

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing

Allegany County

Allegany County will hold a public hearing on April 22, 2026 at 2:00pm in the Legislative Chambers of the County Office Building, 7 Court Street, Belmont, New York 14813 for the purpose of hearing public comments on Allegany County's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2026 program year.

The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) and will make available to eligible local governments approximately \$20 million for the 2026 program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefiting low-to-moderate income persons. Allegany County is considering applying for \$300,000 to implement a Microenterprise Assistance grant program. This program would provide grants up to \$35,000 to offset eligible business expenses to eligible start-up or existing microenterprise businesses within the County who meet the HUD National Objective of benefiting low-to-moderate income persons. It is expected that \$240,000 of the requested CDBG funds will assist eligible businesses benefiting low-to-moderate income persons, with the remaining funding utilized for expenses related to program delivery and grant administration.

The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program, including progress towards beneficiary goals and program objectives, and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project(s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, please contact the Clerk of the Board, Brenda Rigby Riehle, at (585) 268-9220 or by email to brenda.riehle@alleganyco.gov, at least three days in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted by email or mail to Carissa M. Knapp, County Administrator, at countyadmin@alleganyco.gov or 7 Court Street, Room 213, Belmont, New York 14813. All comments received by the close of business on April 21, 2026 will be considered by Allegany County.