

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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VIRTUAL Hearing Date: May 7, 2020

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The Monroe County Department of Planning and Development will hold a virtual public hearing on **Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 10:15 a.m.** The meeting may be joined by following by phone at 1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 830 5275 0366 or by following this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83052750366>. The webinar will provide for online commenting. The Monroe County Department of Planning and Development will also accept written comments regarding the use of funds. Please direct comments to ecordero@monroecounty.gov.

The purpose of the virtual public hearing is to gather citizen input on the Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County and the proposed projects described therein. The Public Hearing and Steering Committee will also include a presentation on the Draft Update to the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Monroe County expects to receive an estimated allocation of \$3,192,111 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2020. This amount represents allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$1,861,821, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in the amount of \$1,168,837, and the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) in the amount of \$161,462. Estimated program income is \$26,175 for the CDBG program and \$98,414 for the HOME program. When all sources of funds are combined, the total amount available for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG 2020-21 programs will be approximately \$3,316,700. Monroe County and HUD are not bound by these estimates as they are subject to final approval of the program submissions by HUD.

In accordance with federal regulations, the Draft 2020 Strategic Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County presents a strategic framework for community development, affordable housing and home ownership programs in Monroe County. The meeting will outline the strategy that Monroe County has put together for the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. This will include discussing community development needs, proposed projects, the cost of projects, and the goals and objectives of the CDBG program.

The program categories and estimated funding levels proposed for the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 are listed below and are detailed in the Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County.

Proposed CDBG Program Categories for 2020 Program Year

Public Works and Facility Improvements	\$ 656,400
Community Wide Public Services	\$ 267,572
Community Wide Housing Programs	\$ 371,653
Community Wide Economic Development	\$ 175,000
Planning, Administration and Capacity Building Activities	\$ 372,362

Proposed HOME Categories for 2020 Program Year

Home Improvement Grant Program	\$ 376,786
Affordable Housing Development	\$ 575,326
First Time Homebuyer Direct Subsidy	\$ 90,000
General Administration	\$ 126,725

Proposed ESG Program Categories for 2020 Program Year

Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Services	\$ 149,353
General Administration	\$ 12,109

Monroe County welcomes comments and inquiries in regard to the proposed 2020 CDBG, HOME and ESG program categories. Interested citizens are invited to attend the virtual public hearing and/or submit comments to the above address by June 8, 2020. All comments will be reviewed and responded to prior to submission of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan to HUD on June 12, 2020.

Copies of the Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County will be available on May 7, 2020 at <http://www2.monroecounty.gov/planning-community.php>, upon request at the above address.

Persons interested should contact the Community Development Office at the above address in advance to speak at the hearing, submit written comments or obtain additional information.