

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
FEBRUARY 3, 2009
MEETING MINUTES**

In Attendance:

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (GO) MEMBERS: Legislator Ken Jenkins, Chair; Legislators Lois Bronz, Gordon Burrows, Peter Harkham, Vito Pinto. Housing Advisory Member: Dennis McDermott. Committee Coordinator: Barbara Dodds.

OTHERS: BOL: Rick Pezzulo; CE: William Randolph; Planning: Norma Drummond, Deb DeLong; Budget: Lorraine Yazzetta; LWWW: Karen Schatzel; The Bridge Fund: Lisa Buck.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:

261. Federal Urban County Application

With the presence of a quorum, Legislator Jenkins opened the meeting at 1:20 pm. Norma Drummond, Deputy Commissioner of Planning, presented the 34th Year Application to HUD for \$7,283,960 from three federal grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the HOME Program and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program. The amount of funds is approximate, based on funding from previous years. The application is on behalf of the Westchester Urban County Consortium representing all Westchester municipalities except Yonkers, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle and White Plains which are entitled to their own grants, and the Town of Mt. Pleasant.

The Consolidated Plan for FY 2009-2013 consists of an Action Plan of selected eligible projects for FY 2009 for the 40 municipalities participating in the programs.

Ms. Drummond's Power Point presentation is attached.*

A motion to approve was made by Leg. Bronz and seconded by Leg. Pinto. All voted in favor.

Legislator Jenkins adjourned the meeting by a motion of Leg. Pinto, seconded by Leg. Harkham.

FY 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan for the Westchester Urban County Consortium

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FY 2009 including:
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FY2009-2013 Consolidated Plan

- 5 Year Plan to HUD for Consortium
- Supports need for federal funds
- Includes Action Plan with specific project listings for 3 grant programs
 - CDBG - \$5,430,084
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 - HOME - \$1,613,876
 - TOTAL: \$7,283,960



Required Components of Plan

- **Chapter 1** – Housing & Homeless Needs Assessment
- **Chapter 2** – Housing Market Analysis
- **Chapter 3** – Non-Housing Community Development Needs
- **Chapter 4** – Strategic Plan
- **Chapter 5** – Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plans
- **Chapter 6** – Fiscal Year 2009 Action Plan
- **Chapter 7** – Citizen Participation Plan
- **Chapter 8** – Summary of Citizen Comments
- **Appendix and Certifications**



Grant Programs

- **CDBG** – 3 year application cycle
 - only non-profits and municipalities eligible to apply
- **ESG** – 1 year application cycle
 - only non-profits eligible to apply
- **HOME** – First Come, First Served
 - Non-profit and for profit developers eligible to apply




CDBG 2009-2011



CDBG FY 2009-2011

- Applications Received - \$42.38 Million:
 - June 2nd application deadline
 - *Record* 228 Applications received
 - 2005: 162; 2002: 192
 - 33 Municipalities submitted 146 applications
 - 2005: 32 municipalities = 121 applications
 - 36 Non-profits submitted 82 applications
 - 2005: 30 NFPs = 40 applications



CDBG FY 2009-2011

- No Applications Received from:
 - Bronxville
 - Larchmont
 - North Salem
 - Pelham Manor
 - Pound Ridge
 - Rye City
 - Rye Town



CDBG FY 2009-2011

- 13 Applications from 10 New Non-Profit Entities:
 - Alliance for Downtown Ossining
 - Clay Arts Center (2)
 - Greenburgh Central School District #7
 - Hudson Arts Foundation
 - Preservation Company of Peekskill
 - RSHM Life Center (2)
 - SRN Corporation
 - Tarrytown Music Hall
 - WCLA – Choice Matters, Inc.
 - Westchester Housing Fund (2)

Priorities for Funding

- Affordable Housing
- Investment in Sustainable Communities
- Opportunities for Youth

10 Most Distressed Communities

(2000 Census Data)

<u>Community</u>	<u>L/M %</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>NFP</u>
Port Chester	65%	13	23
Peekskill	62%	17	6
Ossining Village	56%	9	13
Sleepy Hollow	55%	7	5
Mount Kisco	50%	4	1
Mamaroneck Village	44%	7	4
Buchanan	44%	1	0
Tuckahoe	41%	9	5
Tarrytown	41%	6	2
Elmsford	39%	5	0

10 Most Distressed Communities

(2000 Census Data)

79 applications from municipalities

59 applications from non-profit agencies

= 60.5% of all applications received

10 Least Distressed Communities

<u>Community</u>	<u>L/M %</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>NFP</u>
Rye City	22%	0	0
North Castle	20%	2	0
Mamaroneck T	20%	2	0
Larchmont	20%	0	0
Lewisboro	17%	2	0
Briarcliff Manor	16%	1	0
New Castle	14%	2	0
Bronxville	13%	0	0
Pound Ridge	12%	0	0
Scarsdale	11%	2	0



10 Least Distressed Communities

11 applications received from municipalities

0 applications received from non-profit agencies

= 4.8% of all applications received



Applications from Public Housing Authorities

- 16 applications received from 4 Public Housing Authorities:
 - Greenburgh Housing Authority
 - Peekskill Housing Authority
 - Port Chester Housing Authority
 - Tuckahoe Housing Authority

