

**NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING 2018 MONTGOMERY
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RENEWAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT –
AGRICULTURAL MICROENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM**

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Tuesday, January 22, 2020 @ 6:55 pm

Community Development Block Grant Program – Agricultural Microenterprise Grant

64 Broadway

Fonda, NY 12068

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Montgomery County will hold public hearings on Tuesday, January 26 2021 at 6:55 pm at the Chambers of the County Legislature, County Office Building, Broadway, Fonda, NY 12068 to discuss the status of a project a project under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. New York State Homes and Community Renewal (NYSHCR) administers the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for the State of New York. The NYS CDBG program provides financial assistance to eligible counties, cities, villages and towns in order to develop viable communities by providing decent, affordable housing, and suitable living environments, as well as expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low to moderate income. 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. Montgomery County was awarded a Community Development Block Grant in 2018 in the amount of \$200,000 for an Agricultural Microenterprise Grant Program.

The Chambers of the County Legislature is 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 Cheryl Reese, Clerk of the Legislature, Montgomery County Office Building, 58 Broadway, Fonda, NY 12068, 518-853-8338, at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to Alex Kuttesch, Senior Planner, Montgomery County Business Development Center, 9 Park Street, Fonda, NY, 12068, 518-853-8334 or at akuttesch@co.montgomery.ny.us.

In conjunction with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.15, extended by Executive Order 202.60 this hearing will also be held electronically via teleconference on January 26, 2021 at 6:55 pm. Members of the public may participate in the public hearing by attending or by calling 1-312-757-3121, Access Code 729-079-365. Minutes of the hearing will be transcribed and later posted on the Montgomery County website at www.co.montgomery.ny.us.

By: Cheryl A. Reese
Clerk of the Legislature
12/25/2020

Chairman Pepe called the public hearing to order at 6:55 pm.

Alex Kuttesch, Senior Planner, with the Montgomery County Economic Development/Planning department spoke virtually to update the legislature with the following:

The Montgomery County Agriculture Microenterprise Program Round 2 (MCAMP2) had 20 individuals graduate from the training classes held in March and April by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Classes focused on Business Basics; Marketing & Advertising; Recordkeeping, Accounting, Taxes & Finances; and Developing the Business Plan.

The MCAMP grant received 17 applications in total.

The MCAMP program extended contracts to 9 agriculture businesses.

Dygert Creamery LLC

Hillside Farm

Next Generation Dairy

Plain View Dairy

Montgomery Poultry Hatchery

Yurkewecz & Sons Cattle

Bunkers Hemp

Family Traditions Tree Farm

Harmony Farms

The program created a total of 3 jobs at 3 different farms and distributed \$185,519.82 in grant funds to the 9 local businesses awarded.

There were no other speakers from the public

Chairman Pepe adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

In person attendance for the public hearing:

Legislator Martin Kelly, District 1
Legislator Brian Sweet, District 2
Chairman of the Legislature, Michael Pepe, District 7
Legislator Robert Purtell, District 9
Clerk of the Legislature, Cheryl Reese

Virtual attendance for the public hearing:

Legislator Robert Headwell, Jr., District 4
Legislator Daniel Wilson, District 5
Legislator Joseph Isabel, District 8
County Attorney, Meghan Manion
Director of Economic Development/Planning, Ken Rose
County Executive, Matthew Ossenfort

Absent:

Legislator Roy Dimond, District 3
Legislator John Duchessi, District 6

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Reese
Clerk of the Montgomery County
Legislature