

PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF LIBERTY, SULLIVAN COUNTY
2020 CFA APPLICATION FOR OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

The Town of Liberty will hold a hearing on February 1, 2021 at 6:15 PM, with masks and social distancing required, at the Liberty Town Hall, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, New York 12754 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town of Liberty's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2020 Program Year.

Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency and bans on large meetings or gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 220.1 issued on March 12, 2020 suspending the Open Meetings Law, the public may attend this hearing electronically. The public can find the access information for Zoom at <https://www.townofliberty.org/>

The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and will make available to eligible local governments approximately \$49 million for the 2020 program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or to provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project(s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

At the hearing the Town will describe types of grant assistance available from the NYS Office of Community Renewal and will seek comments and suggestions from the public as to proposed uses of Community Development Block Grant funds. The types of activities that may be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant program funds include acquisition and disposition of real property, public facilities and improvements, clearance activities, public services, payment of non-federal share of another federal program, removal of architectural barriers, relocation, rehabilitation and preservation activities, economic development and job creating activities.

Draft application(s) for Community Development Block Grant assistance will be discussed. The Town is considering a 2020 CFA Public Infrastructure application in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to undertake water supply improvements

within the White Sulphur Springs Water District. The proposed project(s) will primarily benefit low and moderate income persons.

The Liberty Town Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Town Supervisor Frank DeMayo, Liberty Town Hall, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, New York 12754 845-292-5111 or by email at supervisordemayo@townofliberty.org at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements.

Written comments may also be submitted Frank DeMayo, Town Supervisor, Liberty Town Hall, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, New York 12754 until February 11, 2021.