

City of Newburgh

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City of Newburgh Seeks Public Comment on Housing & Community Development Needs

The City of Newburgh is currently soliciting public comment on the City's housing and community development needs including priority non-housing community development needs. This is one of the first steps in the City's preparation of a 2007 CDBG program and budget. This strategy must be developed to achieve the following statutory goals, principally for low, very low-, and extremely low-income residents:

- provide decent housing
- create suitable living environments, and
- expand economic opportunities

The City is currently operating under a 5 year Consolidated Plan that was approved in August 2005. This strategic plan guides the City's utilization of various public and private resources, especially the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula programs which include the CDBG Program. Each year the City formulates an action plan for one-year use of funds aimed at implementing the strategies of the Consolidated Plan. The City of Newburgh anticipates receiving a CDBG entitlement allocation of approximately \$860,000 for Fiscal Year 2007 which will be included in this year's action plan.

FY 2007 CDBG 'GRANT MAKING' SCHEDULE

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| July 10 - | Set date for proposed public hearing on housing and community development needs. |
| August 10 - | Discussion of FY 07 CDBG grant process and schedule at Council work session. |
| August 14 - | Public hearing on the City of Newburgh's housing and community development needs. |
| Sept. 7 - | Discussion of possible CDBG activities for FY 07 at Council work session. |
| Sept. 21 - | Review of proposed CDBG program and budget at Council work session. |

- Sept. 25 - Set date for public hearing on proposed FY 07 CDBG program budget.
- Oct. 1- 31 -30 day public comment period on proposed FY 07 CDBG program and budget.
- Oct. 23 - Public hearing on proposed CDBG program and budget.
- Nov. 9 - Discussion of CDBG program and budget before Council approval.
- Nov. 13 - City Council approval of CDBG one-year Action Plan.
- Nov. 15 - Submission of 2007 Consolidated Plan and one-year Action Plan to HUD.

Participation in the development of this plan by City residents is strongly encouraged.

Please forward written comments and recommendations on public service projects that could be undertaken or funded by the City of Newburgh to the attention of Lourdes Zapata-Perez, Community Development Director at the address listed above or at lperez@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov .