

**NASSAU COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

The Nassau County Office of Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs (OHIA) is requesting proposals from qualified applicants to undertake community development activities under Nassau County's 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Nassau County OHIA is the overall administrative agent for the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which is funded through the Federal U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The primary objective of the CDBG Program 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.

Nassau County anticipates the receipt of approximately \$15,550,471 in CDBG funds, of which approximately 80% will be designated for municipalities who are members of the Nassau County Urban Consortium. Approximately 3-5% of the funding may be made available for projects proposed by non-profit organizations for eligible CDBG activities, principally those that benefit a County-wide clientele. Additional CDBG funding may be allocated to the County via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The County will utilize the same application in allocating these funds. Funding awards, in this case will consider any additional federal requirements imposed on the funding, including spending deadlines, in addition to the criteria outlined below. The County's 2009 program year begins on September 1, 2009.

Eligible Applicants Include: units of local government; not-for-profit community development and social service providers.

Eligible Activities Include: Eligible activities under the CDBG Program include: Acquisition and/or Disposition of Real Property for an Eligible CDBG Purpose, Public Facilities and Improvements, Clearance Activities, Public Services.

National Objective Compliance: Every activity under the CDBG Program must meet one of the three broad national objectives of the program: Benefit to low and moderate income persons, Prevention or elimination of slums and blight, or activities meeting a community need having a particular urgency

Selection Criteria: All applications will be screened by OHIA staff for completeness and compliance with applicable regulations.

The County will utilize the following criteria in selecting projects:

- Developments that are consistent with:
 - HUD CDBG Program objectives;
 - Nassau County's Consolidated Plan and Identified Priorities;
 - Degree of low/mod income benefit;
 - Evidence of organizational capacity and readiness to proceed;
 - Leveraging of other public and private resources;
 - The County's Fair Housing Initiative to overcoming impediments to fair housing choice by providing housing opportunities in non impacted communities;
 - Activities designed to implement recommendations identified in Nassau County's *10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness*;
 - Evidence of Community Outreach and Support

Applications must be received by 4:00pm on Wednesday April 1, 2009 at the address noted below. Applications received after April 1, 2009 may be considered for funding under the County's rolling application review period, if funding is available. Application packages and further information on program requirements can be obtained from the Nassau County Office of Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs, 40 Main Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. To obtain an application please contact H. Scottie Coats, at (516) 572-1968 or log onto our website: www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OHIA .

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