



George Latimer
County Executive

February 12, 2021

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Members of the Board of Legislators:

In a continuing effort to maximize federal funding to the County, I hereby request that you enact the attached Act which would:

- 1) Authorize the filing an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for approximately \$5,325,000 from three federal sources: Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds, the HOME Investment Partnership Program ("HOME") and the Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") Program;
- 2) Authorize the County to submit to HUD an amendment to the Five Year FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan (the "Plan") consisting of an Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 consistent with the requirements of federal regulations. Your Board, by Act No. 2018-86 authorized the County to enter into cooperation agreements non-entitlement municipalities to participate in the programs as the first step in qualifying these municipalities to receive these funds during Fiscal Year 2021 (May 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022).

Development of the Plan began on a local level and has included extensive citizen participation. Municipalities were required to hold local hearings on their project submissions.

The Plan has been developed in consultation with members of the County Planning Board, Westchester Urban County Council and the Community Development Advisory Group, and has been the subject of a public comment period. The federal award will provide approximately \$4,000,000 from CDBG, \$1,000,000 from HOME and \$325,000 from ESG. For your information, one original and two (2) copies of the Plan and the FY 2021 Action Plan's Project Listings are submitted herewith.

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Please note, I have been advised that the Planning Department has determined that under the State Environmental Quality Review Act Regulations, your Board is not required to make any determinations because this legislation is a "Type II" action. As you know, your Board may use such expert advice to make its own conclusion.

In past years, the County has received over \$229 million of non-repayable Federal funding to undertake activities such as housing rehabilitation, public improvements in designated target areas, code enforcement, and a complete array of community development activities on behalf of the municipalities participating in the program. Approval of submission of the application must occur prior to the expected March 15, 2021 submittal to HUD.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Latimer".

George Latimer
County Executive

GL/NVD/jrc
Attachments

HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee is in receipt of a proposed Act which, if adopted, would 1) authorize the filing of the application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for approximately \$5,325,000 from three (3) federal sources: Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (“HOME”) and the Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”) Program; and 2) authorize the County to submit to HUD an amendment to the FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan (the “Plan”) including an Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021. Your Honorable Board, by Act No. 2018-86, authorized the County to enter into Cooperation Agreements with no-entitlement municipalities to participate in the programs, as the first step in qualifying these municipalities to receive these funds during Fiscal Year 2021 (May 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022).

The Plan has been developed in consultation with members of the County Planning Board, Westchester Urban County Council and the Community Development Advisory Group, and has been subject to public comment on a local level before project application submissions, and on a County level as a whole Plan. The Federal award will provide approximately \$4,000,000 from CDBG, \$1,000,000 from HOME and \$325,000 from ESG, subject to the approval of a 2021 appropriations bill by Congress. One original and two (2) copies of the FY 2021 Plan’s project Listings have been submitted with the proposed Act.

Please note, your Committee has been advised that the Planning Department has determined that under the State Environmental Quality Review Act Regulations, your Board is not required to make any determination because this legislation is a “Type II” action. Your Committee concurs with this conclusion.

In past years, the County has received over \$229 million of non-repayable federal funding to undertake activities such as housing rehabilitation, public improvements in

designated target areas, code enforcement, and a complete array of community development activities on behalf of the municipalities participating in the program.

After thorough consideration, your Committee concurs in the County Executive's recommendation to adopt the annexed Act.

Dated: 2021

White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense TBD

Total Current Year Revenue TBD

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: TBD

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount TBD

Describe: An Act to authorize the County to submit an Urban County Application under the the Federal Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME programs, including an amendment to FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, and to accept such Grants

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount TBD

Describe: Total expected revenue \$5,325,000; \$4,000,000 from CDBG, \$1,000,000 from HOME and \$325,000 from ESG.

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: \$0

Next Four Years: &0

Prepared by: Debra Ogden

Title: Sr. Budget Analyst

Department: Budget


Date: February 11, 2021

Reviewed By: [Signature]

Budget Director

Date: 2/11/21

TO: Norma Drummond,
Commissioner of Planning

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM 
Director of Environmental Planning

DATE: February 4, 2021

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR AMENDMENT TO
FY 2019-2023 CONSOLIDATED PLAN TO INCLUDE FY 2021 ACTION
PLAN**

PROJECT/ACTION: Filing of an application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. Also, submission of an amendment to the FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan to HUD including the Action Plan for FY 2021 for the County's administration of HUD funds.

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no further environmental review is required because the project/action:

- DOES NOT MEET THE DEFINITION OF AN "ACTION" AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 617.2(b)**
- MAY BE CLASSIFIED AS TYPE II PURSUANT TO SECTION 617.5(c)(26):**
routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment.

COMMENTS: The submission of a Consolidated Plan every five years and an Action Plan every year are prerequisite routine administrative procedures that are required by HUD in order for the County to administer HUD funds for housing and community development programs. Environmental reviews are conducted for the specific projects in the annual Action Plan at the time that they are to be funded. Funds will not be released by HUD until all environmental review requirements pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act have been met. Additionally, environmental reviews pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act will also be undertaken prior to state or local approvals for each individual project where applicable.

cc: James Carpinello, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Anthony Zaino, Assistant Commissioner
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

ACT NO.

- 2021

An Act to authorize the County to submit an Urban County Application under the Federal Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME programs, including an amendment to FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, and to accept such Grants.

BE IT ENACTED BY the Board of Legislators by the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to file an application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein and an amendment to the FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, including an Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021, as required by Federal regulations, as an Urban County, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of undertaking a Community Development Program pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, and the Housing and Urban/Rural Recovery Act of 1983.

Section 2. The County is hereby authorized to receive a grant of approximately \$5,325,000 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of implementing the Community Development Program.

Section 3. The County Executive, or his authorized designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect immediately.