

City of Newburgh

Press Release

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City of Newburgh is Now Accepting Letters of Interest for CDBG Activities.

The City of Newburgh has opened the comment period for 2010 CDBG funding opportunities as well as the 2010-2014 action plan. The public comment period is made available to obtain citizens' views on the City's housing and community development needs including non-housing community development needs.

The City announced last week at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting that they are recommending targeting CDGB funding into specified neighborhoods supporting neighborhood revitalization efforts.

“Rather than a scattered approach, the plan is to leverage these funds to concentrate on target areas so the impact can be seen. The first target area is Lander St. between First St. and South St. This area stands out because of its high percentage of city owned and vacant properties. The secondary target areas are census tracts 4 and 5. These census tracts were identified by HUD as having the most needed as it pertains to crime, vacancy rates and social statistics,” comment Courtney Kain, Acting Director of Planning & Development.

Eligible activities include but are not limited to:

Acquisition of Real Property	Public Facilities and Improvements
Privately-Owned Utilities	Disposition
Clearance	Public Services
Interim Assistance	Relocation
Loss of Rental Income	Rehabilitation
Construction of Housing	Code Enforcement
Microenterprise Assistance	Special Economic Development Activities
Special Activities by CBDO's	Homeownership Assistance
Planning and Capacity Building	Program Administration Costs

The Planning & Development Department would like to leverage state, county and local in these targeted areas to make the revitalization efforts more visible. “Residents have asked to see the benefit of CDBG dollars in their community and this approach is one way that they can,” said Mayor Nicholas Valentine.

The City of Newburgh is accepting proposals from organizations that would like support from the CDBG program. Requests may be sent in writing to Courtney Kain at 83 Broadway, Newburgh NY 12550 or to ckain@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov. Priority will be given to those proposals that impact the targeted areas.

For more information, visit the City of Newburgh website www.newburgh-ny.gov