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COLUMBIA COUNTY AWARDED \$2M ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT GRANT

Columbia County has been named the beneficiary of a \$2 million New York State Housing Trust Fund grant designed to assist homeowners with the creation of accessory dwelling units. The grant was recently approved under the state's Plus One Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program.

The Plus One ADU program provides grant funding to local governments and nonprofit housing organizations to construct new, or rehabilitate existing but unutilized, accessory dwelling units. Commonly referred to as "in-law apartments," ADUs are smaller buildings located on the same parcel as a homeowner's primary residence. ADUs can provide much-needed rental housing as well as additional income for the homeowner.

"On behalf of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank the Office of Homes and Community Renewal for the opportunity to deliver this program to our residents," said Matt B. Murrell, chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors. "We are also very excited to partner with RUPCO, and welcome their experience and expertise. The Plus One ADU grant is the most recent addition to the County's strategy to address housing affordability."

County officials and staff, the Columbia County Housing Task Force and the Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) collaborated on the grant application. The Housing Task Force is co-chaired by town supervisors Brenda Adams (Canaan) and Ron Knott (Stuyvesant). The county is partnering with RUPCO, a nonprofit housing organization that has served the mid-Hudson Valley region for more than 40 years.

"Accessory dwelling units provide affordable housing options for renters, as well as a supplemental source of income for homeowners. We are thrilled that Columbia County was chosen to participate in the Plus One ADU program," said Supervisor Adams.

Added Supervisor Knott, "In our rural towns and villages, which face many of the same affordability issues as cities but lack municipal infrastructure, developing housing can be difficult. ADUs are a low-impact solution to that challenge."

"Balancing the preservation of the open spaces that make Columbia County such an attractive destination with the housing needs of our essential rural workforce is key to the County Housing Task Force's efforts. ADUs are a tool that allow communities to address both," noted CEDC Housing Coordinator Chris Brown.

The Housing Task Force and RUPCO plan to host a series of outreach events to provide details about the Plus One ADU Program. Qualifying homeowners will be eligible to receive assistance with all aspects of construction, including but not limited to design, permitting and rental marketing.

For additional information about the Plus One ADU Program, please contact Chris Brown, Housing Development Coordinator, at cbrown@columbiaedc.com