



PUBLIC HEARING
ORLEANS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

October 27, 2021 at 4:25 p.m.

Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Response Application to the NYS Office of Community Renewal through Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities Act (CARES)

Present: Lynne M. Johnson, Chairman; William Eick, Vice Chairman; Donald Allport, John DeFilipps, Ken DeRoller, Merle Draper, Fred Miller, Legislators; Kathy Bogan, County Attorney; John C. Welch, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer.

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to order at 4:25 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Robinson read the following: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Orleans County Legislature will hold a public hearing at the Legislature Chambers, 14016 Route 31 W, Albion NY on October 27, 2021 at 4:25 P.M. to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties on the access to broadband needs to the unserved and underserved areas of Orleans Counties and advisability of submitting a Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Response (“CDBG-CV”) application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the “OCR”) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities Act (“CARES”) to implement the Niagara Orleans Regional Alliance (“NORA”) Workplan. The hearing facility is handicapped accessible. Pursuant to Governor Hochul’s Executive Order No. 1 issued on August 24, 2021 suspending the Open Meetings Law, as amended and extended, the Public Hearing will be held electronically via videoconferencing. Members of the public may attend the Public Hearing and provide comments via Zoom.com or by telephone at 1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 85336464419 Passcode: 476872. The County encourages public comment and participation in the identification of needs and in the preparation of the grant application. Written comments are invited and can be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature at 14016 Route 31 West, Albion, NY 14411. To be considered, comments must be received by 3:00 P.M., October 27, 2021. Dated at Albion, NY October 12, 2021 Lisa Stenshorn, Clerk Orleans County Legislature.

Chairman Johnson asked Kathy Bogan, our County Attorney if she will give us just a short overview of the Public Hearing.

Kathy Bogan stated this is a request for funding for the broadband initiative that the county has been working on for 15 years at least to serve all underserved parts of the community with low to moderate income. The legislators try very hard to make access to internet and the quality of that internet an important resource for every single resident of Orleans County to be covered. With this funding we can move forward and continue on with the goal of heaving everyone served.

Chairman Johnson opened the floor for comment questions. After asking three times and there being no comments offered, Chairman Johnson closed the Public Hearing at 4:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amberlyn Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Orleans County Legislature