

Agenda

Housing Committee

Thursday, November 8, 2018 4:45 PM
Legislature Chambers

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Changes to Agenda**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Resolutions**
 - a. **Resolution:** Authorizing Submittal of 2018 New York State Homes and Community Renewal Housing Trust Fund Corporation Community Development Block Grant Program Application (Pending Committee action 11-8-18) (ID #8206)
5. **Adjournment**



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 11/08/18 04:45 PM
Department: Planning and Sustainability Department
Category: Housing
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**Authorizing Submittal of 2018 New York State Homes and
Community Renewal Housing Trust Fund Corporation Community
Development Block Grant Program Application**

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has completed a process of investigation in its community to determine community development needs for the current year, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Housing Trust Fund Office of Community Renewal’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is an important source of funding to address community development objectives in the County, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Healthy Homes Program has been funded through two separate CDBG grants since 2011, and has proven to be very successful in meeting an important community development need in the County, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Housing Committee, That Tompkins County is hereby authorized to apply for up to \$1,000,000 in funding in the 2018 round of the Housing Trust Fund Office of Community Renewal CDBG funding for the Tompkins County Healthy Homes (III) Program,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to sign all documents related to the submission of the Housing Trust Fund Office of Community Renewal CDBG application and any materials required by the Office of Community Renewal.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20

Tompkins County
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TO: Housing Committee
From: David West, Senior Planner
Date: October 30, 2018
Re: Resolution Authorizing Submittal of the 2018 New York State Housing Trust Fund
 Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Program
 Application

Action Requested

The proposed action is to approve a resolution.

Background

The New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is an important source of funding to address community development objectives in the County. The 2018 CDBG funding round for housing activities was announced unusually late this year and unexpectedly eliminated homeownership assistance in the list of eligible activities. Counties are eligible for up to \$1,000,000 in funding with a total of \$12,000,000 available across the state. The Planning & Sustainability Department currently proposes to apply on behalf of the County for \$727,600 to support the rehabilitation of 24 homes owned by low- to moderate-income Tompkins County residents in what would be the third iteration of the County's Healthy Homes Rehabilitation Program. This program assisted a total of 44 home rehabilitation projects in the first two CDBG-funded iterations of Healthy Homes and currently available data supports the potential for 24 homes to be addressed during the two-year grant award period.

A public hearing to provide the community with an opportunity to comment on community development needs was held on October 16, 2018. Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services (INHS) expressed interest in working with the County to apply for this third iteration of the Healthy Homes Rehabilitation Program. The INHS waiting lists for home rehabilitation assistance and the age and condition of much of the housing stock in the county indicate a clear need and demand for this assistance. The public did not provide any additional comments or suggestions at the public hearing.

Financial Impact

None. There is no match required for this grant proposal. Additionally, due to State policy changes, NYS CDBG Program Income funds will no longer be available for the County to use towards these home rehabilitation activities and therefore all activities would be funded through the CDBG award.

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