

Town of Alexander

Community Development Block Grant

Public Hearing

June 23, 2026

Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

- Community Development Block Grant Program
 - Announce application opportunity
 - Discuss potential projects
 - Enable Public Participation and Input
 - Meet application process requirements
- Listen and Acknowledge Public Input

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Community Development Block Grants

- Federal \$\$\$\$ Budgeted Through US Housing And Urban Development
- Administered In NYS Through the Office of Community Renewal (OCR) under direction of the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)

HUD CDBG Program Objective

The program's primary objective is:

“the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment; by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income (LMI).”

Eligibility Criteria

- NYS must ensure that no less than 70% of its CDBG funds are used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons
- Low- & moderate-income persons are defined as a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size.
- To demonstrate compliance at least 51% of the project beneficiaries must qualify as low &/or moderate income.
 - Income survey
 - HUD Low-and Moderate- Income Area Data

Median Income – Genesee County

- Genesee County Median Income is \$97,200
- Low- & Moderate-Income (LMI) Persons (80% or less of County Median Income) = \$77,750
- To demonstrate compliance, at least 51% of the project beneficiaries must qualify as low &/or moderate income.
- An Income Survey or Census Data may be used to demonstrate eligibility.
- According to income survey results, the Town may be eligible to submit a competitive application.

Grant Amounts Available

- **Under Competitive Application**

	Maximum
• Public Infrastructure (water/ sewer only & no co-funding)	\$1,500,000
• Public Infrastructure <u>with co-funding in place</u>	\$2,000,000
- **Under Open Round Application**

	Maximum
• Public Facilities	\$1,000,000
• Imminent Threat	\$1,000,000
• Planning	\$ 50,000
• Stand-Alone Business Assistance	\$ 750,000
• Microenterprise	\$ 300,000
- **Open and Competitive Round Applications Are Submitted Through CFA Portal**
- **Please note open round applications may be submitted on continual basis. Pre-submission form is required & if accepted will have 60 days to apply through the CFA portal. Awards are on a rolling basis.**

CDBG Funding – 2026 Round

\$45 Million Available

- Funding Opportunities:
 - Public Infrastructure (Competitive)
 - Drinking Water, Sanitary Sewer/Storm Water Management, Public Works
 - Expand existing water or sewer systems into previously unserved areas
 - Public or Private Water Source Development
 - Water Storage & Distribution
 - Sanitary Sewer Treatment & Collection
 - Flood Control & Storm Water Drainage
 - Municipal Utilities

Note: Funding for stand alone residential water/sewer lateral connections is not available as part of the CFA – would be funded under the Housing Funding Category.

CDBG Funding – 2026 Round

- Public Facilities (Open Round)
 - Construction or renovation of public / neighborhood facilities
 - Structures to Service/House Special-Needs Populations
 - Structures to Service/House Senior Services or Child Care
 - Removal of Architectural Barriers to Improve Handicap Access (existing building only)
 - Infrastructure Improvements including Construction and Installation of Streets, Curbs. Lighting and Broadband
 - Fire Stations and Equipment
 - CANNOT fund buildings used primarily for the general conduct of government business

CDBG Funding – 2026 Round

- Community Planning (Open Round)
 - Community Needs Assessments
 - May focus on one or more of the following:
 - Public Infrastructure
 - Public Facilities
 - Housing &/or Economic Development
 - Preliminary Engineering Report Development
 - Goal is to help initiate a planning process that will result in follow-up implementation plans to address the critical infrastructure needs outlined in the report. Report must follow CDBG guidelines.

CDBG Funding – 2026 Round

- Imminent Threat (Open Round)
 - Financial support for activities that alleviate existing conditions that have a blighting influence or pose serious / immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community
 - May be Used to Cover Costs Associated with:
 - Repairs / improvements to water / sewer systems, storm sewer drainage, flood walls, roads, sidewalks and culverts
 - Demolition and / or clearance of damaged structures
 - Public services required as a results of a disaster
 - Please note these activities must meet the following:
 - Conditions must pose a serious and immediate threat to health or welfare of the community
 - The existing conditions are of recent origin or recently became urgent.

Additional Community Development Funding Available

- Economic Development (Open Round)
 - Assistance to businesses for activities to attract, expand or retain business and jobs for low-moderate income individuals
 - 51% of all jobs created must be held by or made available to low- and moderate-income persons
 - Award Up to \$15,000 per job, maximum CDBG award \$750,000
- Small Business Assistance (Open Round)
 - Same purpose as above but for businesses with 25 or fewer full-time equivalent employees
 - Minimum CDBG Assistance \$25,000, Maximum CDBG Assistance \$100,000
 - Up to 40% of the total project cost.
- Microenterprise (Open Round)
 - Same purpose as above but for businesses with 5 or fewer full-time equivalent employees
 - 10% Cash Match required
 - Awards \$5,000 to \$35,000 per business.
- This funding is an open round funding application. These may be submitted on continual basis. Pre-submission form is required & if accepted will have 60 days to apply through the CFA portal. Awards are on a rolling basis.

CDBG General Funding Criteria

- Fundamentals - readiness & ability to complete project
 - Is the project feasible but for (CDGB) investment?
 - Are all necessary funding components identified and committed?
 - Does the applicant have the necessary experience and team members to successfully complete the investment?
 - Has NEPA & SEQR been completed?
 - Can the project be bid and awarded within 6 months of grant award and the entire completed within the 2-year CDBG contract timeframe?
- Leverage (other funding or local share)
 - Does the investment leverage significant outside resources such as third-party funds, local funds and support?
 - Availability & commitment required for projects requesting awards based on co-funding at time of application.
- Outcomes
 - Does the investment produce a transformative or priority outcome?
 - Are there Measures to demonstrate project accomplishments?

CDBG Applications

- 2026 Funding Applications are due July 31, 2026
- Technical assistance is available in development of grant proposals up until application deadline or submission of application, which ever is first.
- Applicants must hold two public meetings
 - One completed prior to application submission to announce/discuss CDBG availability and solicit input on various application alternatives
 - Second Public Hearing required – timing to be determined by CDBG.
- More Information At:
<http://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant>

Discussion of Potential Project(s)

Questions?