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## Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program

### Town of Union To Receive \$10.1 Million To Facilitate Flood Recovery Efforts

On April 16, 2012 the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a notice in the Federal Register (Docket No. FR-5628-N-01) regarding **Allocations, Common Application Waivers, and Alternate Requirements for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Grantees Under the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012.**

The effective date of the notice is April 23, 2012. Pursuant to this notice, the Town of Union (including the villages of Endicott and Johnson City) is scheduled to receive a direct allocation of \$10,137,818 for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization. The Town is required to submit an Action Plan for Disaster Recovery to HUD by July 23, 2012.

CDBG-DR funding can be used to address a wide range of unmet needs directly resulting from the September 2011 flood.

Each eligible activity must also address one of three National Objectives established for the CDBG program by:

- *Benefitting low and moderate-income persons;*
- *Preventing or eliminating slums or blight;*
- *Meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.*

At least fifty (50) percent of the funds must be spent on activities that directly benefit persons of low and moderate income (80% of the

median income, by family size, for Broome County).

Residents can submit written suggestions to the address listed above for potential uses of the grant funds and may also submit suggestions electronically to:

[recovery@townofunion.com](mailto:recovery@townofunion.com)

Additional information regarding the Disaster Recovery Grant is available under the Flood Recovery Information section link near the top of the Town's web site at:

[www.townofunion.com](http://www.townofunion.com)

Once the Town submits the final Action Plan, HUD will begin the review and approval process which may take up to 45-days.

### Eligible Recovery Activities (Partial Listing)

- Infrastructure repairs
- Housing rehabilitation
- Economic revitalization
- Neighborhood facilities (i.e. senior centers, day care centers)
- Acquisition of real property for redevelopment
- Acquisition of real property for open space (i.e. buyouts)
- Clearance & demolition
- Homeownership assistance
- New housing construction
- Long-term recovery planning studies



### CDBG-DR Grant Timeline

Activity	Complete By
Recovery Plan Development	Ongoing
Needs Assessment Update	5/25/12
Release Plan For Public Comments	7/3/12
Recovery Plan Submission To HUD	7/23/12

### Town Seeks Data For CDBG-DR Grant Needs Assessment

As part of the Action Plan for Disaster Recovery, the Town is required to undertake an analysis of unmet needs resulting from the flood. This analysis will influence how the Town establishes priorities for allocating funds to various eligible grant activities.

Please take the time to complete the enclosed Needs As-

essment Survey and return it to the Planning Department at the address listed above as soon as possible.

Your input will help the Town design programs that will best address the needs of residents that have been impacted by the flood.

The extent of the flooding created significant housing, economic development, and infrastructure needs. The Town Board intends to address as many of these impacts as possible with the CDBG-DR funding in order to ensure a full and complete recovery from this catastrophic event.

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