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

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is the principal Federal program providing localities with grants to devise innovative approaches to improve the physical, economic and social conditions in their communities. Although spending priorities are determined at the local level, the stated purpose of the law is:

"The development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income."

A CDBG Advisory Committee appointed by the City Council assists in the assessment of projects presented for annual funding consideration. This is a nine member committee that includes four members of the community with a knowledge of and interest in housing, homeless needs, disability rights, youth services, seniors and social services, three professional practitioners with expertise in those same areas, one City Council member, and one Planning & Development member.

**There are currently positions available for both residents and professional practitioners.**

Candidates for this committee are encouraged to submit a letter of interest which details their knowledge and experience with issues addressed by the CDBG program, as well as whether they are a community member or a professional practitioner.

Please submit your letter of interest to Courtney Kain, 83 Broadway, City Hall or [ckain@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov](mailto:ckain@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov) no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday February 2, 2012.