

Westchester Urban County Consortium Community Development Block Grant Application FY 2020 & FY 2021

Municipality:

Village of Hastings-on-Hudson

Applicant's Legal Name:

Village of Hastings-on-Hudson

Federal I.D. #

13-6007297

DUNS #:

039660808

Project Title:

VFW Plaza Improvements

Project Priority: #

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Application Submissions

Instructions:

1. One (1) original hard copy is required to be submitted with original attachments and two (2) copies of the application by 4:00 p.m., June 28, 2019.
2. The application is to be used in conjunction with the accompanying Program Manual on the Westchester Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program..
3. If you need assistance with your project, contact your Mr. Anthony Zaino at (914) 995-2429.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY
Department of Planning

Norma V. Drummond
Commissioner
Department of Planning

SECTION 1: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Who can best answer questions on this application (must be filled out completely)?

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Where is this project located?

U.S. Congressional District

16

County Legislative District

12

FUNDING REQUEST:

2020

\$200,000

2021

Please answer the following:

National Objective Addressed by Project **(Check ✓ only one):**

1. Benefits low and moderate income people ☒ Complete Section 3, Item 1
- Select only one: ☒ Low/Mod Area (LMA)
- ☐ Low/Mod Clientele (LMC)
- ☐ Low/Mod Housing (LMH)
- ☐ Low/Mod Jobs (LMJ)
2. Eliminates slums and blight ☐ Complete Section 3, Item 2
3. Corrects an urgent need ☐ Complete Section 3, Item 3

SECTION 1: PROJECT DESCRIPTION (continued)

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| Type of Project (Check ✓ Only One) |
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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Housing Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Section 4, Item 1 |
| Total Housing Units: _____ | |
| Total Low/Mod Housing Units: _____ | |
| 2. Public Improvement Project | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Section 4, Item 2 |
| 3. Public Service Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Section 4, Item 3 |
| 4. Jobs Benefit Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Section 4, Item 4 |

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| Project Narrative |
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Project Goal

The goal of the VFW Plaza Improvement project is to revitalize the downtown and the adjacent low and moderate income residential neighborhoods, strengthening this urban community through the provision of accessible, inviting park and recreational facilities for residents of all ages. Further, by providing an appealing amenity that encourages people to linger in the downtown, the project will promote economic development in a small village center which both serves and employs many of Hastings-on-Hudson's low and moderate income residents.

Also a project goal is the promotion of a livable downtown. In addition to residential apartments on the upper floors of downtown buildings (with retail and commercial at street level) multi-family and single-family houses on small lots surround the commercial core. Apartment buildings and condominium apartments complete the mix. Yet there is little outdoor recreation space available. Rehabilitation and enhancements are needed to maximize the VFW Plaza's utility as a recreation resource, to improve the living environment.

The VFW Plaza Improvement project will create an ADA accessible route throughout the site which will weave through a variety of spaces including amphitheater seating, a small hardscape plaza with tables and chairs, larger and smaller multi-use lawn spaces, the existing memorials, and native shrub and perennial planting beds. Also a key feature will be the improvement of the existing adjacent alley to provide more light and visibility into that space, making a safer and more welcoming connection to the public parking area.

Project Need

The project was born out of an extensive community planning process in 2009-2011 that identified the downtown area as "lacking much of what is desired." The Comprehensive Plan, which reflects Hastings' residents' strong sense of community involvement and activism, revealed a consensus that central outdoor gathering space is needed. In early 2019 the Board of Trustees appointed the Downtown Working Group which hosted, during the first five months of the year, a series of public

workshops to solicit input from stakeholders, including the village's representative committees, the business community and arts organizers. The Senior Council, Conservation Commission, Beautification Commission, the RiverArts council, and business owners identified improvements to the VFW Plaza as a priority project.

With its favorable location, the VFW Plaza has the potential to serve as the primary meeting spot in the village; a social anchor in the business district. It is adjacent to a bus stop, and surrounded by the post office, banks, retail businesses and other essential services. It is located one block from the library, municipal buildings and weekly farmers market. Yet the VFW Plaza has limited utility and multiple barriers to access. The existing design is static and impractical. Functionally it separates out the different generations, with a configuration that serves neither children nor seniors.

The senior community is frustrated by the lack of accessibility of the VFW Plaza, with grass slopes at a grade difficult to navigate, inadequate seating and shade cover, and a lack of outdoor games facilities. And parents have identified the need for a space in which children can play while adults socialize. The arts community advises of an inconvenient shortage of stages and public art display spaces, both of which are in demand in Hastings which has an arts identity. RiverArts, based in Hastings, organizes many concerts and festivals each year to increase access to the performing and visual arts, yet frequently has to cast its net as wide as 12 miles to locate appropriate venues, diluting the accessibility. Also needed is a central park to support popular community events (most of which are free) such as Spring Thing and the Memorial Day parade, which the current design of the VFW Plaza does not.

The VFW Plaza Improvements project will realize a transformative design concept creating a community gathering space to serve the multiplicity of needs of this low and moderate income area. The multiple layers of accessibility and built-in activity centers will invite residents from different demographic groups to come together, promoting interaction across age, income, physical ability and ethnic groups. Working with the grade and size of the property, the innovative design will employ sitting walls, support arts and cultural events with a versatile amphitheater-concept, facilitate outdoor performances that enhance street activity, and create outdoor eating spaces that support the Farmers Market and downtown restaurants while extending community interaction. The winding, sloped walkway will allow wheelchair ADA-compliant access throughout the site, with curves back and forth traversing the Plaza to reach Whitman Street. The same walkway will also allow connections to stairs for more direct paths of travel and access to the various seat walls and level lawn areas. A variety of seating arrangements will allow residents to enjoy their conversations and socializing in this public space, a popular senior leisure activity.

Alterations to the adjacent alley are designed to enhance safety and improve the connection to the parking area.

The creative design includes a variety of spaces throughout the plaza that can be used jointly or separately, allowing for the Plaza to be scalable. This will allow for a larger event such as a live music series where the various seat walls would provide sufficient seating for 200-300 people to attend, as easily as it will allow a series of smaller groups to share the plaza with each using different levels, as shown on the plan. Supports for a removable shade structure provide flexibility and ensure seasonal comfort.

Project Readiness

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson retained the services of Peter Gisolfi Associates, a firm of landscape architects and architects with extensive experience in urban space plans, parks, recreation facilities and municipal buildings. Gisolfi specializes in designs that are intrinsically sustainable, relating to the climate and environment in regionally-appropriate ways.

The contract with Gisolfi extends beyond the conceptual design for the project (attached) to construction documents, bidding and award support, and construction administration. Upon confirmation of a Community Development Block Grant award, the Village will instruct Peter Gisolfi Associates to proceed with final design. The SEQRA review will be completed during the design phase.

The preliminary schedule for the project is attached, illustrating the six month time frame for completion of the project.

Beneficiaries and the National Objectives

All of the residents of Census Tract 103 Block Groups 2 and 3 will benefit from the provision of recreational and park amenities provided by the VFW Plaza Improvements project. These Block Groups have 2,230 residents, 54% of whom are low and moderate income. Thus the project meets the national objective of benefiting low and moderate income persons.

The Hastings' Senior Council, working with the Village Senior Advocate, has provided input into the project concept, as Census Tract 103 Block Group 2 is home to the largest number of Hastings' seniors.

Contribution to Fair and Affordable Housing

The Village is prioritizing the renovation and rehabilitation of amenities in the downtown area, which is the most densely developed section of the village and predominantly rental (68%). The VFW Plaza Improvements project protects affordable housing by preserving important relaxation and recreation facilities for low and moderate income residents.

In providing an upgraded, accessible recreation amenity in a compact, densely developed neighborhood with a diverse housing mix, the project removes impediments to affordable housing identified by Westchester County. In "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice" (July 2011) the County identifies proximate amenities for the household as an important parameter for family housing units. While the "Analysis of Impediments Supplement to Chapter 12" advises "A diverse housing stock that includes multi-family, two-family, and small to medium single family lots provides the potential opportunity for a more economically and racially diverse community and should, therefore, continue to be encouraged throughout the County."

Objectives, Outcomes and Measuring Success

The outcome of a successful project will be a central plaza that is available and accessible with relevant, contemporary recreation elements to benefit individuals, families and the community. The

project will provide a suitable living environment for the residents of Block Groups 2 and 3, using an innovative and creative approach to transform an underutilized amenity into a community centerpiece. The success of the project will be measured by the number of people who have improved access to the VFW Plaza.

Downtown revitalization is an additional anticipated project outcome. Providing a Plaza with the capacity for outdoor special events, increasing street vibrancy and creating a sense of downtown arrival, the project will attract residents and visitors to the Hastings-on-Hudson downtown.

Other Services Provided by the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson provides public works, snow removal, fire, ambulance, police and other standard municipal services. The Village Police force takes a pro-active approach to preserving and protecting its residents and business district, using community policing. Neighborhood friendly foot and bicycle patrols enhance their interface with the public. The Marine Unit provides safety and rescue patrols for recreational boaters, and offers water safety tips. To foster relationships with young people, the Police Adolescent Liaison, in plainclothes, has an office in the school and uniformed officers doing daily school walk throughs interact with students and staff. The Department sponsors regular events (such as game show nights) with students from both the public high school and the Graham School residential education and treatment center. The PBA also sponsors recreational activities with residents of all ages including bingo with seniors, Easter egg hunts with little children, and breakfast with Santa with families.

Hastings is committed to providing housing for people of all income levels to protect the village's diversity and strengthen the community. The mandatory inclusionary housing policy, in place since 1997, was upgraded in 2013 to require new development to construct 15% of residential units affordable to households making less than 80% of County AMI. Legislation encouraging accessory apartments was adopted and the Planning Board enabled to grant density bonuses for affordable projects. 21 new units of affordable housing have been completed since 2015. To protect existing affordable housing, the Village increased income eligibility levels for Senior and Disabled Rent Increase Exemption program.

Hastings-on-Hudson is investigating new models for senior residency. The Senior Citizen Advisory Council, partnering with Andrus, is researching Age in Place initiatives affordable for seniors living on a fixed income. The Village's Senior Advocate keeps seniors actively involved in the community. Games, classes, social events, holiday celebrations, lectures, and exercise program are offered at the community center. The senior bus provides transportation to activities, shopping, appointments and the nutrition program. Meal delivery is available for the home-bound, as are referrals for home healthcare.

The Hastings Youth Council, with both adult and high school volunteer members, advises the Village's Youth Advocate, who organizes outreach programs, drug prevention and anti-bullying programs, counseling, volunteer and job opportunities. The Village offers a full slate of recreation activities. The summer day camp provides a stimulating and safe place for children during school vacations. And, during the school year, After School care, sports and recreation programs provide a safe haven after the school day has ended, including to those children whose parents might both be working. Pre-school activities and classes entertain and educate children from 18 months to 5 years of age.

Swimming classes extend through all ages and experience levels, from toddlers through school age children to those seeking to train and certify as life savers. Pool membership and recreational programs are accessible to all residents regardless of income level, with financial aid available for families whose children qualify for free or reduced lunch at school.

The community center, in which the majority of the senior and youth programs are run, is located in the heart of the walkable downtown. It is also the home of the food pantry, which provides food supplies to those who are food-insecure.

Overseen by the Downtown Advocate, the Village organizes and sponsors many regular and special events providing free/affordable entertainment and drawing the community into the downtown. Friday Night Live on the first Friday of the month, Spring Thing family fun day, Words on Hudson poetry and prose evening, a multi-day Halloween celebration, Oktoberfest, and the annual village-wide tag sale are among these events. For the December Village Crawl \$5 coupons purchase dinner at all participating restaurants, with coupon proceeds benefitting the food pantry.

A free summer Waterfront Concert Series is held in MacEachron Park. The Village is currently working with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to resolve erosion issues and stabilize the shoreline to preserve this popular park. Hastings has recently renovated a number of other parks, recognizing their placemaking significance and their importance to residents for view enjoyment and other recreation. Many of these projects have been implemented in partnership with non-profits, community organizations or the private sector. The recently-completed Riverview Park creates space to contemplate the river in a beautiful garden maintained by the community. Hillside Woods restoration efforts are underway, educating residents about our trees and aimed at assisting the forest to regenerate. Hillside Park and Uniontown Park improvements provide amenities for more active recreation, upgrading playing fields, courts and playgrounds. The Quarry Park restoration is expected to be complete in October, and will be connected to Warburton Avenue and Southside by the Quarry Trail which opened in 2017. Additionally, a number of pocket parks along Warburton Avenue are being upgraded.

An annual village clean-up day takes place in April, with residents coming together to remove garbage and plant flowers. Aiding the effort to improve the appearance of the village is the new street sweeper, which the Village was able to purchase in 2017 with the help of grant funding.

Relationship to Other Submission

The project location map illustrates the relationship between the two Community Development Block Grant submissions. The Downtown Streetscape Improvements project will advance pedestrian mobility, improving access to the VFW Plaza and other downtown amenities.

SECTION 2: PROJECT LOCATION

1. Specific Location of Project:

Attach an 8½" X 11" black and white base map, either Hagstrom or a local street map, clearly delineating the geographic location of your project. Do not use a census tract map for this purpose. This Attachment is labeled Attachment _____ to be included with your original application submission.

2. Label the Service Area of the project - to be included with your original application submission.

3. Label the map with the Census Tract and Block Group(s) where the project is located - to be included with your original application submission.

SECTION 3: NATIONAL OBJECTIVE ADDRESSED

CDBG projects can only benefit **ONE** national objective! Please answer the questions for the one National Objective checked in the box on Section 1.

1. **NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Low/Moderate Benefit:**

Complete this question if your project meets the National Objective of providing a benefit to low and moderate income people (see pages ____ to ____ of the Program Manual for more information).

Projects that provide a benefit to low and moderate income people can be one of three types:

- 1) **Low/Mod Area Benefit; or**
- 2) **Low/Mod Clientele; or**
- 3) **Low/Mod Housing**

If your project is **Low/Mod Area Benefit**, complete questions A through D; if your project benefits a **Low/Mod Clientele**, complete questions E through J; if your project benefits a Low/Mod housing, complete questions K through O. (Data needed to complete Area Benefit questions may be found in Appendix “n” of the Program Manual)



Low/Mod Area Benefit Project:

A. In what Census Tract(s) and Block Group(s) is your project located?

Census Tract #: 103

Block Groups #: 3

B. How many residents live in this area? 1,420

C. What is the percentage of low and moderate income beneficiaries? 54.9%

D. What documentation did the Agency Use?

HUD Data ☒ or Survey ☐

If Survey was used, please describe the methodology used to perform the survey and attached completed surveys. This attachment is labeled Attachment _____ to be included with your original application submission.

SECTION 3: NATIONAL OBJECTIVE ADDRESSED (continued)

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Low/Mod Clientele Benefit Project: *(You must maintain income information for each person assisted in the case file for monitoring purposes)*

E. How many persons will benefit from your project (unduplicated count)? _____

F. Percent of low and moderate income beneficiaries: _____ %
(Refer to Appendix E of the CDBG Program Manual for Income Limits)

G. Based on Income Levels:

- i. Extremely Low (0-30% of Median Family Income (MFI)) _____
- ii. Low (31-50% of MFI) _____
- iii. Moderate (51-80% of MFI) _____
- iv. Non-Low/Moderate (81% & above of MFI) _____
- v. Total *(this # must be the same as Item E above)* _____

H. What percentage of low/moderate income users are single-female headed households? _____ %

I. What percentage of low/moderate income users are elderly? _____ %

J. Based on existing clientele, list the characteristics of all users who will benefit from your project *(Please refer to Appendix E of the CDBG Program Manual)*.

| | Total | Hispanic/ Latino |
|--|-------|---------------------|
| White | | |
| Black/African American | | |
| Asian | | |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | | |
| Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | | |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native & White | | |
| Asian & White | | |
| Black/African American & White | | |
| Am. Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American | | |
| Other Multi-Racial | | |
| TOTAL | | |

SECTION 3: NATIONAL OBJECTIVE ADDRESSED (continued)

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Low/Mod Housing Benefit Project:

K. How many housing units will benefit from your project?

Ownership housing unit(s): _____ Rental housing unit(s): _____

L. Based on Income Levels:

| | Owner Households | Renter Households |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Extremely Low (-30% of MFI ¹) | | |
| Low (31-50% of MFI) | | |
| Moderate (51-80% of MFI) | | |
| Non-Low/Moderate (81%+) | | |
| Total | | |
| Percent Low/Mod | | |

M. What percentage of low/moderate income users are single-female headed households? _____%

N. How many housing units are occupied by Elderly? _____

O. Based on existing households, list the race/ethnicity characteristics of all households
Note that this information is based on households not housing units. (Please refer to Appendix ____ CDBG Program Manual)

| | Owner | | Renter | |
|--|-------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| | Total | Hispanic/Latino | Total | Hispanic/Latino |
| White | | | | |
| Black/African American | | | | |
| Asian | | | | |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | | | | |
| Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | | | | |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native & White | | | | |
| Asian & White | | | | |
| Black/African American & White | | | | |
| Am. Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American | | | | |
| Other Multi-Racial | | | | |
| Total | | | | |

¹ Medium Family Income – Income Limits can be found in Appendix E of the CDBG Program Manual

SECTION 3: NATIONAL OBJECTIVE ADDRESSED (continued)

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Low/Mod Housing Benefit Project:

P. How many jobs will be created? _____

Of this number,

how many jobs will benefit low/moderate income persons? _____

how many jobs will be full-time positions? _____

how many jobs will be part-time positions? _____

Q. How many jobs will be retained? _____

Of this number,

how many jobs will benefit low/moderate income persons? _____

how many jobs will be full-time positions? _____

how many jobs will be part-time positions? _____

Income documentation will be collected on an annual basis for any jobs created or retained.

2. NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Elimination of a Slum or Blighted Condition:

- A. Boundaries: (description of the designated area. DO NOT include census tract/block group data in this field)

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- B. Percentage of deteriorated building(s): (indicate the percentage of buildings that were deteriorated when the area was designated slum/blight).

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- C. List the number of buildings in the designated slum and blight area:
- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| _____ Commercial buildings | _____ Residential buildings |
| _____ Mixed use buildings | _____ Industrial buildings |

- D. Of the buildings listed in C, how many have code violations?
- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| _____ Commercial buildings | _____ Residential buildings |
| _____ Mixed use buildings | _____ Industrial buildings |

- E. Of the buildings listed in C, how many are vacant?
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| _____ Commercial buildings | _____ Residential buildings |
| _____ Mixed use buildings | _____ Industrial buildings |
| _____ 2nd floor retail/commercial | _____ 2nd floor residential |

- F. Public Improvement Condition: (what is the condition addressed by your project? (e.g.deteriorated buildings, lack of adequate infrastructure)

- G. Describe the comprehensive strategy that will be implemented to address the conditions described above:

- F. Slum/Blight Designation Year: _____

- G. Please give a brief description of your code enforcement program:

Please attach a copy of the municipal board resolution designating the area as slum/blight. Date of the Resolution _____. Labeled this Attachment as _____ to be included with your original application submission.

