Board of Trustees --- Proceedings by Authority

State of New York

Village of Celoron ss:

Community Center

A Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Celoron, New York was held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 5:45 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Schrecengost, Trustees Burley, Burnett and Moss

Others Present: Clerk-Treasurer Shirley A. Sanfilippo, Highway Supervisor Terry W. Schrecengost, Village Attorney John D. Vanstrom, Eileen Powers of CHRIC and 1 member of the public.

Mayor Schrecengost called the Public Hearing to order and asked the Clerk to read the legal notice.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing sponsored by the Village of Celoron is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2022 at 5:45 pm at the Community Center, 47 Dunham Avenue, Celoron NY 14720. The Village is considering applying for Community Development Block Grant funding through New York State Homes and Community Renewal’s Office of Community Renewal under the 2022 Unified Funding Round. The NYS CDBG Program provides funding for (1) Housing, including Housing Rehabilitation, Direct Homeownership Assistance and Residential Water/Wastewater System Assistance; (2) Public Infrastructure; (3) Public Facilities; (4) Economic Development, and (5) Small Business Assistance; all principally benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. The public hearing is being held to provide citizens with the opportunity to comment. The Village welcomes public questions as well as input on proposals. All persons desiring to be heard with reference to the above, especially those of low- and moderate- income, are invited to attend this Public Hearing and have the opportunity to speak and be heard. The Community Center has ADA compliant access. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Shirley Sanfilippo, Village Clerk at 716-487-4175, at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to Scott Schrecengost, Mayor, at the Village Hall, 21 Boulevard Ave., PO Box 577, Celoron NY 14720-0577 until 4:00 pm Thursday, August 11, 2022.

Scott Schrecengost

Mayor, Village of Celoron

July 25, 2022

Mayor Schrecengost asked if there was anyone present who wished to address this public hearing to please step to the front, give your name, address and please limit your comments to three minutes.

Eileen Powers, CHRIC, presented the following:

**What Is It?**

The New York State Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a federally funded program authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 that is administered by the Office for Community Renewal (OCR).

* The CDBG Program provides funding to eligible communities for the development of **projects that provide** (1) decent and hazard-free affordable **housing**, (2) access to safe **drinking water**, (3) proper **disposal of household wastewater**, (4) **access to community-needed services** in local facilities, (5) foster **microenterprise activities** and economic opportunities through the support of projects that create and/or retain permanent employment opportunities that principally benefit low-and moderate-income persons.
* In New York State, the application process is separated by the type of activity, with requests for grants to assist with Community Planning, Microenterprise, Public Facilities, and Public Infrastructure proposals falling under the Consolidated Funding Application that is awarded through the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council. Application for funding for Housing activities for 2022 are due on August 26th.

Activities funded under the CDBG Program must meet the **National Objectives** of (1) benefit low-and moderate- income persons, (2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight or (3) meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

**2022 Income limits are:**

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| Household Size | **1 Person** | **2 People** | **3 People** | **4 People** | **5 People** | **6 People** | **7 People** | **8 People** |
| **Maximum Income** | **$43,050** | **$49,200** | **$55,350** | **$61,500** | **$66,450** | **$71,350** | **$76,300** | **$81,200** |

**Who can apply?**

Cities/towns/villages with a population under 50,000 and counties with populations under 200,000 are eligible to apply

**How much is available?**

The total available for 2022 is approximately $10 million. In the past, the annual amount available for housing activities was usually around $15 million. The maximum funding limits are as follows:

*Towns, Cities and Villages:* housing rehabilitation/homebuyer assistance/water-wastewater systems - $500,000/manufactured housing replacement - $750,000

*Counties:*  housing rehabilitation/homebuyer assistance/water-wastewater systems - $1,000,000/manufactured housing replacement - $1,500,000

**What is the process?**

The Village is seeking public input, especially from low-income residents, on whether to apply for CDBG funding in 2022 and, if so, what type of program to pursue. Again, eligible uses of CDBG funding include (1) decent and hazard-free affordable **housing**, (2) access to safe **drinking water**, (3) proper **disposal of household wastewater**, (4) **access to community-needed services** in local facilities, (5) foster **microenterprise activities** and economic opportunities through the support of projects that create and/or retain permanent employment opportunities that principally benefit low-and moderate-income persons.

Citizen participation in the planning and implementation process is critical. There must be public interest in seeking funds and agreement on the proposed use of those funds.

*Open for questions/comments/input/discussion*

The applications are extremely competitive and there is no guarantee that we will be successful, although we will prepare and submit the strongest proposal possible. If Celoron is awarded money, the period of performance will be 24 months long with most construction occurring in the second twelve months.

Valerie Murphy, Celoron, NY, questioned the income limits.

Eileen Powers explained how the income was calculated.

Valerie Murphy asked if you had to live in the property to qualify.

Eileen Powers responded that the residence had to be owner occupied. She explained the lien process of five years for an owner-occupied single family and 15 years for a combination of rental and owner occupied.

John Vanstrom asked about who the lien holder was.

Eileen Powers responded

No correspondence was received.

Mayor Schrecengost asked three times if there was anyone present who wished to address this public hearing to please step to the front, give your name, address and please limit your comments to three minutes.

No one stepped forward.

Mayor Schrecengost adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC/CMFO

Clerk-Treasurer