

City of Newburgh

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City of Newburgh Launches New Façade Renovation /Signage Program for Businesses & Residences

The City of Newburgh Department of Planning & Development is announcing that funds for facade renovation and signage are available through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Businesses and owners of residential properties within the City of Newburgh are eligible to apply, with priority being given to properties within Census tracts 4 and 5.

Funding is available in the following ways:

Façade Renovation Loan:

Successful applicants can receive a homeowner or business loan for up to \$25,000 toward the cost of façade renovation including window and door repairs or replacement, and porch and railing repairs or replacement. The loan must be repaid in 10 years.

Façade Renovation Grant:

Successful applicants can receive a grant of up to \$25,000 toward the cost of façade renovations as detailed above. The applicant will be responsible for 25% of the costs; while the grant covers 75%. (Example: If project cost is \$20,000, a grant of \$15,000 is available with the applicant being responsible for \$5,000.)

Signage Grant:

A \$500 grant is also available to business applicants for signage on a building's façade. Signage monies will either be paid directly to the vendor or reimbursed to the applicant once the proper documentation has been received by the Planning and Development Department. An applicant does not have to be the property owner; however they must submit documentation showing that as tenant, they are allowed to install façade signage.

General Information:

Property owners will be required to address code compliance issues and substandard living conditions which affect the health and safety of occupants in order to be eligible for funding. Income eligibility guidelines set by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will apply for homeowners and/or tenants of residential

properties. The City will need income-confirming documentation from the property owner and/or tenant. Applicants must meet all other documentation requirements and obtain approvals from City boards, such as Architectural Review Commission, if required.

Façade renovations must be maintained for a minimum of seven (7) years; signage for three (3) years.

The deadline for submitting applications for all these programs is Nov. 1, 2010.

Applications and program information, including income guidelines are available on-line at www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov. You may also call Lynn Eberle at the Department of Planning & Development at (845) 569-9400, ext. 208.