

Village of Phoenix
Public Hearing
Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 8:08 PM
Sweet Memorial Building
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Mayor Ryan Wood
Trustee Jennifer Burgess
Absent Trustee Andrew Bittel
Trustee David Pendergast
Trustee Eric Shaffer II
Attorney Steve Primo
Clerk Roxanne Demo
Administrator James Lynch

3 Public in Attendance

First Public Hearing Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing
Village of Phoenix

The Village of Phoenix will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 6:45 pm in the Sweet Memorial Building located at 455 Main Street, Phoenix, New York for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Village of Phoenix's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2016 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 \$25 million for the 2016 program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or to provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project 9s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart 1 of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The Sweet Memorial Building is not 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, those individuals should contact Roxanne Demo at (315) 695-2484 at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to Roxanne Demo at rdemo@villageofphoenix-ny.gov until 4:00 pm on Monday, July 25, 2016.

Mayor Ryan Wood said if we have no objection from the public I'd like have a motion to waive the reading of the notice and have Kristy LaManche explain what the hearing is about. Motion was made by Trustee Pendergast, seconded by Trustee Shaffer. All ayes. Kristy LaManche then explained in some detail the purpose of the hearing and details in the proposed resolution. The following reflects the detail of same and including any board inquiries or comments during the hearing and following same.

Summary of Program

- \$25 million available for Annual Competitive Round and Open Round Economic Development Program
- Administered by the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation's Office of Community Renewal
- Goals: Provide small communities and counties in NYS an opportunity to undertake activities that focus on community development needs such as creating or expanding job opportunities, providing safe affordable housing, and/or addressing local public infrastructure and public facilities issues.
- Eligible projects must benefit no less than 70% low- and moderate- income persons. A low- and moderate- income person is defined as being a member of a household whole income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size. A principal benefit to low- and moderate-income persons requires at least 51% of the project beneficiaries to qualify as low- and moderate-income.

The Village of Phoenix meets this criteria, based on information included in the 2010 Census. 53.88% of the residents of Phoenix are considered LMI.

Annual Competitive Round Program

Categories:

- Public Facilities (structures to house or serve special needs populations, senior centers, child care centers, health care facilities, removal of architectural barriers for the disabled, and multipurpose buildings housing several qualifying activities benefiting LMI persons)
- Public Infrastructure consists of two funding activities: drinking water/clean water/stormwater and public works. Eligible projects include repair or replacement of existing systems, construction of new systems or expansion of existing systems into areas previously underserved. Projects must be completed in 24 months
The Village is seeking funding under the drinking water/clean water/stormwater category which includes, but is not limited to, water source development, storage and distribution; sanitary sewage collection and treatment; flood control and stormwater drainage. Projects may also include ancillary public works components such as sidewalks, parking, open space and publicly owned utilities.
- Community Planning (community needs assessments and preliminary engineering reports)
- Microenterprise (acquisition of real property; financing for machinery, furniture, fixtures and equipment; working capital; inventory; and employee training expenses)

Funding Limits for Individual Applications:

Public Facilities \$300,000 Public Infrastructure \$750,000 Microenterprise \$200,000 Planning \$50,000

Application must be electronically submitted on Friday, July 29, 2016:

- Forms/Approvals: Program description, budget, timeline, LMI verification, program income report, public hearing, third party costs estimates, smart growth compliance, detailed maps of project area, environmental review

- Must demonstrate significant need for the proposed activity, demonstrate the project is financially feasible and shown a significant positive impact on the community.

Motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:05pm was made by Trustee Pendergast, seconded by Trustee Shaffer. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer