

ORANGE COUNTY, NY
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

RATIONALE FOR AMENDMENT

Orange County has identified projects that it will not complete and will reallocate funding to new projects in order to provide affordable housing opportunities for its residents. In addition, waivers issued by HUD in Memorandum titled Availability of Waivers and Suspensions of the HOME Program Requirements in Response to COVID -19 Pandemic and dated April 10, 2020, waived the requirement for Participating Jurisdictions to commit at least 15% of its program year funds to CHDO activities and raised the limit on Participating Jurisdictions' use of HOME funds for administrative costs from 10% of program year funds and program income to 25%. Orange County will create new activities in Program Year 2019, fund those activities using older program year funds, including funds previously reserved for CHDO projects but not yet committed to specific activities, and increase the allocation of funds to administrative costs, all as outlined in this amendment.

PR-15 Summary of the citizen participation process

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted several waivers to program procedure to expedite the use of these funds. These waivers included an ability to amend the Citizen Participation Plan and allow for a much shorter timeframe for public display, use of the internet to make the Substantial Amendment available to the public and use of virtual meetings to allow for input and comment. Orange County advertised and made the Substantial Amendment available to the public on June 8, 2020 for a period of 30 days and held a virtual public hearing via conference call-in on June 9, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. There were X participants in the meeting.

Comments received:

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME PY 2019	Public-federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner Rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$1,106,051.00	\$77,097.49	\$1,297,882.22	\$2,481,030.71	Includes reallocation of 2019 funds and prior year funds to create new activities and fund existing activities. Prior Year Resources include: PY 2015: \$26,005.98 PY 2016: \$252,692.99 PY 2017: \$394,709.70 PY 2018: \$624,563.55	

AP-38 Project Summary

12	Project Name	HOME-Rental Production Program
	Target Area	Orange County, NY
	Goals Supported	Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$2,185,964.55
	Description	Project involves construction of new rental units or rehabilitation of existing units for purposes of creating affordable housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 units created for low-income households.
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	Project involves construction of new rental units or rehabilitation of existing units for purposes of creating affordable housing. 19, 21 & 46 S. Miller Street, Newburgh – RUPCO - 10 Units 24 Front Street, Port Jervis - 9 Units Newburgh Progress Scattered Site – RUPCO - 11 Units Delivery costs associated with implementation are included in the total.
14	Project Name	HOME CHDO Set-Aside
	Target Area	Orange County, NY

	Goals Supported	Rental Housing Homeownership Program
	Needs Addressed	Rental Housing Homeless and Transitional Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$0.00
	Description	15% of HOME Funding set aside for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) is being reallocated to Project 12 HOME-Rental Production Program
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	This amendment reallocates funding initially reserved for CHDO activities per HUD authorized waivers eliminating the minimum set-asides for CHDO activities. Funds allocated instead to rental production activities.
15	Project Name	HOME Affordable Homeownership
	Target Area	Orange County, NY
	Goals Supported	Homeownership Program
	Needs Addressed	First Time Homebuyers
	Funding	HOME: \$0.00
	Description	Funds provided to first time homebuyers for down payment and closing costs assistance.
	Target Date	12/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	Funds initially were to be provided to first time homebuyers for down payment and closing costs assistance. This amendment cancels the 2019-funded project due to lack of demand and reallocates those resources to rental production projects.
16	Project Name	HOME General Program Administration
	Target Area	Orange County, NY
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administrative Support
	Needs Addressed	Provide Administration and Planning Support
	Funding	HOME: \$294,918.36
	Description	Funds are used to provide administrative support for HOME funded projects. Funding for this activity includes \$18,405.61 from HOME program income. Total funding does not exceed 25%, as allowed by the HUD Memorandum titled Availability of Waivers and Suspensions of the HOME Program Requirements in Response to COVID -19 Pandemic and dated April 10, 2020, which increased the percentage of funds PJs can use for administrative activities from 10% to 25%.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Orange County, NY
	Planned Activities	General Administration.

19	Project Name	HOME Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Orange County, NY
	Goals Supported	Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Increase access to and quality of affordable housing
	Funding	HOME: \$147.80
	Description	Project involves rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 homeowner
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	Delivery relating to housing rehab activity set-up in program year 2018.