



PUBLIC HEARING
ORLEANS COUNTY LEGISLATURE
June 22, 2022 at 4:25 p.m.
New York State Office of Community Renewal
Community Development Block Grant
Microenterprise Assistance Program Application

Present: William Eick, Vice Chairman; Donald Allport, Merle Draper, John Fitzak, Edward Morgan Legislators; Kathy Bogan, County Attorney; John C. Welch, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer.

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

Clerk Stenshorn 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 June 22, 2022 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 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 may 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., June 22, 2022.

Vice Chairman Eick asked Diane Blanchard, from Orleans County Economic Development Agency Administrative/Microenterprise Assistance Program Manager to provide an overview to the Board.

Ms. Blanchard stated that the Microenterprise Program has been in fruition since 1999. There have been 557 participants in the course. Last year we asked for a grant for \$200,000 to assist eleven business; each received \$10,000-\$25,000. This year we are asking for another grant for. There are already thirteen (13) parties interested. They have asked to help start a business or improve a business. Actvly there are business in Albion, Holley and Medina that have gone through the Microenterprise course and have started business that are still in business. I have been doing this for twenty years.

Vice Chairman Eick 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 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Stenshorn".

Lisa Stenshorn, Clerk of the Legislature
Orleans County Legislature