

**City of Newburgh  
Public Comment Notice**

On October 22, 2007, the City of Newburgh will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, NY. The purpose of this hearing is to offer the citizens an opportunity to comment on the City's proposed actions for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Fiscal Year 2008. The primary objectives of the CDBG program are: to provide decent housing, provide a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities. The City of Newburgh has prepared a Consolidated Plan for the period between Fiscal Years 2004-2009.

Total CDBG Funding Sources Available for Use

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| Anticipated CDBG Entitlement (FY 2008) | \$860,000 |
| Estimated Program Income               | \$100,000 |
| TOTAL:                                 | \$960,000 |

**Action Plan**

The plan contains the City's Action Plan for its Community Development Funds (Fiscal Year 2008). The proposed Action Plan is as follows:

| <b>Proposed Activities</b>                        |   |                           |
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| <i>Project Name</i>                               | <i>Description</i>  | <i>Funding Allocation</i> |
| Strategic Code Enforcement Efforts                | Enhanced code enforcement efforts along key residential corridors within the City.<br><u>Quality of Life Initiatives (Continuing Graffiti and Clean Sweep Initiatives):</u> Funding for two (2) FT DPW personnel to continue quality of life initiatives including continuation of the Graffiti and Clean Sweep Initiatives launched in 2007. Budget Includes: \$35,218 per person +30% fringe (est) for Total: \$92,000,<br><u>Clean &amp; Green:</u> Recycling/environmental education and greening efforts for the City. Total: \$15,000 | \$ 107,000                |
| Historic Preservation Programs (Hire P/T Officer) | Hiring of a part time Historic Preservation Officer salary @ \$20,000, with \$10,000 allocated for supplies/materials (i.e. design guidelines publication)  | \$ 30,000                 |
| Public Spaces Fund                                | Support park development and repairs.   | \$ 5,000                  |
| Entrepreneurial Development                       | Entrepreneurial and small business development for City of Newburgh businesses and residents. Budget Includes: \$35,000 in funding for Gateway Entrepreneurial Tomorrows (GET) to provide entrepreneurial training (funding request of \$70,000). Launch of initiative in the City of Newburgh, anticipating serving 25-30 individuals. Funding will leverage committed funding from County IDA (\$50,000) and Dyson Foundation (\$30,000). \$10,000 to support entrepreneurial/small business activities by City staff.                    | \$ 45,000                 |
| Dutch Reformed Church                             | Repairs to the DRC roof.  | \$ 50,000                 |
| Commercial Façade Improvement Program             | Continuation of successful façade improvement program - \$87,000 awarded in 2007 - leveraged by State funding of  | \$ 50,000                 |

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|   | an additional \$175,000.   |           |
| Youth Programs  | Funding for City non-profits serving City youth. Groups to be identified via Requests for Proposals (RFP).   | \$ 50,000 |
| Street Trees  | Allocation to Shade Tree Commission to fund the planting of street trees on Renwick Street.  | \$ 5,500  |
| Newburgh CAN  | Funding for one full time staff member to manage Clean & Green and VISTA initiative. Budget Includes: \$51,000 in personnel (salary and benefits) and \$35,000 in administrative and infrastructure to support addition of staff at 104 South Lander Street.   | \$ 86,000 |
| Property Disposition  | Funding Housing & Real Estate Development Coordinator  | \$ 63,000 |
| Hoops Express: Alternate Youth Violence Prevention Initiative | This Youth Violence Prevention project is a peace organizing initiative to improve community responses to gang and youth violence that seeks to engage young people, criminal justice professionals, parents and community members to address public safety. This model program is working on a community education campaign, running a range of violence prevention activities with young people and their peers, and building partnerships with community leaders. | \$ 20,000 |
| Unprogrammed Funds  | Funding earmarked to cover projected CDBG funding cuts for FY 2008. Funding will be reallocated to other programs should the funding cuts be less than anticipated.  | \$ 28,500 |
| Playground on Wheels  | Funding for mobile recreational program serving youth of the City in the Summer of 2008.   | \$11,500  |
| Section 108 Loan Repayment                                    | Scheduled repayment of two Section 108 loans:<br>#1: Initiated in 2000 to fund improvements to Temple and Ellis Avenues and to purchase a fire truck for the City of Newburgh – approximately \$2.1 million<br>#2: Initiated in 2002 for Marina OPS – funding for construction and installation of the Front Street Marina – approximately \$1 million   | \$218,500 |
| Administration  | To fund personnel cost and other administrative expenses related to the management of the CDBG program.  | \$190,000 |
|   |  | \$960,000 |

**Availability of Plan for Review:**

Copies of the Consolidated Plan are available for review at the City of Newburgh, Office of Planning & Development, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, NY and the Public Library at 124 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY.

**Comment Period**

Questions or comments may be addressed to Lourdes Zapata-Perez, City of Newburgh Office of Planning & Development, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, NY 12550. All comments should be received by no later than 4 p.m. on October 31, 2007.