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COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The City of Newburgh is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement community receiving approximately \$800,000 in federal funds annually. The program is managed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. All entitlement communities are required to submit a Five Year Consolidated Plan which outlines needs and priorities for CDBG funding. In addition, the Annual Action Plan outlining funding for the use of FY 2010 funding must also be developed.

The City of Newburgh's current Consolidated Plan expires in 2009 and at this time development of the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan will begin in the spring for the plan which is due to HUD no later than November 15, 2009.

The City has released an RFP for Consultant Services to assist in the development of the plan which has extensive public input and participation requirements as well as demographic analysis and conditions reporting. At this time, the City of Newburgh seeks to establish a CDBG Strategic Planning Committee to assist the City and its Consultants in the development of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plans. The composition of the Committee will include:

Six (6) members of the public appointed by the City Council:

- Three (3) members of the community on the basis of their knowledge and interest in housing, homeless needs, disability rights, youth services, seniors and social services.
- Three (3) professional practitioners on the basis of their expertise in the areas of housing, homeless needs, disability rights, youth services, seniors and social services.

Members of the public interested in participating in this Committee are encouraged to submit a letter of interest which details their knowledge and interest in the issues to be addressed by the plan as well as their anticipated category of participation (i.e. community member and/or professional practitioner). Please note that there will be a number of public information sessions which Committee members will be requested to participate as well as planning and process management meetings which will take place during day/business hours. Please confirm your availability in your letter of interest.

Please submit your letter of interest to Courtney Kain, 83 Broadway, City Hall or ckain@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10.