Review Process

- Applications Received - June 2, 2008
- Staff Reviews & Site Visits – Summer 2008
- Project Presentations – Oct/Nov 2008
- Final Numbercrunching – Dec 2008
- Public Hearing for Recommendations –
January 8, 2009
- Submission to HUD for approval – **Mar 15, 2009**

Project Considerations

- Budget
 - Consideration of all costs
 - Other funding in place
 - Cost benefit analysis – population to be served
 - Continuation or new project – 3 year limit for services
- Site Control
 - Lease to cover life of improvements
- Timing (2009 vs 2010 vs 2011)
- Long term benefit/sustainability

Applicant Considerations

- Previous Project/Service Experience
- Previous Paperwork Experience
- Ability to do multiple projects
- Affordable Housing progress
- Surveys/design work in progress
- 501(c)(3) or municipality
- Complete Application

Funding Constraints – HUD Rules

- Maximum – no more than **20%** for **Planning and Administrative Expenses**
- Maximum – no more than **15%** for **Public Service Activities**
- Minimum – at least **70%** of project funds must benefit **Low/Moderate Income** populations

Dollars Available for Grants

- FY 2008 Grant = \$5,715,632
 - FY 2009 Grant = **\$5,430,084** (projected 5% cut)*
 - Less Program Admin \$1,081,140** (19.9%)
 - Less Program Delivery \$619,687
 - Less PIP \$1,066,023
 - TOTAL \$2,766,850**
- . * HUD is operating under Continuing Resolution until March 5, 2009 - funding FY 2009 at FY 2008 level
 . ** includes 2 recommended projects from spreadsheet

Dollars Available for Grants

- Balance available for grants =

\$2.8 million

Dollars Available for Grants

- FY 2010 Grant = ?? President's budget to be released first week of February 2009
 - *Our projection* = 5% reduction to be covered through PIP
- **Balance available for grants = \$2.8 million**
- FY 2011 Grant = ??
 - *Our projection* = funded at FY 2010 level with any reduction to be covered through PIP
- **Balance available for grants = \$2.8 million**

Funding Recommendations

- Of 228 Applications = **86*** are recommended for funding
- **45** projects to be funded in 2009
- **28** projects to be funded in 2010
- **33** projects to be funded in 2011
- **59** successful municipal applications
- **27** successful non-profit applications
- **4** successful new applicants

*some projects are recommended for funding in multiple years

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Port Chester	65%	13	6*	23	7
Peekskill	62%	17	9	6	1
Ossining Village	56%	9	5	8	5
Sleepy Hollow	55%	7	3	4	0
Mount Kisco	50%	4	1	3	0
Mamaroneck V	44%	7	4	5	1
Buchanan	44%	1	0	0	0
Tuckahoe	41%	9	4	5	2
Tarrytown	41%	6	3	2	2
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10 Most Distressed Communities

- 37 successful municipal applications
- 18 successful non-profit applications
- 64% of all successful applications

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10 Least Distressed Communities

- 3 successful municipal applications
- 0 successful non-profit applications
- 3.5% of all successful applications

Funding Our Priorities

- Affordable Housing
 - 15 projects recommended for funding
- Investment in Sustainable Communities
 - 44 projects recommended for funding
- Opportunities for Youth
 - 14 projects recommended for funding

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Applications from Public Housing Authorities

- 16 applications received from 4 Public Housing Authorities:
 - Greenburgh Housing Authority – 1 recommended
 - Peekskill Housing Authority – 0 recommended
 - Port Chester Housing Authority – 3 recommended
 - Tuckahoe Housing Authority – 2 recommended



Unsuccessful Municipalities

- 9 municipalities were not successful:
 - Ardsley (1)
 - Buchanan (1)
 - Harrison (4)
 - Irvington (1)
 - Lewisboro (2)
 - Mamaroneck Town (2)
 - New Castle (2)
 - Pleasantville (1)
 - Scarsdale (2)



Unsuccessful Applications

- Most Common Reasons for unsuccessful applications
 - Incomplete Applications
 - Lacking survey data
 - Lacking other documentation
 - Premature – projects aren't ready to go
 - Not Eligible
 - Lease Issues – need lease to cover the life of the improvements

**ALL APPLICATIONS HAVE UNTIL JULY 1, 2009 TO MAKE
UPDATES FOR CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE YEARS!**

Examples of Applications

- Ossining Community Center Deck RECOMMENDED
- Port Chester Facades RECOMMENDED*
 *year 1 funding only (\$122,000)
- Port Chester Senior Patio RECOMMENDED
- Tarrytown Music Hall RECOMMENDED*
 *Partial funding for H/C restroom only (\$50,000)
- Somers Senior Van RECOMMENDED
- Tarrytown YMCA RECOMMENDED

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Examples of Applications

- Open Door 9 applications NOT RECOMMENDED
- Scarsdale Wayside Cottage NOT RECOMMENDED
- Scarsdale Flooding NOT RECOMMENDED
- Pelham Flooding NOT RECOMMENDED
- Yorktown Senior Center NOT RECOMMENDED
- Westchester Hispanic Coalition NOT RECOMMENDED
- Harrison Flooding NOT RECOMMENDED

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