

COUNTY OF ORANGE
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW,
AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
PROPOSED FY-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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) Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021. 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.

PROPOSED FY 2021 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

The municipal community development projects to be done with Fiscal Year 2021 funds have been selected by member municipalities in accordance with local priorities and are consistent with the priorities identified in the County's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. In addition, the proposed projects have been selected to meet the mandatory national objectives of the program: benefit to low and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums and blight, or urgent community needs. Municipal projects were selected in July 2020 and were the subject of local public hearings to involve citizens in the process.

The purpose of the County's 2021 Annual Action Plan is to help to improve the quality of life and living conditions for Orange County residents principally for those with low to moderate incomes through improvements to public facilities and infrastructure and the preservation and production of affordable, decent housing for homeowners and renters prioritizing community accessibility, long-term viability, and the empowerment of people with low to moderate income to achieve self-sufficiency.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Orange County will hold a virtual public hearing on the proposed FY-2021 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 4:00 PM via Microsoft Teams +1 347-991-6654 Conference ID 521 115 199#. The hearing will be held in order that the public may make comments on the draft HCD Plan, proposed projects, the County's programs in general, or suggest other activities that may be carried out under these programs.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance or translation services to participate in this meeting, please contact Nicole Andersen at (845) 615-3820 at least 48-hours prior to the meeting so reasonable arrangements can be made to ensure accessibility.

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 one of these objectives. This program has been primarily directed to lower income families (below 80 percent of County median income). In 2019, the lower income benefit expenditures were 88.34% of the total. Activities that involve design, planning, and administration have been excluded from this computation so that only funds actually spent on construction have been used in the computation.

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.

A complete summary of the County's prior year expenditures in the FY 2019 CAPER is available upon request.

DISPLACEMENT STRATEGY

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

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) PLAN AVAILABILITY

A draft of the FY 2021 Housing and Community Development (HCD) Annual Action Plan, 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 by calling (845) 615-3820. The draft Plan will be available October 1, 2020 through October 30, 2020.

Interested persons are encouraged to email their written comments to the Office of Community Development at commdev@orangecountygov.com or mail to 40 Matthews Street, Suite 307A, Goshen, NY 10924. In order to be considered, written comments must be received no later than Friday, October 30, 2020 at 5pm.

The final FY 2021 HCD Annual Action Plan will consider all public comments received and will be submitted to HUD no later than November 15, 2020 or on a later date as prescribed by HUD.

Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive
Nicole Andersen, Director of Community Development
Orange County, NY

La información será proporcionada en español a petición.

מער אינפֿארמאציע בנימצא אויף בעטן

