the community. In order for an activity or project to be eligible for funding, it must qualify as meeting one of the three national objectives of the program:

- Principally benefit (at least 51%) low and moderate income persons;
- Aid in the prevention of slums or blight; or
- Meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

Potential CDBG activities included in the Plan will be for construction or rehabilitation of public facilities and infrastructure, and public services.

Citizen participation is available at all public Council meetings, and all advertised public hearings on Community Development Block Grant funds.

Currently the primary obstacle to meeting all of the identified needs, including those identified as priorities, is the general lack of funding resources available to public and private agencies that serve the needs of low- and moderate-income residents.

The CDBG regulations do not require a funding match for the program. CDBG funds are matched with other Borough funds such as general funds, special tax funds and other local resources to complete the overall objectives of the Borough Council to meet the needs of residents.

**Population and Housing**

Honesdale, like most urban centers, has been losing population, and housing conditions have declined in some of the older areas of the Borough. Code enforcement activities are needed in order to maintain the

quality of housing; and, and housing rehabilitation programs are needed in order to revitalize older residential neighborhoods. Detailed information on population, housing, minorities and incomes is included in the attached Tables 2.23 and 2.30 from the Borough's most recent Comprehensive Plan.

### **Public Facilities**

The Borough has fulltime and part time officers for the Police Department and a volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department includes 4 fire houses. One of the problems is the shrinking number of volunteers. Another public facility need is improved storm water management in order to mitigate flooding problems. Ambulance service is provided by private companies. There are several recreation facilities in the borough. Gibbons Park is an important facility for borough residents; but, it needs improvements, such as improving the access road leading to the park. Street improvements, especially paving is an ongoing need. Traffic calming improvements are also needed. Additional off-street parking is needed in the Central Business District.

### **Public Services**

The Wayne County Library is located in the Borough; it needs various improvements, additional space and parking. The Wayne Memorial Hospital is located in the Borough, at the edge of the Central Business District. It is a major facility meeting the health care needs of the Borough and the region. A major human service need is a new Senior Center. There is a need for public or private transportation to allow residents access to neighboring communities, medical facilities, and social services.

### **Economic Development**

Although Honesdale is largely a built-up municipality, with a strong Central Business District, There is, however, additional economic development potential in the south end of the Borough. Economic development is a major goal of the Borough and the County. In order to address this goal, there are several organizations whose missions are the expansion of Economic Development; they include: the Wayne Economic Development Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Honesdale Partnership.

### **Goals**

Our primary goal to meet the community development needs of our LMI population. As a primarily LMI municipality, our Central Business District primarily serves our LMI population. Accordingly, our current project proposal will serve our Central Business District. This will involve the replacement of the 5th Street pedestrian bridge that provides pedestrian access to the CBD: it was originally constructed in 1988 with CDBG funds; but engineering studies have recommended its replacement.

Another major goal of the Borough is the preservation of its numerous historic sites.

#### **SOURCES:**

- Comprehensive Regional Plan
- U.S. Census
- Consultation with local officials

## **Short Term Goals - 2017**

Replace 5<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge as a multi-year project to be undertaken over a period of 3 years.

- Do engineering and prepare bid specifications in 2017.

## **Long Term Goals -2018 and 2019**

- Multi-year financing project / 5<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge Replacement
- Advertise and bid project in 2019, and start construction. Construction to be completed in 2020.

## **Mapping**

Attached map shows the location of proposed project utilizing CDFBG funds for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

### **2017 Funding**

Honesdale Borough expects to be allocated an estimated \$85,961.00 in CDBG funds. The Wayne County Redevelopment Authority administers the program and is entitled to 18% of the allocation or \$15,472.00 leaving \$70,489.00 for eligible projects with FFY 2017 funds.

replacement of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge \$70,489.00

This will be a multi-year project utilizing CDBG funds available under FFY 2017, 2018 and 2019.

### **2018 Funding**

Honesdale Borough expects to be allocated an estimated \$70,000.00 in CDBG funds for eligible projects utilizing Fiscal Year 2018 Funding.

replacement of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge \$70,000.00

### **2019 Funding**

Honesdale Borough expects to be allocated an estimated \$70,000.00 in CDBG funds for eligible projects utilizing Fiscal Year 2019 Funding.

Replacement of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge \$70,000.00

Advertising, Bidding, & Aware of project