SECTION 3: NATIONAL OBJECTIVE ADDRESSED (Continued)

3. NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Urgent Need:

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| Reminder -- answer the questions only for the National Objective that you checked in Section 1 |
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A. What is the condition that is causing a threat to the health and welfare of the community?

B. When did this condition occur?

C. From what sources did the community seek financing to address the problem?
Please list the sources and the date of request:

Sources

Date of Request

SECTION 3A: PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

Select **ONLY** one objective and one outcome for your proposed project. For explanation of these objectives and outcomes, please refer to the CDBG Program Manual, Chapter II, Step II – Performance Management System.

A. Objectives

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Suitable Living Environment;

☐

Decent Housing; or

☐

Creating Economic Opportunity

B. Outcomes

☒

Availability/Accessibility;

☐

Affordability; or

☐

Sustainability

C. Performance Indicators

Public Facilities and Improvements Projects

Of the number of persons to be assisted, how many will have:

_____ new access to a public facility or infrastructure benefit;

100% improved access to a public facility or infrastructure benefit; or

_____ public facility or infrastructure that is NO longer substandard.

Public Service Activities

Of the number of persons to be assisted, how many will have:

_____ new access to a service;

_____ improved access to a service; or

_____ service or benefit that is NO longer substandard

Housing Projects

Of the number of housing units to be assisted, how many will have:

_____ affordable units

_____ section 504 accessible units

_____ brought from substandard to standard condition (HQS or local code)

_____ units qualified as energy star

_____ brought into compliance with Lead Safety Rules

SECTION 4: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

This question is designed to help the Department determine the readiness of your project. Please answer questions for the type of project you checked on Page 2.

1. HOUSING PROJECT:

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Do you have site control (i.e. under contract)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Have you obtained a survey? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Do you have architectural drawings and specifications? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. Have you identified a developer? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. Have you identified other funding sources? What are they? Do you have commitments? If yes, attach letters to be included with your original application submission. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

F. Will a review of your project be required by:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Architectural Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local Building Inspector/Department | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Planning Board | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Zoning Board of Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (Specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

G. Have you retained the services of a consultant? ☐ ☐

If yes, check appropriate box:

- | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> architect | <input type="checkbox"/> financial analyst | <input type="checkbox"/> attorney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> civil engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> environmental engineer/soil scientist | <input type="checkbox"/> planner |

H. Other information you wish to provide regarding the status of the project:

I. Who will be responsible for the maintenance of this project upon completion?

SECTION 4: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT (continued)

2. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

| | Yes | No |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A. Have you obtained a survey? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Have you retained the services of a consultant? If yes, check appropriate box: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> engineer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architect <input type="checkbox"/> architect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> planner | | |
| C. Do you have completed architectural drawings? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| D. Do you have completed bid documents? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| E. Will a review of your project be required by: | | |
| Architectural Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Local Building Inspector/Department | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| New York State Department of Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Westchester County Department of Public Works | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Westchester County Board of Health | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (Specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| F. Are you aware of any other current or proposed projects, such as County, Federal, or State, that may affect the timing of your project? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If yes, please list the project(s), estimated date(s) of construction, and
agency(ies) responsible for the project:

G. Who will be responsible for the maintenance of this project upon completion:

The project will be maintained by the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson upon completion.

SECTION 4: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT (continued)

3. PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT:

A. What services does your Agency provide?

B. How will this project relate to these services?

| | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| C. Is your project a continuation of a current activity? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. Is your project an expansion of a current activity? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. Have you received CDBG funding previously to operate this service? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

F. If yes, what year(s) and how much?

| Year | CDBG \$ Award |
|-------|---------------|
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| <hr/> | <hr/> |
| <hr/> | <hr/> |

SECTION 4: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT (continued)

- | | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| G. If this project is not currently in operation, do you have staff to implement the project? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| H. Do you have office space to accommodate the proposed service? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I. Do you have policies and procedures manual for your program? If so, attach a copy of the manual as Attachment _____ with your original application submission. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I. Have you identified other funding sources? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please attach award letters from other funding sources as Attachment _____ to be included with your original application submission.

A cost allocation plan that includes all funding sources showing the proposed CDBG funding amount must be included with your original application submission as Attachment _____.

J. What is the proposed start date of this program? _____

K. Please explain how you plan to identify/outreach clients for this service.

L. Other information you wish to provide regarding the status of the project:

SECTION 5: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Listed below are environmental issues concerning all construction projects. Check ✓ the boxes applicable to your project.

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|----|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | The project is located in, is adjacent to, will impact or will involve: | Yes | No |
| A. | 100 year Floodplain (refer to the Flood Insurance Rate Map) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| B. | A New York State-designated wetland or locally-significant wetland (if yes, enclose a copy of local wetland ordinance) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| C. | A State and/or Federally designated coastal zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. | A designated local or County designated Critical Environmental Area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| E. | The installation or rehabilitation of storm or sanitary sewer systems | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| F. | A zoning or special permit action | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| G. | A State or County road | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | If the answer to "C" is yes, does the community have a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A. | Is the project consistent with the LWRP? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. | If not, have amendments to the LWRP been adopted? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | Has a New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) of the project been initiated? If yes, include documentation. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

SECTION 6: HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONSIDERATIONS

Listed below are historic preservation questions relevant to all construction projects for which CDBG funds are requested and received. Check ✓ the boxes applicable to your project.

- | | Yes | No |
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| 1. Is the proposed project adjacent to or will it involve or impact buildings or districts eligible for or listed in the National or State Register or Historic Places? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

A. If yes, which buildings or districts?

B. Describe the impact of the proposed project on these buildings or districts.

- | | Yes | No |
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| 2. Does your community have a local landmarks ordinance? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are any of the buildings adjacent to, involved in, or affected by the proposed project locally designated as individual landmarks, or as part of a local historic district? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A. If yes, which buildings?

B. Describe the impact of the proposed project on the locally designated buildings.

SECTION 7: DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Listed below are design consideration questions relevant to all construction projects for which CDBG funds are requested and received. Check ✓ the boxes applicable to your project.

| | Yes | No |
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| 1. Is property owned by applicant? If yes, attach a copy of the deed. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If no , is the property leased? If yes, attach a copy of the lease and provide evidence that the property owner is aware of your application. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Will the project require land acquisition? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, do you have an option to purchase the property? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Will the project require easements? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, how many? _____ | | |
| 4. Is there a topographical survey for the area? If yes, please attach a copy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Is there a proposed site plan or sketch? If yes, attach a copy. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you currently have a consultant or in-house design staff for the project? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Would you like the Department of Planning to provide design assistance for this project? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Note: Plans for ALL construction projects will be reviewed by the Department of Planning Staff.

