

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR 2019

PROPOSED FY-2019 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) ACTION PLAN
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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PUBLIC HEARING, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018, 5:00 P.M. AT THE ORANGE
COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER, 22 WELLS FARM ROAD, GOSHEN, NY 10924

1. OVERVIEW-HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) PLAN/PUBLIC HEARING

Orange County will hold a public hearing in order that the public may discuss and make comments on the proposed Housing and Community Development (HCD) Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2019. The Orange County Office of Community Development currently administers the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program for affordable housing (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), all of which are funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Orange County acts as the lead agency for these programs on behalf of a consortium of member municipalities. HUD has consolidated the submission requirements for these formula grant programs into a single HCD Plan. The functions of the HCD Plan are threefold: it is a planning document, a strategy to be followed in administering HUD programs and an application for federal funds.

2. PROPOSED FY 2019 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

The municipal community development projects to be done with Fiscal Year 2019 funds have been selected by member municipalities in accordance with local priorities. In addition, the proposed activities have been selected to meet the mandatory national objectives of the program. These objectives are: benefit to low and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums and blight, or urgent community needs. Municipal projects were selected in August 2018 and were the subject of local public hearings to involve citizens in the process. Additionally, as part of its program evaluation, the O.C. Advisory Committee and the County Executive have determined that a change in adopted CDBG Fiscal Years should be made to re-program unutilized and re-allocated funds. Specifically, a total of \$71,807 will be reprogrammed to establish funding for the FY-2019 CDBG projects.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Orange County will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY-2019 Housing and Community Development Action Plan on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 5:00 PM at the Orange County Emergency Services Center, located at 22 Wells Farm Road, Goshen, NY 10924. The hearing will be held in order that the public may make comments on the draft HCD Plan, proposed activities or the County's programs in general, or suggest other activities that may be carried out under these programs.

4. ASSESSMENT OF PRIOR YEAR'S EXPENDITURES

Under the CDBG Program, the County is required to undertake projects that benefit lower income people, prevent or remove slums and blight or meet other urgent community needs. All of the County's projects carried out in the past year meet either the first or second of these objectives.

This program has been primarily directed to lower income families, those below 80 percent of County median income. In 2017, the lower income benefit expenditures were 100% of the total. Activities that involve design, planning, and administration have been deleted from this computation so that only funds actually spent on construction have been used in the computation for each objective.

The HOME Program provides rental housing opportunities to lower income households below 60% of the area median income and homeowner rehabilitation assistance to households below 80% of the median.

5. DISPLACEMENT STRATEGY

Orange County complies with all HUD regulations with regard to displacement and relocation.

6. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) PLAN AVAILABILITY

A draft of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Action Plan for FY 2019, which includes a complete listing of proposed projects, is currently available for public view at www.orangecountygov.com. Copies can also be obtained from: The Orange County Office of Community Development, 18 Seward Ave., Middletown, New York 10940 or by calling (845) 615-3820; and, at the Goshen Public Library, Newburgh Free Library, Thrall Library, Middletown and the Port Jervis Free Library.

In order to be considered, written comments must be received no later than the close of business, Friday, November 2, 2018. Please mail written comments to Nicole Andersen, Interim Director, Office of Community Development at the above address. The final FY 2019 HCD Action Plan will consider all public comments received and will be submitted to HUD no later than November 15, 2018 or on a later date as prescribed by HUD.

Dated: October 1, 2018