

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 2023.

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. An Action Plan for the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds for FY-2023 must be prepared and submitted to HUD on or before November 15, 2022, or upon such date as instructed by HUD.

The overall goal of the HCD plan has been and continues 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, proposed activities, proposed strategies and actions for affirmatively furthering fair housing and removing barriers to housing choice, 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).

La información será proporcionada en español a petición.

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The public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. via Zoom Meeting ID: 829 0954 2884 or One tap mobile +16468769923,,82909542884# US (New York).

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