SECTION 8: BUDGET

Please complete the project budget. (Please submit one budget for each fiscal year request).

FY 2020 Budget

| List Line Items and Quantities | A | B | C | D |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | Source of Funds (Identify Source) | Source of Funds (Amount for this project) | CDBG Amount Requested | Total Amount (B+C) |
| Construction – please see attached line item construction cost estimate | Village | \$190,855 | \$200,000 | \$390,855 |
| Construction Inspection | Village | \$9,145 | 0 | \$9,145 |
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| TOTALS= | N/A | \$200,000 | \$200,000 | \$400,000 |

Type Total of Column B: \$ 200,000

Type Total of Column C: \$ 200,000

The construction cost estimate was prepared by Chris Tramutola of Peter Gisolfi Associates, who can be reached at (914) 478-3677.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

FY 2020

Amount requested from Westchester County Community Development Grant Program (Column "C" total) \$ 200,000

Amount requested from other sources (state, federal, county, other) \$ 0

Amount of your contribution (local funds): \$ 200,000

Total Project Cost: \$ 400,000

FY 2021 Budget

| List Line Items and Quantities | A | B | C | D |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | Source of Funds (Identify Source) | Source of Funds (Amount for this project) | CDBG Amount Requested | Total Amount (B+C) |
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| TOTALS= | N/A | | | |

Type Total of Column B: \$ _____
Type Total of Column C: \$ _____

If you are using a cost estimate (for a construction project), please attach a copy of the cost estimate, and the name and telephone number of the person who prepared the cost estimate.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

FY 2021

Amount requested from Westchester County Community Development Grant Program (Column "C" total) \$ _____

Amount requested from other sources (state, federal, county, other) \$ _____

Amount of your contribution (local funds): \$ _____

Total Project Cost: \$

SECTION 9: MASTER PLAN/MISSION COMPLIANCE

For All Municipal Applicants:

Is proposed project consistent with the Master Plan? Yes ☒ No ☐

The 2011 Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Comprehensive Plan calls for enhancing the quality of permanent, Downtown outdoor gathering/sitting spaces. The Plan specifically recommends the reconfiguration and improvement of the VFW Plaza to increase capacity and make it a more inviting central meeting place.

If your municipality has an approved Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, is this project located within that Strategy Area? Not applicable

Is this project consistent with the Strategy? Yes ☐ No ☐

Briefly explain how the proposed or is not consistent with the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy.

For Not-For-Profit Applicants:

Is the proposed project consistent with the Mission Statement? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is your organization a faith-based organization? Yes ☐ No ☐

Briefly explain how the proposed project is or is not consistent with the Agency's Mission Statement.

SECTION 10: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

An important aspect of the CDBG Program is citizen participation. Each application must include documentation indicating that citizens of the community in which the project is located, have been informed of the project. This participation may be accomplished by conducting community meetings or public hearings where citizens are invited to comment on proposed projects. In addition, official notification must be conducted as follows:

1. For Municipalities:

The municipal board members must be notified at a public board meeting of the intent of the municipality to submit an application for funding. Adequate advance notice of the date of the meeting must be given to the public (in accordance with General Municipal Law requirements). The following documentation of the notice and the discussion of the meeting must be included in the application:

- A. a copy of the public notice with date of publication;
- B. the agenda for the meeting with projects listed;
- C. minutes of the meeting where the application was discussed;
- D. Optional: newspaper clippings regarding the meeting at which the project was discussed; letters of support received by the municipality;
- E. signature of the Community's CDAG Representative is required in this application.

2. For Not-for-Profit Organizations:

The not-for-profit organization must appear at a municipal board meeting to notify the board that the organization intends to submit an application for funding for a project that will benefit citizens in that community. The purpose of the appearance before the board is to inform the municipal officials of the project. The following documentation of the group's presentation at the meeting must be submitted with the application:

- A. a copy of the agenda of the Board meeting where the group appeared;
- B. minutes of the meeting where the application was discussed;
- C. optional: newspaper clippings regarding the meeting; letters of support received from the community.
- D. Signature of the local CDAG Representative is required in this application.

NOTE:

Not-for-profit organizations that intend to conduct projects consortium-wide must send a letter to each of the elected officials of the communities where the project will be conducted informing them of the project and offering to make a presentation to the Board if requested. These applications must have the signature of the Consortium-wide CDAG Representative as well.

SECTION 11: ENDORSING RESOLUTION

For Municipalities:

Each application from a municipality must contain a copy of a resolution from the Board of Trustees or City Council endorsing the submission of the project application, stating the amount of the CDBG request in the application, and stating the amount to be contributed by the municipality for the project.

A separate resolution is required for each application.

For Not-For-Profit Organizations:

Each application from a not-for-profit organization must contain a resolution from the organization's Board of Directors endorsing the submission of the application, stating the amount of the CDBG request in the application, and stating the amount to be contributed by the organization.

A separate resolution is required for each application.

SECTION 12: APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

The following items are required. Please make sure all attachments are labeled to be included with your original application submission.

- ☒ Completed Application (including budget & signed checklist)
- ☒ 8 ½ X 11" map with geographic location and service area
- ☐ Latest Audited Financial Statement
- ☒ Citizen Participation Documentation
- ☒ Endorsing Resolution
- ☐ Central Contractor Registration (CCR)

The following items are also required for Non-Profit application submissions. Please make sure all attachments are labeled.

- ☐ Non-Profit Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws
- ☐ Non-Profit Mission Statement; date of Mission Statement _____
- ☐ Current Action Plan; date of plan _____
- ☐ Non-Profit List of Board of Directors with titles and professional affiliations
- ☐ Non-Profit Annual Operating Statement for your organization
- ☐ Non-Profit most recent Annual Report
- ☐ Non-Profit 501C(3) Status Certification
- ☐ Organization's Cost Allocation Plan
- ☐ Program's Policies and Procedures Manual

The following items may be applicable to your application. Please submit if appropriate. Please make sure all attachments are labeled to be included with your original application submission.

- ☐ Low/Mod Surveys if applicable
- ☐ Slum/Blight resolution if applicable
- ☐ Funding Sources Support Letters if applicable
- ☐ Local Wetland Ordinance if applicable
- ☐ SEQOR Documentation, if applicable
- ☐ Topographical Survey if applicable
- ☐ Deed/Lease of Premises if applicable
- ☒ Site Plan/Schematic Design if applicable
- ☒ Cost Estimate, if applicable
- ☐ Program's Policies and Procedures Manual (applicable to certain public facilities projects/public service programs)

SECTION 13: CERTIFICATION

APPLICANT Certification

I certify that the application being submitted is accurate and complete:



June 28, 2019

Signature of Authorizing Official

Date

Mayor Nicola Armacost

(914) 478-3400 ext 651

Typed Name & Title of Authorizing Official

Phone Number

7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson NY 10706

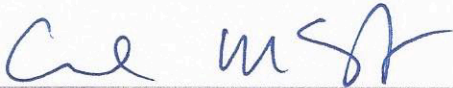
Address

mayor@hastingsgov.org

E-Mail Address

CDAG Representative Certification

I certify that the application being submitted has been reviewed with me and has complied with the Citizen Participation requirements.



June 28, 2019

Signature of CDAG Representative

Date

Cassandra Sweet



Typed Name

Phone Number



E-Mail Address

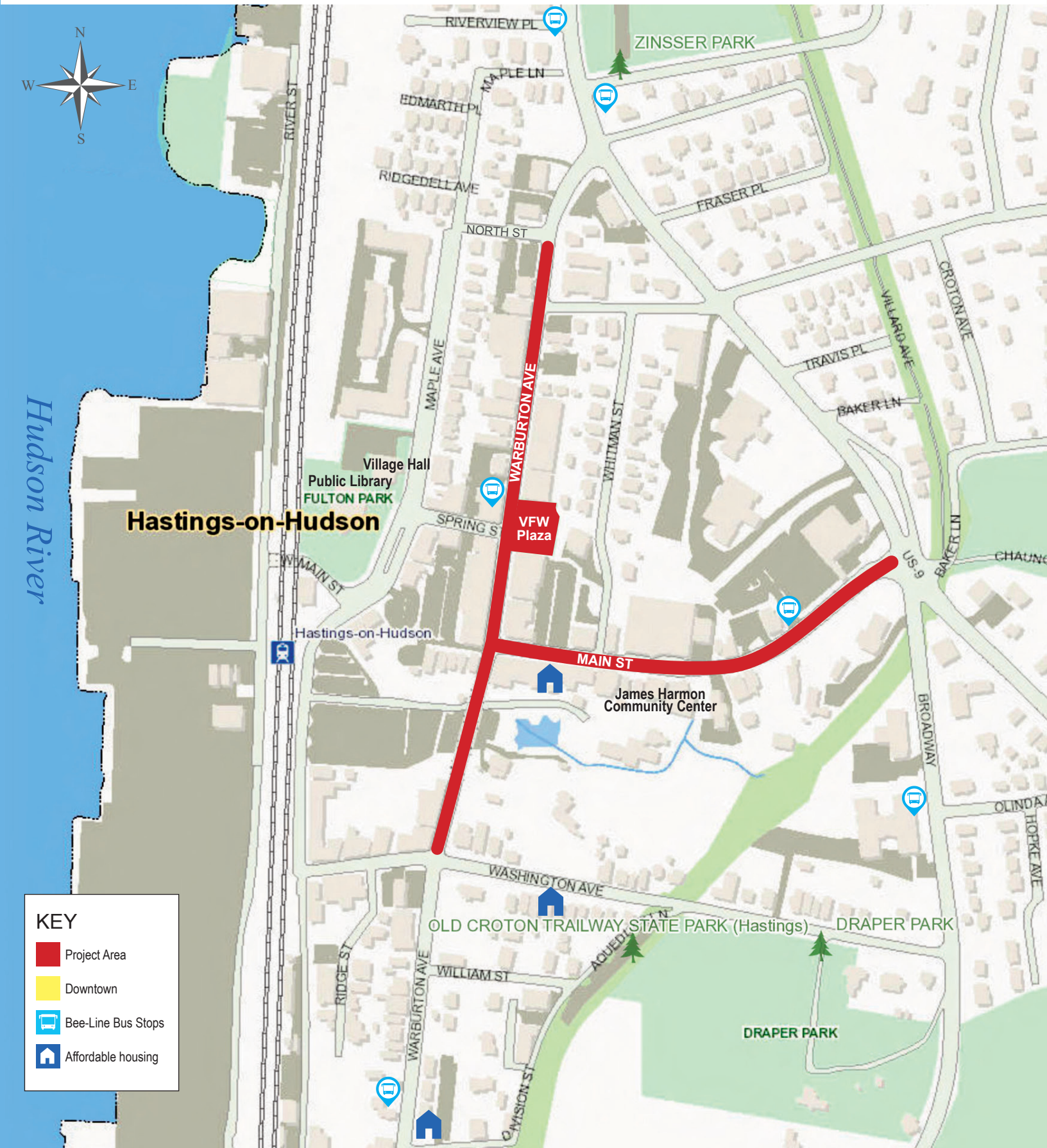
Village of Hastings-on-Hudson

Community Development

Block Grant Projects

Service Area:
Census Tract 103
Block Groups 2 and 3

Project Location:
Census Tract 103
Block Group 3



Hastings On Hudson: Downtown Streetscape

27-Jun-19

| | Quantity | Unit | Unit Price | |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Sitework | | | | |
| Demolition and Mobilization | 1 | LS | \$8,000.00 | \$ 8,000 |
| Construction Fencing | 1 | LS | \$3,000.00 | \$ 3,000 |
| Drainage | 1 | LS | \$10,000.00 | \$ 10,000 |
| Erosion Control | 1 | LS | \$2,500.00 | \$ 2,500 |
| Earthwork | 800 | CY | \$12.50 | \$ 10,000 |
| Low Boulder Walls | 711 | LF | \$100.00 | \$ 71,100 |
| Concrete Wall (3' High) | 33.75 | LF | \$120.00 | \$ 4,050 |
| Hardscape and Paving | | | | |
| Concrete Stairs (5' Width) | 51 | 1 Riser | \$800.00 | \$ 40,800 |
| Concrete Stairs (16' width) | 4 | 1 Riser | \$2,000.00 | \$ 8,000 |
| Concrete Pathway | 4,355 | SF | \$12.00 | \$ 52,260 |
| Concrete Plaza | 587 | SF | \$12.00 | \$ 7,044 |
| Concrete Sidewalk | 1,514 | SF | \$12.00 | \$ 18,170 |
| Planting | | | | |
| Street Trees 3" Cal. | 5 | EA | \$750.00 | \$ 3,750 |
| Canopy Trees | 16 | EA | \$600.00 | \$ 9,600 |
| Understory Trees | 14 | EA | \$350.00 | \$ 4,900 |
| Lawn (Sod) | 9,343 | SF | \$1.25 | \$ 11,679 |
| Shrubs | 8 | EA | \$50.00 | \$ 400 |
| Groundcover | 4,866 | SF | \$2.50 | \$ 12,164 |
| Fencing and Equipment | | | | |
| Hand Rail (New Stairs and Ramp) | 248 | LF | \$100.00 | \$ 24,818 |
| Picnic Tables | 3 | LS | \$1,250.00 | \$ 3,750 |
| Bike Racks | 5 | EA | \$1,200.00 | \$ 6,000 |
| <i>Total</i> | | | | \$ 311,985 |
| General Conditions, O&P 10% | | | | \$ 31,199 |
| Contractors Bonds and Insurance 6% | | | | \$ 18,719 |
| SubTotal | | | | \$ 361,903 |
| Contingency 8% | | | | \$ 28,952 |
| Total | | | | \$ 390,855 |

Appendix B: Preliminary Schedule

| | | Month | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Phase I: | Analysis and Design Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phase II: | Construction Drawings and Specifications | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phase III: | Implementation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*Schedule to be modified throughout the course of the project according to the needs of the client and scope.



VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

Municipal Building
7 Maple Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706

RESOLUTION

On motion of Trustee Leaf, seconded by Trustee Fleisig the following Resolution was duly adopted:

50:19 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR VFW PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Downtown Working Group, with input from stakeholder groups, has prioritized improvements to the VFW Plaza to better serve the residents of the area; and

WHEREAS, cost estimates for the project total \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2019 a public information meeting was held to receive public input on the Village's planned applications for Community Development Block Grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson does hereby authorize the Mayor to submit an application for \$200,000 in Westchester Urban County Consortium Community Development Block Grant funds for the VFW Plaza Improvements project to be undertaken in the year beginning May 2020 and, upon the funding of said amount, commits to provide \$200,000 in matching funds; and

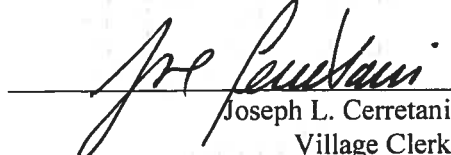
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Village Manager, upon approval of said application, to enter into and execute a grant agreement for such financial assistance.

| VOTE | AYE | NAY |
|------------------------|-----|----------|
| Trustee Marc Leaf | X | |
| Trustee Morgen Fleisig | X | |
| Trustee Georgia Lopez | X | |
| Trustee Daniel Lemons | X | |
| Mayor Nicola Armacost | | (Absent) |

CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph L. Cerretani, Village Clerk of Hastings-on-Hudson, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 18, 2019 with the original now remaining on file at this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson this 20th day of June 2019.


Joseph L. Cerretani
Village Clerk

Affidavit of Publication

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County of Westchester } USA

PAT DOMMERMUTH being
duly sworn says *(s)he is Principal Clerk of

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County of Westchester, and State of New York,
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notice is a copy, has been published in the

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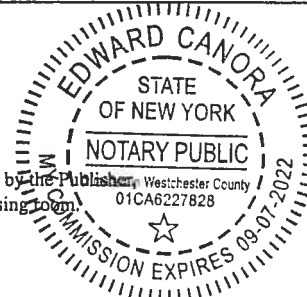
Principal Clerk

Sworn before me 12 day
of June 2019

Edward J. Canora

Notary Public

*This affidavit must be made and executed by the Publisher, Westchester County
Principal Clerk or Foreman of the composing room.



Village of Hastings-on-Hudson will hold
a public information meeting at 7:30 p.m.
on Tuesday June 18, 2019 in the Village
Hall Meeting Room at 7 Maple Avenue,
Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706, to lis-
ten to public comments on the proposed
2020-2021 Community Development
Block Grant projects:
Improvements to the VFW Plaza
Replacement of downtown sidewalks.
A summary of the projects is available
from the Village Clerk as of June 11.
All residents and tax payers are welcome
to attend and be heard. Village Hall is
accessible to all persons with disabilities.
RE154-19

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the



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Board of Trustees Regular Meeting - Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue

Date:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 - 7:30pm



**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 18 - 7:30 PM
BoardofTrustees@hastingsgov.org**

Meeting will be broadcast live on WHOH-TV 75 or FIOS 43 and <http://whoh-tv.org>

REGULAR MEETING

TIME: 7:30 PM OR SOON THEREAFTER

PLACE: MEETING ROOM, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue

(VIA TELECONFERENCE) Joy Nostalgy Hotel & Suites Manila

17 ADB Ave, Ortigas Center (Topaz Road Entrance) 1600 Pasig, Metro Manila Philippines

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, June 4, 2019**
 - Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees, June 11, 2019**
- V. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**
- VI. CDBG PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**
 - 1. VFW Plaza Improvements**
 - 2. Downtown Streetscape Improvements**
- VII. PRESENTATION**
 - 1. Carina Piaggio, Co-Director, Bash the Trash Environmental Arts LLC**

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IX. RESOLUTIONS ([Click here for Resolutions Detail](#))

1. 49:19 – Amend Village Board Regular Meeting Schedule
2. 50:19 – Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application for VFW Plaza Improvements
3. 51:19 – Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application for Downtown Streetscape Improvements
4. 52:19 – Schedule Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law H of 2019
5. 53:19 – Rt. 9 Corridor Phase 2 Resolution

X. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT
[None]

XI. BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. EV Charging Stations
2. Downtown Working Group Update
3. Waterfront Update

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Thursday, June 20 – Safety Council 7:00 PM Village Hall Conference Room
2. Thursday, June 20 – Parks & Recreation Commission 8:00 PM Community Center
3. Thursday, June 20 – Planning Board 8:15 PM Village Hall Meeting Room
4. Thursday, June 27 – Zoning Board of Appeals 8:00 PM Village Hall Meeting Room
5. Monday July 1 – Architectural Review Board 8:00 PM Village Hall Conference Room
6. Tuesday, July 2 – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 7:30 PM Village Hall Meeting Room

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Source URL: <https://www.hastingsgov.org/board-trustees/agenda/board-trustees-regular-meeting-municipal-building-7-maple-avenue-41>

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019**

Regular Meeting Opened 7:36 PM

PLACE: MEETING ROOM, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue

(VIA TELECONFERENCE) Joy Nostalg Hotel & Suites Manila
17 ADB Ave, Ortigas Center (Topaz Road Entrance) 1600
Pasig, Metro Manila Philippines

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustee Lemons
Trustee Leaf
Trustee Lopez
Trustee Fleisig

Village Attorney Whitehead

Absent: Mayor Armacost (Intermittent Via Teleconference Only)
Village Manager Frobeld

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Leaf moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, June 4, 2019, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting "aye". Approved 4-0.

