

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

### **TOWN OF IRONDEQUOIT 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS & PUBLIC HEARING-UPDATED**

The Town of Irondequoit anticipates receiving an allocation of \$ 881,850 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Town's 2024 program year, which begins on August 1, 2024, and ends July 31, 2025.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at **7:35 p.m.** for the purpose of providing Irondequoit residents with the opportunity to hear and comment upon the proposed activities and funding allocations that constitute the Town's UPDATED Preliminary 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program. The Public hearing will take place in the Broderick Room at the Irondequoit Town Hall, 1280 Titus Avenue. Accommodations will be provided to allow participation by non-English speaking persons or persons with disabilities who require assistance if requested at least two days prior to the public hearing.

The opportunity for residents to provide their comments, and thereby participate in Irondequoit's CDBG Program, is pursuant to Section 104 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1997, as amended, and the 1983 Housing and Urban Rural Recovery Act (Public Law 98-181).

The following proposed activities and fund allocations have been included in Irondequoit's Preliminary 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program:

#### **UPDATED PROPOSED ACTIVITIES & UPDATED ALLOCATIONS**

1. Irondequoit Home Improvement Program - \$396,025- Under this program grants of up to \$4,900 are provided to low-income homeowners for essential improvements to single-family and two family, owner-occupied homes. Grants amounting to 100% and 75% of total project cost are made available, depending upon household income and family size. Eligible rehabilitation activities include: correction of building code violations, health and safety related repairs, accessibility improvements, structural and major systems repairs, and energy conservation improvements. It is estimated that approximately 100 low-income homeowners will benefit from this activity during the program year. This program will be administered by the Town Department of Community Development.

2. Comprehensive Housing Counseling Program - \$26,563 - This activity will enable the Town to continue to contract with the not-for-profit Housing Council for the provision of housing counseling services to Irondequoit's

low-income residents. In addition to marketing, advertising, and outreach to Town residents; staff members of the Housing Council will provide counseling in the following areas: foreclosure prevention including mortgage default and Zombie homes, housing pre-purchase, post-purchase education, reverse mortgages, housing hot-line, tenant-landlord disputes, and fair housing compliance.

3. Life in Irondequoit Elder Care Program - \$26,563 - This program assists the frail and isolated elderly to remain independent and in their own homes through the provision of transportation, housekeeping, referral, and other services. These services will be provided by the not-for-profit Catholic Charities Family and Community Services, working under the supervision of the Town Department of Community Services, Bureau of Recreation.

4. Home Safe Home for Seniors - \$14,803 - Lifespan of Greater Rochester requests funding for home safety assessments and minor modifications to improve safety in the homes of Irondequoit residents who are age 62 and over.

5. Infrastructure (Street) Improvements - \$234,710 - This project involves street resurfacing and roadway improvements as well as drainage improvements. The streets to be impacted are Clark Ave., Forest Ave., Giles Ave., Knapp Ave., Taft Ave., Teakwood Dr., and Walnut Pk.

6. Infrastructure (Sidewalk) Improvements - \$77,441- This project involves upgrading sidewalks throughout CDBG eligible areas to improve pedestrian safety and access.

7. I-Ride Program - Irondequoit Senior Transportation - \$32,245 - This program provides affordable transportation management services by Lifespan to persons age 60 and over who reside in Irondequoit. Individual transportation will be provided to destinations within Monroe County for the following purposes: non-emergency medical appointments, physical therapy, visits to nursing homes, grocery shopping to the "nearest" grocery store within the service area; and group transportation is available for Town sponsored events such as the Irondequoit Farmer's Market.

8. Irondequoit Community Cupboard, Inc. Healthy Eating Program - \$24,500 - The funding is for the purchase of fresh produce, dairy and other healthy food choices to improve the health and well-being of low-income residents. The program includes a weekend backpack program for children in designated Irondequoit schools with food insecurity.

9. Administration/Contingencies - \$49,000 - Administrative costs include a portion of the salary and benefits of three Town employees involved in the administration of Irondequoit's CDBG Program, as well as fees charged by the Town's Community Development Consultants. Other costs include: general office expenses, publication of legal notices, and mailings.

Analysis of Irondequoit's Preliminary Community Development Block Grant Program by type of activity shows that the largest percentage of funds, 44.9% will be allocated to residential property rehabilitation programs, 35.4% is

for public infrastructure. Community service programs are at 14.1% and, Administration and Contingency (including planning) costs account for 5.6%.

The final 2024-2025 allocation was received after the initial publication of public hearing notice on May 9, 2024. Per the contingency plan for reduced funding, programs have been reduced proportionately.

These allocations reflect and address Irondequoit's community development needs and priorities as set forth by the Town in its Consolidated Plan.

A more detailed description of the proposed activities comprising Irondequoit's Preliminary Community Development Block Grant Program is available for public review in the office of the Comptroller at the Irondequoit Town Hall, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Written comments should be directed to: Community Development Block Grant Program; (attention Diana Marsh, Comptroller); Town of Irondequoit; 1280 Titus Avenue; Rochester, New York 14617. Telephone inquiries should be directed to Barbara Johnston of LaBella Associates, the Town's Community Development Consultant, at (585) 295-6636, or Diana Marsh, at (585) 336-6010.

DATED: May 13, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF IRONDEQUOIT

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