## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

January 16, 2025

Monroe County Department of Planning and Development Community Development Division 1150 City Place, 50 West Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614 www.monroecounty.gov

Monroe County expects to receive an allocation of about \$3.3 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2025. This amount represents estimated allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$1.8 million, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in the amount of \$1.1 million, and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) in the amount of \$164,565. These estimates represent the actual levels of funding approved by HUD for these programs in Monroe County for the 2024 program year. Program Income for the CDBG and HOME Programs in 2025 is expected to make available an additional \$200,000, for a combined total of \$3.3 million.

All funds will be used to continue existing programs and to identify new community development activities that principally benefit low to moderate-income persons. Low to moderate-income citizens are encouraged to participate in the Consolidated Plan process by proposing projects that serve community needs and by commenting on projects underway by local towns, villages, and community service agencies. Applications for CDBG and HOME projects are due February 2025 for projects scheduled to begin on or after August 1, 2025.

An *in-person and virtual* public hearing will be held on **Thursday**, **January 16**, **2025** at **9:30 A.M.** 50 West Main Street, City Place, Business Center or via Zoom Meeting ID: 889 9894 6696 Passcode: 246546 or by calling 1 929 436 2866. Please take this opportunity to express your views on the current and future use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds that support a variety of housing, community and economic development activities in the program area.

Priority activities are those which focus on the improvement of housing conditions for low to moderate-income renters and homeowners; increase housing opportunities for low to moderate-income families, the elderly, persons with special needs, and/or homeless persons; revitalize neighborhoods by providing safe, and sanitary public facilities; create and retain jobs for low to moderate-income persons; improve handicap accessibility to public facilities; and provide essential community services.

The program area for the CDBG Program includes all municipalities in Monroe County with the exception of the City of Rochester, and the Towns of Greece and Irondequoit. The HOME Program area consists of all Monroe County municipalities, excluding the City of Rochester. To be eligible for funding, projects must principally benefit low to moderate-income persons and comply with other regulations of the CDBG, HOME, or ESG Programs. In addition, projects will also be evaluated according to applicable federal regulations, project readiness, match, feasibility, and need.

Persons interested should contact the Community Development Division at the above address in advance to speak at the hearing, submit written comments or obtain additional information. If individuals are in need of any special accommodations such as sign language interpreter, large print, etc. to participate in this hearing or to review materials presented, please call 585-753-2019 by January 13, 2025.