



Office of the County Executive

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Cheryl Dinolfo
County Executive

May 5, 2017

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: 2017 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County and Grant Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body approve Monroe County's 2017 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County and Grant Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs.

Approval of this submission by HUD will provide the County with funding in the amount of \$2,385,318 for the period August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018. This represents the combined total of funds for the CDBG Program in the amount of \$1,486,241; the HOME Program in the amount of \$764,320; and the ESG Program in the amount of \$134,757. This year's allocations received an overall reduction of \$265,035 in grant allocations from HUD when compared to last year. This is the 42nd year the County will receive this funding.

The CDBG, HOME and ESG programs have been designed to carry out neighborhood projects, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to public facilities, community services, economic development activities, housing activities, and homeless services. Pursuant to HUD regulations, these programs must principally benefit low to moderate-income persons, the elderly and persons with special needs who live in the towns and villages that participate in the Monroe County Community Development Consortium.

Members of the Consortium and community services agencies apply to the County to receive grants for projects, which are listed in the 2017 Annual Action Plan.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to submit the 2017 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to provide such additional information as may be required by HUD for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grants programs.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept the grant funds in the amount of \$2,385,318 or such other amount as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), subject to HUD approval of the submission.
3. Appropriate the sum of \$2,385,318 for grant funds, or such other amount as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the sum of \$155,000, which is the estimated Program Income expected to be generated during the program year, into fund 9005; funds center 1501010000, Community Development Grants, contingent on HUD approval.

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4. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute all contracts, including intermunicipal agreements, and any amendments thereto, that are necessary to carry out the administration of the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grants programs.
5. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute all agreements, debt instruments, and other documents for each loan, grant, relending project or activity which may be approved under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance program, pursuant to Section 168.00 of the Local Finance Law, and to accept, receive and reappropriate funds which are borrowed from HUD or any other party, and relend the same to qualified borrowers.
6. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to approve the use of contingency funds or funds reprogrammed from current or prior years pursuant to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations.
7. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept, receive and appropriate or reappropriate any funds which accrue to the Community Development Office in the form of program income for use in connection with programs offered or funded by the Community Development Office, which administers the grants. All such income shall be utilized in accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing the use of program income.
8. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
9. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify such program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law, and when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

This grant is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Dinolfo
Monroe County Executive