**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On or about May 26th, LaPorte County will hold a public hearing regarding COVID-19 Response Program that was created to address the immediate impacts of COVID-19 on Indiana’s rural communities. Funds are derived from the State’s annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation and guidance was provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on how the funds are to be used.

LaPorte County was identified and received a grant to be used under the Grants to businesses to retain low to moderate income jobs in unincorporated areas of LaPorte County. The total amount of the Grant award to the County was $250,000. Those funds must be distributed to eligible businesses that meet the federal guidelines and may be used broadly for working capital, continued operations and to support remote work. The Program has been coined the Lifeline Program.

A public hearing will be held by the LaPorte County Council on Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., electronically on the internet at www.Zoom.us and then click the “Join a Meeting” tab followed by the meeting ID NUMBER (Join Zoom Meeting -<https://zoom.us/j/91019606964?pwd=Z0E5WHFRUHhzY2UraDlnWGpacWtmZz09> no password is required but is subject to change). Additionally, if you choose to attend this meeting in person, please make allowances for social distancing and other requirements set forth by the State of Indiana.

If you should have any questions concerning grant and public hearing, please contact Tony Rodriguez at 219-326-6808 ext 2647 [trodriguez@laportecounty.org](mailto:trodriguez@laportecounty.org) Please submit a written request by email prior to the meeting.