

County Executive George Latimer, Congresswoman Nita Lowey Announce
\$2.9M in Federal Funding Awarded To Westchester

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified Westchester County that pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), emergency Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) are available to aid in the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant money the County could receive would be disbursed among the nonprofit organizations that assist residents, and small business micro-enterprises of the 27 Consortium municipalities in Westchester, with funds available as soon as July.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "On behalf of all of our local municipalities, funding from the CDBG and ESG programs will bring real relief by saving money for taxpayers who are struggling. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a tremendous financial strain, especially for those with low and moderate incomes. These federal dollars will go a long way towards helping our consortium communities, nonprofit organizations small businesses and micro-enterprises get back on their feet again."

Congresswoman Nita Lowey said: "The spread of the coronavirus across the Lower Hudson Valley has placed an unprecedented, unbearable strain on too many New Yorkers, including seniors, the disabled, low income families with children, and veterans, who were already struggling to find or maintain housing security and access economic opportunities prior to this pandemic. This federal funding which I helped secure in the CARES Act will provide Westchester County with flexible rapid investments responsive to community needs during and after this public health crisis. I'm grateful for County Executive George Latimer's leadership in this fight against COVID-19, and I'm proud the federal government can be an important partner in helping Westchester meet the needs of every resident during and after this crisis."

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Planning Norma Drummond said: "There will be a critical need in early July to assist families with paying several months of back rent. At the same time, offering assistance to small businesses that are the mainstay of our municipalities is also critical. We are thankful that these funds will be available to fill these gaps for so many of our Westchester families and businesses."

Chair of the Westchester Urban County Consortium Steve Altieri said: "The additional CDBG funding is great news for the Consortium communities. It will permit the consortium to assist food banks facing shortages of funding and small businesses which have been so badly impacted by the Coronavirus Crisis."

Available CDBG funds are as follows:

- \$380,000 available to assist nonprofits.
- \$400,000 available for emergency food distribution programs.
- \$1.2 million available for micro-enterprise assistance.

Available ESG funds are as follows:

- \$350,000 for non-profits to assist low income households with rental or utility arrears
- \$600,000 to assist low income households with short term rental assistance

Funding will be available to assist households and businesses within the 27 Consortium municipalities.

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