

New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a federally funded program authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The CDBG Program is administered by the NYS Office of Community Renewal (OCR) under the direction of the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC).

NYS CDBG funds provide eligible communities and counties in New York State with an opportunity to undertake activities that focus on community development needs such as creating or expanding job opportunities, providing safe affordable housing, and/or addressing local public infrastructure and public facilities issues. The primary statutory objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment by expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. A low-and moderate income person is defined as being a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size.

Annual CDBG program categories and respective funding limits are as follows:

- 1) **Public Infrastructure** (i.e.: water/sewer/utilities) - **\$750,000** (*\$1,000,000 w/ NYS Co-Funding Initiative*)
- 2) **Public Facilities** (i.e.: public bldgs./community centers/senior centers) - **\$300,000**
- 3) **Microenterprise** (i.e.: small business development) - **\$200,000**
- 4) **Community Planning** (i.e.: needs assessments/preliminary engineering reports) - **\$50,000**
- 5) **Housing** (i.e.: housing rehab/homeownership assistance) - **\$500,000**

Prior to submitting an application for funding, potential applicants must comply with citizen participation requirements pursuant to 24 CFR 570.486 and NYS Homes and Community Renewal's Citizen Participation Plan. These guidelines require potential applicants to follow a citizen participation plan providing for a minimum of one public hearing held **prior** to the submission of an application and making applications available to the public for inspection at the municipal office(s). The public hearing is held to provide an opportunity for citizen feedback on the community and economic development needs of the applicant community and any proposed project(s).

Pursuant to the requirements set forth above, the Schodack Town Board has scheduled a public hearing to seek public comment regarding one, or more, potential grant application(s) with New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal for the 2020 program year. The public hearing will take place on **Thursday April 9, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Schodack Town Hall.**

All interested residents including minority, women, disabled and disadvantaged persons are strongly encouraged to attend this public hearing. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the CDC social distancing recommendations, this public hearing will be made available via live-stream and Zoom meeting formats. Additionally, the Town has extended the public comment period through Wednesday April 15, 2020.

Written and verbal comments and questions can be directed to the Town Clerk, Debra L. Curtis at 265 Schuurman Road, Castleton, New York 12063 (518) 477-7590. Please contact the Town Office if special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English.