



PUBLIC HEARING
ORLEANS COUNTY LEGISLATURE
February 24, 2021
New York State Office of Community Renewal
Community Development Block Grant
Microenterprise Assistance Program Application
4:25 p.m.

Present: Lynne M. Johnson, Chairwoman; Donald Allport, John DeFilipps, Ken DeRoller, Merle Draper, William Eick, Vice Chairman; Fred Miller, Legislators; Kathy Bogan, County Attorney; John C. Welch, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer; Diane Blanchard Orleans Economic Development Agency Administrative/Microenterprise Assistance Program Manager.

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

Clerk Stenshorn read the following: 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 February 24, 2021 at 4:25 P.M. to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties on the housing and community development needs of the County and eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the County's proposal to submit a Community Development Block Grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for funding to implement a microenterprise assistance program. A summary of the CDBG program will be presented at the public hearing as well as detail regarding the proposed microenterprise program. The hearing facility is handicapped accessible. Pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 220.1 issued on March 12, 2020 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., February 24, 2021.

Chairman Johnson called upon Ms. Diane Blanchard, Orleans Economic Development Agency Administrative/Microenterprise Assistance Program Manager to provide an overview to the Board. Ms. Blanchard explained the primary objective is to assist in the expansion and establishment of the microenterprise business activity within the County of Orleans, creating employment opportunities for county residents and preserve and expand county tax base. We are applying for \$200,000.00. The county will be sub recipient for the OCLDC.

Chairman Johnson asked for public comment.

Kenny Ortiz, Medina NY- Orleans County should be held accountable for what it has already wasted. In his case tax payers are paying his housing bill for \$1,800 a month, almost \$30,000 for 1 year. There is other housing available that would save tax payers. There are ways to reduce wasteful spending. There was \$100,000 donated/provided to Orleans County specifically to meet housing needs. His case has still not been meet. Mr. Ortiz then stated that the Medina Police Department spends money to daily news to publish press release.

Chairman Johnson stated that she was stopping Mr. Ortiz because he is off topic of the public hearing and his original comments will be put into the record of meeting. Chairman asked two more times for public comment. Hearing no other comments, Chairman Johnson called the public hearing closed at 4:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Stenshorn, Clerk of the Legislature
Orleans County Legislature