



# Want To Add Your Two Cents On How To Spend Community Development Block Grant Funding?

*The Town of Union and Villages of Endicott and Johnson City need your help in identifying unmet housing and community development needs in the community.*

## **Why is the Town of Union conducting a Public Hearing on April 4th?**

The town and villages have been receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for more than forty years through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a recipient of these federal funds, the town is required to prepare a five-year Consolidated Plan including Annual Action Plans. The Consolidated Plan is a long-range planning document that identifies needs in the community and outlines strategies for addressing those needs. The current 2015-2019 five-year plan was approved by HUD in August of 2015. The purpose of the public hearing is to identify needs in the community that residents, neighborhood groups, community organizations, or public service providers feel are not currently being met. The town has not yet received any indication from HUD relative to funding levels for the 2018 Federal Fiscal Year (10/1/18 through 9/30/19).

## **Do I have to come to the Public Hearing in order to submit suggestions?**

No. The Town of Union recognizes that life is hectic these days and your time is both limited and valuable. If you can't attend the Public Hearing, please submit comments via e-mail to [cdbg@townofunion.com](mailto:cdbg@townofunion.com) or send them along in a letter to:

Paul A. Nelson, Director  
Town of Union Department of Planning  
3111 East Main Street  
Endwell, New York 13760

## **When will the draft version Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Action Plan be available for public comment?**

A draft version of the plan is scheduled to be released for the required 30-day public comment period on or about June 30, 2018.

## **Which governmental agency is responsible for development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan?**

The Town of Union Planning Department is

the designated Lead Agency for development and administration of the town's CDBG program. The Planning Department works with a seven-member citizen advisory board, appointed by the elected officials from all three communities, to prepare the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.

## **What types of activities can CDBG funds be used for?**

A brochure outlining the eligible uses of CDBG funding can be viewed on the Town of Union web page at [townofunion.com](http://townofunion.com) under the Departments/Community Development section. The listing of priorities for the previous Consolidated Plan are also listed in this section of the web page. Unfortunately, not all areas of the town and villages are eligible for certain activities such as street reconstruction or park improvements. All CDBG funded activities must meet at least one of the three national objectives established for the program:

- Activities directly benefiting persons of low to moderate income;
- Activities which aid in the elimination of slums and blight;
- Activities designed to meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

### 2018 CDBG Public Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Time
Initial Input Public Hearing April 4, 2018	Town Hall 3111 E. Main St. Endwell	7:00 PM
Draft Plan Public Hearing July 11, 2018	Town Hall 3111 E. Main St. Endwell	7:00 PM
Final Plan Approval August 8, 2018	Town Hall 3111 E. Main St. Endwell	7:00 PM

