

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW
PROPOSED FY-2020-2024 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FY 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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PUBLIC HEARING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019, 5:00 P.M. AT THE ORANGE
COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 40 MATTHEWS STREET, SUITE 307A, 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) Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 – 2024, the Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020. 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 2020 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

The municipal community development projects to be done with Fiscal Year 2020 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 July 2019 and were the subject of local public hearings to involve citizens in the process.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Orange County will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY-2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and FY2020 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Orange County Office of Community Development, located at 40 Matthews Street, Suite 307A, 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 2018, the lower income benefit expenditures were 78.24% 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 affordable 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 FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and Housing and Community Development (HCD) Action Plan for FY 2020, which includes a complete listing of proposed projects, is currently available for public view at <https://www.orangecountygov.com/207/Plans-Reports>. Copies can also be obtained from: The Orange County Office of Community Development, 40 Matthews Street, Suite 307A, Goshen, NY 10924 or by calling (845) 615-3820; and may be viewed at the Goshen Public Library, Newburgh Free Library, Middletown Thrall Library, the Port Jervis Free Library, Middletown Housing Authority, Newburgh Housing Authority, and Port Jervis Housing Authority. The Plan will be available October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019.

In order to be considered, written comments must be received no later than the close of business, Thursday, October 31, 2019. Please mail written comments to Nicole Andersen, Director, Office of Community Development at the above address.

La información será proporcionada en español a petición.

The final FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020 HCD Action Plan will consider all public comments received and will be submitted to HUD no later than November 15, 2019 or on a later date as prescribed by HUD.

Dated: September 30, 2019