**VILLAGE OF CENTERTOWN, MISSOURI**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Village of Centertown will hold a public hearing on July 22nd, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., at Village Hall, located at 1227 Broadway, Centertown, MO 65023 to discuss the Village’s submission of competitive cycle grant application for the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Village is interested in obtaining all citizens input on community development needs within the village. As part of the hearing process, citizens will be asked to verbally assist in the completion of a Needs Assessment document. The document will detail what the residents feel are the strengths and weaknesses of the community. Additionally, the hearing will provide a forum to discuss the impacts of the project on the environment and the environment on the project. The Village needs as much local participation as possible in order to reflect the true desires of the community as well, as well as comments relating to the proposed project application. The State has established a maximum application request for each funding category.

Activities that are eligible for funding include the improvement of Community Facilities, Demolition, General Infrastructure, and others allowed by law. At least 51% of the funds must be used to benefit low-and-moderate income persons. No displacement of persons is anticipated. The Village of Centertown is proposing to replace outdated and undersized culverts and improve drain ditches in key areas throughout the community to reduce flooding, improve public safety, and protect roadways and public and private property from water damage. The areas to be addressed include improvements along Oak Street (from the rail line to Lookout Trail), Monroe Street (from Mill Street to East Railroad Road, including the adjacent public park), Lookout Trail (between Route U and Madison Street), and the Monroe Street corridor near Centertown School and Park Road.

The total project cost is estimated at $549,298 dollars. The Village proposes utilizing $30,000 of its Cole County Small Community Grant funds, providing $500 of in-kind administrative work, with the balance of $518,798 dollars to come from CDBG. This project, if funded, will benefit 56.50% low/moderate income persons. All citizens, including those in the targeted area, are encouraged to attend to comment on the proposed activities.

For more information on the proposed project, contact Adam Brown at (573) 584-9572 or by email at centertown.adam@gmail.com. If you need special accommodations for the public hearing, including LEP assistance, contact Adam Brown by July 21st, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at an accessible location and the village will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations.