

**TOWN OF GREECE
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)
PROPOSED USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS**

As a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been authorized to provide supplemental funding to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, through the implementation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act). The CARES Act allows for these funds to be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of the crisis.

The Town of Greece will receive an anticipated \$ 705,583 as part of the third round of the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus funds (CDBG - CV) from HUD for use in the Town's 2019 program year, which began August 1, 2019.

As a result, on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., the Town of Greece is proposing a substantial amendment to its previously approved 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan to allow for the acceptance of the additional funds, and approval of the next phase of the town's CDBG - CV response initiatives. The meeting will take place in the Eastman Room at the Greece Town Hall, One Vince Tofany Boulevard, Greece, New York.

Written comments may be submitted regarding this proposal no later than Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Please submit written comments to the Office of Community Development; Town of Greece; One Vince Tofany Boulevard; Greece, New York 14612. Telephone inquiries should be directed to John T. Caterino, CDBG Administrator/Planner, at 585-723-2432, email address: jcaterino@greecenyc.gov

The following activities, fund allocations, and amendments are proposed, subject to approval by HUD, in order to allow for the Town of Greece to receive and utilize the third round of CDBG-CV funds from HUD:

- 1) GROW Greece Commercial Occupancy Incentive: \$450,583.00: The economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health crises have accelerated vacancy of commercial floor space in the Town of Greece and pose a serious and immediate threat to the economic well-being of the Town of Greece and its businesses and residents, particularly in areas already challenged with higher vacancy rates. This grant program is designed to encourage occupancy of existing vacant commercial floor space by assisting with renovation costs necessary to accommodate new business tenants. Projects must result in a net reduction of vacant commercial floor space and may include construction of walls, flooring, windows and doors, HVAC, lighting and other electrical work, plumbing, and other fixed improvements. This is a reimbursement grant program, funding 50% of project costs up to \$25,000 per application.
- 2) GROW Greece Local Business Advertising Campaign: \$25,000.00: Promotional media supporting the urgent need in the local business community as businesses reduce hours and services, adapt operations due to the pandemic, and other negative impacts to said businesses, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic .
- 3) General Administration of GROW Greece grant programs: \$50,000.00: This activity includes salary, office expenses, and other undertakings associated with the administration of the GROW Greece Commercial Occupancy Incentive Program and the original GROW Greece Small Business Assistance Program, both funded by COVID-19 supplemental CDBG funds. Local shutdowns related to COVID-19 has resulted in a reduction in revenue and budgetary restrictions. This activity would supplement said reduction in revenue.