



**TOWN OF UNION**  
**NOTICE OF RELEASE**  
**PRELIMINARY DRAFT**  
**2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND**  
**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2020**

The Town of Union announces the release of the preliminary draft versions of its proposed 2020-2024 Consolidated plan and FFY 2020 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant program. IN accordance with the town's Citizen Participation Plan and waivers provided in the CARES Act requiring a minimum five (5) day comment period, comments on the preliminary draft plans will be due by October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

The required five-year Consolidated Plan identifies the following activities as priorities for the allocation of federal funding for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024 (these priorities appear in no particular order and are of equal importance):

**Proposed Consolidated Plan Priorities (2020-2024)**  
**(Subject To Town Board Approval)**

**Priority 1**

Provide extremely low, very low, and low-income renters with rental assistance to alleviate rent cost burden (paying more than 30% of gross income for rent) and excessive rent cost burden (paying more than 50% of gross income for rent and provide renters with a choice of affordable decent, safe and sanitary rental units.

**Priority 2**

Promote homeownership as the preferred form of housing tenure by providing financial assistance for the purchase of existing housing.

**Priority 3**

Preserve and enhance the existing housing stock by providing financial assistance for rehabilitation of existing housing.

**Priority 4**

Provide the elderly with housing opportunities and support services necessary to maintain their independence.

**Priority 5**

Provide additional affordable housing units and support services for persons with a wide range of special needs.

**Priority 6**

Promote the provision of additional outreach services, supportive housing, and permanent housing for the homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.

**Priority 7**

Preserve and enhance the quality of life in older neighborhoods by providing high quality public amenities such as parks, public facilities, and infrastructure to eliminate blight, reduce the number of deteriorated and deteriorating housing units, and create an environment conducive to attracting additional public and private investment.

**Priority 8**

Provide services and support for the elderly, youth, disabled, and other extremely low-, very low-, and low-income people in a manner that encourages public, private, and non-profit sector collaboration and reduces program duplication.

**Priority 9**

Promote accessibility to public facilities and places by removal of architectural barriers.

Priority 10

Preserve buildings and neighborhoods of local, state, or national historic importance and/or architectural significance.

Priority 11

Enhance job creation/retention for low and moderate income persons by improving the viability of target area neighborhood business districts, promoting the rehabilitation of commercial/industrial structures, improving target area infrastructure such as street amenities and parking facilities in order to stimulate private investment, and providing technical assistance to new and established businesses.

Priority 12

Provide fair housing education and referral services to promote equal opportunity for housing choice.

Priority 13

Provide education and referral services for testing and potential abatement to reduce lead paint hazards.

Priority 14

Provide administrative and planning activities necessary for the implementation of the objectives, actions, and programs outlined in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.

Priority 15

Enhance the town's ability to respond to and recover from future flood events by promoting best practice sustainability construction methods in infrastructure replacement and/or expansion projects.

Priority 16

Prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

The following is a summary of the proposed annual budget for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 covering the period 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2024:

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):**

**Proposed Use of Funds:**

Housing activities, including program delivery	\$ 270,000
Economic Development, including program delivery	\$ 71,753
Public Infrastructure/Street Improvements	\$ 447,595
Neighborhood Facilities	\$ 85,500
Public Services	\$ 175,800
CDBG Administration	\$ 144,051
Demolition	\$ 40,000
Citizen Participation/Fair Housing Outreach	\$ 2,000
Comptroller Costs	\$ 16,000
Unprogrammed Funds	<u>\$ 28,559</u>
<b>Total Year 46 (FFY 2020) CDBG Formula Allocation:</b>	<b>\$1,281,258</b>

**Estimated Program Income From Past Grants:**

Housing Loan Repayments	\$ 40,000
TOULDC Loan Program Repayments	\$ 126,897

**Proposed Use of Program Income:**

Housing Activities (First Time Home Buyer Program)	\$ 40,000
TOULDC Loan Programs	<u>\$ 126,897</u>
<b>Total CDBG Including Program Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,448,155</b>

As of September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the preliminary draft plans have been made available for review. Interested persons or organizations may review a copy of the preliminary 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FFY 2020 Annual Action Plan at the following locations:

Town of Union Planning Department, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell  
Johnson City Village Hall, 243 Main Street, Johnson City  
Your Home Library, 107 Main Street, Johnson City  
Endicott Village Hall, 1009 East Main Street, Endicott  
George F. Johnson Memorial Library, 1001 Park Street, Endicott  
Town of Union Web Page: [www.townofunion.com](http://www.townofunion.com)

Written comments regarding the preliminary draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FFY 2020 Annual Plan are encouraged and should be submitted to: Sara Zubalsky-Peer, Director, Department of Planning, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, NY 13760, by 4:00 PM Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: [cdbq@townofunion.com](mailto:cdbq@townofunion.com).

Persons with disabilities needing special format for the preliminary draft plans should contact the Town of Union Planning Department at (607) 786-2975. Persons with speech or hearing impairments should call the Town's Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) at 786-2915.

The Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing regarding the draft Consolidated/Annual Action Plans on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Town Board meeting room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, NY 13760 and via Zoom video conferencing.

Please take notice, that in accordance with an Emergency Order of the Governor of the State of New York, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock of thereafter in the evening in person attendance shall NOT exceed 50% capacity of the Town Hall Board Room, less Town Board Members and Town Employees. It is anticipated that the maximum number of the public who can be in attendance at Town Hall for this Town board meeting and public hearing will be 17 persons. All persons in attendance MUST wear a face covering to include their mouth and nose region, they MUST hand sanitize upon entry of the meeting at the hand sanitizer stations provided by the Town, the MUST adhere to social distancing guidelines and remain six (6) feet apart at all times. Alternatively, in the event that in person public attendance has met the maximum capacity, the public hearing will be accessible to the public via Zoom virtual meeting software. Any members of the public wishing to observe the meeting remotely are advised to access the meeting via Zoom video conference:

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84819059114>

Meeting ID: 848 1905 9114

Dial in phone number: +19292056099, 84819059114#

Please take further notice that the information which is the subject matter of the public hearing is available for inspection at the Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M., or upon request can be provided electronically. Persons wishing to participate in the hearing may do so via Zoom or telephone, or communications in writing regarding said application may be filed with the Town Clerk's office prior to said hearing. Individuals with special needs requiring accommodations may contact the Town Clerk's Office at 607-786-2900 at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing. In the event that the Town Hall is fully open and able to accommodate all members of the public as of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Town reserves the right to discontinue the use of Zoom for said meeting. The Public is hereby advised to check the Town of Union website for updates regarding this change prior to any scheduled meeting.

A final draft of the plans will be released for public comment on or about October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing regarding the final Consolidated/Annual Action Plans on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Town Board meeting room, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, NY 13760 and via Zoom video conferencing. The Town Board is scheduled to vote on the final version of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FFY 2020 Annual Plan at the Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 meeting.

**Sara Zubalsky-Peer**  
**Director of Planning & Community Development**