

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Orange County will hold a public hearing in order that the public may discuss, make comments and provide information necessary to develop the Consolidated Housing and Community Development (HCD) Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 and to discuss needs, goals and objectives for consideration for inclusion in the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 to 2024. The County's amended Citizen Participation Plan will also be on display for review and public comments will be accepted.

The Orange County Office of Community Development currently administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program for affordable housing (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) which are all funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD has consolidated the submission requirements for all of these formula grant programs into a single HCD plan. In Fiscal Year 2014, Orange County prepared a HCD plan which contained a needs assessment, strategic plan and action plan. The approved HCD plan covers Fiscal Years 2015 to 2019. A copy of this plan is available for review at the Orange County Office of Community Development, 18 Seward Avenue-First Floor, Middletown, New York. An HCD Plan for Fiscal years 2020 to 2024 and an Action Plan for the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds for FY-2020 must be prepared and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing of Urban Development (HUD) on or before November 15, 2019, or upon such date as instructed by HUD.

The overall goal of the HCD plan has been and continued to be to strengthen partnerships within the County among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and not-for-profit organizations to enable them to provide decent housing, establish and maintain a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities for our citizens. The functions of the HCD Plan are threefold: it is a planning document, an application for Federal funds and a strategy to be followed in administering HUD Programs.

The purpose of the HCD Public Hearing is to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, not-for-profit community groups, private businesses and other interested parties on needs, goals and objectives as well as to suggest programs and activities to address such needs, goals and objectives.

At this hearing, there will be a discussion of housing and community development needs in the County, development of proposed activities, proposed strategies and actions for affirmatively furthering fair housing, and a review of program performance. Groups and organizations representing people with low and moderate incomes are encouraged to have their clients attend this hearing so that the views of program beneficiaries may be obtained.

The County of Orange will make reasonable accommodations and services necessary for citizens with sensory-impairments and disabilities at the public hearing. Translation services may be offered upon request and availability. People requiring such accommodations/services should contact the County at least three working days in advance of the meeting. People requiring information in alternative formats should contact the Office at (845) 615-3820 (TDD Users: 7-1-1 NY Relay Center).

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 3:30 P.M. and at 5:00 P.M. at the Orange County Emergency Services Center, 22 Wells Farm Road, Goshen, New York 10924.

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