

Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Cuba
Application to Apply for Community Development Block Grant

Held at the Cuba Circulating Library, 39 E. Main St., Cuba, NY

Present:

Supervisor: Barbara Deming
 Council Persons: Joseph Miller, Jeffrey Dahill

Also, Present: Nancy Orcutt, Town Clerk

Absent: Robert Carney, Lynnford Sweet

Supervisor Deming called the Hearing to order at 6:45PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was explained the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive input from residents of the Town regarding possible community improvement grant funding that the Town might apply for through the Community development Block Grant Program. This program (also known as CDGB or Small Cities) is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development and is administered by the NYS Office Community Renewal (OCR).

Approximately \$46 million of State and Federal funds are available for program Year 2012. The OCR intends to make \$10 million of these funds available to non-entitlement villages, towns, cities or counties throughout New York State, excluding metropolitan cities, urban counties and Indian Tribes that are designated Entitlement communities. Non-entitlement areas are defined as cities, towns and villages with populations of less than 50,000 except those designated principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties with populations of less than 200,000.

Applicants applying for a grant in the Annual Competitive Round must address and resolve a specific community development need within one of the following areas: (a) Housing, (b) Public Infrastructure, or (c) Public Facilities. The application being considered by the Town would be solely for Housing Rehabilitation.

Housing Rehabilitation activities take into consideration the structural components of the LMI home including but not limited to:

- Primary Components-foundation, exterior wall structure, roof structures, floor structures, columns, joists, and partitions.
- Mechanical components-windows and doors, plumbing, heating, electrical, wells and septic systems.
- Secondary Components-siding material, roofing material, ceilings, and exterior stairs and railings, chimneys, flooring material, ceilings, lighting, ventilation, interior stairs and railings.

The number of deficient components and the overall degree of deficiency is tabulated following a comprehensive inspection and the rehabilitation required to correct all areas of deficiency is tabulated for each home considered as a viable beneficiary of CDBG funds.

The applications are due August 17, 2012. Funding awards are anticipated in December. If awarded, funds could become available as early as March, 2013, once the environmental requirements are met and the paperwork process is completed and the Release of funds issued. Upon receipt of the Release of Funds, rehab activities commence and funds can be committed to projects.

The main objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and the

expansion of economic opportunities, mainly for persons of low and moderate income.

If anyone would like to submit written comments about this proposed application, they can be sent to the Town Hall and must be received no later than August 10, 2012.

The floor opened for comments or questions. Deming explained the Town has applied for these Grants in the past and has not received one since 2002. Through this type of Grant, many homes were upgraded in the Town and the Village. It is for both Town and Village residents as the Village is a part of the Town. If the Grant is awarded to the Town, the Town wants to withhold payment to the contractor until Code Enforcement has given the final inspection with a certificate of completion. With no further discussion, Dahill motioned to close the Hearing at 6:56PM, seconded by Miller. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Orcutt
Town Clerk
Town of Cuba