

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

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Monroe County  
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Community Development Division  
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Monroe County expects to receive an allocation of about \$2.6 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2015. This amount represents estimated allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$1.6 million, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in the amount of \$882,780, and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) in the amount of \$135,147. These estimates represent the actual levels of funding approved by HUD for these programs in Monroe County for the 2014 program year. Program income for the CDBG and HOME Programs in 2015 is expected to make available an additional \$340,000, for a combined total of \$2.9 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 13, 2015 for projects scheduled to begin on or after August 1, 2015.

A public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 9:30 A.M.** in the Large Conference Room of the Ebenezer Watts Conference Center, 49 South Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, New York. The facility is ADA accessible. 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 753-2011 by January 9, 2015.