PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026 PROGRAM YEAR
Monday, August 31, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.

Stephen McNally, Chairperson
Matthew Brassard, Vice-Chairperson

Chairman McNally called this Public Hearing to order at 9:30 am with the following Supervisors in attendance: Clayton Barber, Matthew Brassard, Chris Clark, Timothy Follos, Mary Lamphear, Stephen McNally, Clayton Menser, James O'Bryan, Timothy Pierce, Richard Preston, Matthew Stanley, Michael Tyler, Joe Pete Wilson and Meg Wood. Cathleen Reusser and Davina Thurston were absent. Kenneth Hughes and Tracie McGill were excused.

Department Heads present: Judy Garrison and Mike Mascarenas.

Deputies present: William Tansey

Also present: Kaitlin Long – North Country Rural Development

MCNALLY: I call this public hearing to order please. Please rise for the pledge. Good morning Judith. Reading of public hearing notice.

GARRISON: *Notice of Public Hearing Essex County. Essex County will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 31, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the Essex County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 7551 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY 12932 for the purpose of hearing public comments on community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2026 program year.*
The NYS CDBG Program is administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal and will make available to eligible local governments approximately $45 million in funding for the current program year for housing, public infrastructure, public facilities, economic development, imminent threat, and community planning, with the principal purpose of benefiting low- and moderate-income persons.
Essex County has applied for $600,000 in CDBG funds to establish an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program for eligible low- and moderate-income homeowners within Essex County Proposed activities may include repairs and improvements addressing health and safety concerns, code violations, accessibility needs, energy efficiency, roofing, structural conditions, plumbing, electrical systems, heating systems, windows, lead or asbestos hazards, and well or septic systems.
The hearing will provide CDBG program information and accept public input on the proposed grant application and alternative project ideas.
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Written comments may also be submitted to: Judith Garrison, Clerk of the Board,7551 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY 12932
Telephone: (518) 873-3353 Email: judith.garrison@essexcountyny.gov

Written comments will be accepted until September 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., which must be at least 48 hours after the date and time of the public hearing.
The application and related CDBG materials will be made available for public review at 7551 Court Street, Elizabethtown, New York, 12932 during regular business hours.
Dated: August 11, 2026

MCNALLY: Any comments from the public? Any comments from the board?

PIERCE: Just a question, it says for the purposes of this program for the current program year what is that timeframe?

MASCARENAS: Sure I understand the question but this is a pre requisite of filing the grant application that will be put in by North Country Rural Development.

PIERCE: Right I guess what I'm saying, it says current program year what time frame does that cover?

MASCARENAS: That would be next year. Yes, next year's project.

MCNALLY: Anybody else? If no one has anything else we are adjourned.

As there was no further discussion to come before this public hearing it was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors