

Columbia County, New York  
Notice of Public Hearing

Columbia County will hold a public hearing on December 28, 2022 at 3pm at 401 State St., Hudson, NY 12534 for the purpose of hearing public comments on Columbia County's community development needs, and to discuss the submission of an Economic Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application on behalf of Blueberry Chill, Inc.

The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Homes and Community Renewal, Office of Community Renewal, and will make available to eligible local governments funding for the 2023 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 open round economic development, small business, and microenterprise programs, and will allow for citizen participation in the development of the proposed grant application and/or to provide technical assistance to develop proposals. The proposed grant application will request up to \$450,000 in CDBG Economic Development funding to assist the local business in acquiring machinery and equipment and creating up to 40 full time equivalent positions.

The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program and will allow for discussion and comment on the proposed application and to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties on the needs of the jurisdiction for the CDBG application. Comments on the CDBG Program or the proposed project 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.

Assistance under the CDBG Program must meet one of three national objectives: benefit to low and moderate-income persons, eliminations of slums and blight or urgent needs affecting the health and safety of the community. No less than seventy percent (70%) of grant funds must be used for activities benefiting low and moderate income persons and a minimum of fifty-one percent (51%) of the jobs that are created must be made available to persons from low and moderate-income households.

All interested residents including minority, women, disabled and disadvantaged persons are strongly encouraged to attend this public hearing. Written and verbal comments and questions can be directed to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Kelly Baccaro, 401 State Street, Hudson, NY 12534, tel. 518-828-1527. Please contact the County offices if special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English.

Questions, comments or public review after the public hearings, but before the formal submission of the application, can be arranged by calling or writing Columbia County, 401 State Street, Hudson, NY 12534, tel. 518-828-1527. After submission, a copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the County Office.

Date: 12/13/22

Kelly S. Baccaro  
Clerk of the Board