

**COUNTY OF CLARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
SECTION 3 - ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITIES**



**Section 3 of the Housing
and Urban Development**

Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u)
(as amended), requires that economic opportunities generated by Clarion County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given to low and very low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons.

Who are Section 3 Residents?

- 1) Public housing residents, including persons with disabilities; and
- 2) Low and very-low income persons who live in the area where a CDBG assisted project is located. See below for family size and income levels:

**2012 SECTION 8 INCOME LIMITS
CLARION COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

Family Size	Very Low	Low-Moderate
1 Person	\$19,250	\$30,750
2 Person	\$22,000	\$35,150
3 Person	\$24,750	\$39,550
4 Person	\$27,450	\$43,900
5 Person	\$29,650	\$47,450
6 Person	\$31,850	\$50,950
7 Person	\$34,050	\$54,450
8 Person	\$36,250	\$57,950

Section 3 Residents

Priority Ranking

Category 1 Residents – Section 3 Residents residing in the service area in which the Section 3 Project is located.

Category 2 Residents – Participants in Youth Build Programs.

Homeless Persons.

Other Section 3 Residents.

What is a Section 3 Business?

- 1) A business that is owned by Section 3 Residents; or
- 2) A business that employs Section 3 residents; or
- 3) A business that subcontracts with businesses that provides opportunities to low and very low income persons.

Section 3 Business – Priority

Ranking

Category 1 Business – Service area in which the Section 3 Project is located.

Category 2 Business – Youth Build Program operated in service area where the project is located.

Other Section 3 Business Concerns



What Types of Economic Opportunities are Available Under Section 3?

- 1) Jobs and employment opportunities;
- 2) Training and educational opportunities; and
- 3) Contracts and business opportunities.

Who Receives Economic Opportunities Under Section 3?

For training and employment:

- 1) Persons in public and assisted housing;
- 2) Persons in the affected project neighborhood;
- 3) Participants in HUD Youth-Build Programs; and
- 4) Homeless persons.

For contracting:

- 1) Businesses which fit the definition of a Section 3 business.

Who Will Provide Economic Opportunities Under Section 3?

Recipients of HUD financial assistance and their contractors and subcontractors are expected to develop a Section 3 Plan to assure that economic opportunities are provided, to the greatest extent feasible, to low and very low income persons and to qualified Section 3 Businesses. One element of the Plan is the use of a Section 3 Clause which indicates that all work performed under the contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SECTION 3 RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, PLEASE CONTACT:

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