Trustee Leaf moved to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees, June 11, 2019, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting "aye". Approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Trustee Leaf moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting "aye". Approved 4-0.

Warrant 2 = \$102,560.65

Warrant 3 = \$333,022.17

CDBG PROJECT INFORMATION MEETING

- Fiona Matthew, consultant grant writer for the Village, provided a detailed presentation on the Community Development Block Grant projects located at VFW Plaza and in the Village downtown.
- The VFW Plaza project would promote handicap accessibility and public activity in the downtown. A detailed discussion of the grant project followed with the Village Board and Ms. Matthew.
- The Streetscape Improvement project would primarily focus on sidewalk rehabilitation on Warburton Avenue and Main Street, which would improve pedestrian connectivity to the downtown for shoppers, senior citizens, and low to moderate income residents of the downtown area. A detailed discussion of the project followed with the Village Board and Ms. Matthew.
- Trustee Lemons asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the board with respect to these items. Kelly Topilnycky of 18 Maple Avenue addressed the Village Board regarding sidewalk repair in the Village. Trustee Lopez responded, and Ms. Matthew also provided further comment.
- The detailed discussion continued regarding the projects and grant process.

Revise Agenda Order

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Fiona Matthew provided a detailed report on the MacEachron Park restoration project, grant submission, and permitting process. A detailed discussion with the Village Board followed.

Return to Regular Agenda Order

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Gabriel Ce of 280 Warburton Avenue, Emily Wardwell Dodziuk of 357 Warburton Avenue, Ed Hicks of 292 Warburton Avenue, and Margaret Colletta of Warburton Avenue addressed the Village Board with respect to traffic and pedestrian safety issues on Warburton Avenue.
- Eric Zinger of Hartsdale addressed the Village Board with respect to the Greenburgh Town Council Election.
- Katalin Harsaczki-Ce of 280 Warburton Avenue addressed the Village Board with respect to curb and sidewalk repair on Warburton Avenue.
- Richard Griffin of 21 Oxford Road thanked the Village Board on their efforts to address traffic issues in the southern corridor.
- Chris Thomas of 114 James Street addressed the Village Board with respect to traffic safety issues in the southern corridor. Trustee Lopez provided a brief response.

PRESENTATION

- Carina Piaggio announced that the “Bash the Trash” festival will be on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at MacEachron Park, in partnership with the Greenburgh Nature Center and local residents in an effort to tie together the arts, sustainability and science.

RESOLUTIONS

49:19 – AMEND VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Trustee Leaf moved, seconded by Trustee Lopez, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved 4-0.

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby amend the Regular Meeting schedule as follows:

- Cancel Regular Meeting July 16, 2019
- Add Regular Meeting July 23, 2019
- Cancel Regular Meeting August 6, 2019

50:19 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR VFW PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS

- After a discussion, the Village Board amended the resolution to reflect its priority and project year.

Trustee Leaf moved, seconded by Trustee Fleisig, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved, as amended from its original form: Approved 4-0.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Working Group, with input from stakeholder groups, has prioritized improvements to the VFW Plaza to better serve the residents of the area; and

WHEREAS, cost estimates for the project total \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2019 a public information meeting was held to receive public input on the Village's planned applications for Community Development Block Grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson does hereby authorize the Mayor to submit an application for \$200,000 in Westchester Urban County Consortium Community Development Block Grant funds for the VFW Plaza Improvements project to be undertaken in the year beginning May 2020 and, upon the funding of said amount, commits to provide \$200,000 in matching funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Village Manager, upon approval of said application, to enter into and execute a grant agreement for such financial assistance.

51:19 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

- After a discussion, the Village Board amended the resolution to reflect its priority and project year.

Trustee Leaf moved, seconded by Trustee Lopez, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved, as amended from its original form: Approved 4-0.

WHEREAS, downtown sidewalks are in a deteriorated condition and have been identified by merchants, other stakeholders and the Downtown Working Group as requiring replacement to better serve the residents of the area; and

WHEREAS, cost estimates for the project total \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2019 a public information meeting was held to receive public input on the Village's planned applications for Community Development Block Grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson does hereby authorize the Mayor to submit an application for \$200,000 in Westchester Urban County Consortium Community Development Block Grant funds for replacement of downtown sidewalks to be undertaken in the year beginning May 2021 and, upon the funding of said amount, commits to provide \$200,000 in matching funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees has determined that this application shall be deemed to have the highest priority between the two applications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Village Manager, upon approval of said application, to enter into and execute a grant agreement for such financial assistance.

52:19 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H OF 2019

- Trustee Leaf inquired about the definition of "charging" in the draft of the proposed local law. A discussion with the Village Attorney and Village Board followed.

Trustee Leaf moved, seconded by Trustee Lopez, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved 4-0.

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 7:30 PM or shortly thereafter to consider the advisability of Proposed Local Law H of 2019 – A LOCAL LAW Amending Article XII Parking Meters and Permit Parking Zones of Chapter 282 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to add provisions for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

53:19 – RT. 9 CORRIDOR PHASE 2 RESOLUTION

- The Village Board discussed the study in advance of approving the resolution.

Trustee Fleisig moved, seconded by Trustee Lopez, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved 4-0.

- WHEREAS,** interested residents and officials from the villages of Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow (the “Rivertowns”) have been working together since 2016 as a Steering Committee jointly studying traffic, safety, pedestrian and bicycle access conditions in connection with their shared “Route 9 Corridor”; and
- WHEREAS,** the new Mario M. Cuomo Bridge includes a dedicated bicycle/pedestrian lane scheduled to open in 2019, bringing with it new transportation and recreational opportunities to Rivertowns residents and a significant increase in bicycle traffic on Route 9 and environs from west of the Hudson River and New York City; and
- WHEREAS,** by Resolution dated July 22, 2016, this Board approved an application formally submitted by Sustainable Westchester on behalf of the Steering Committee and the five villages for a \$150,000 grant from the New NY Bridge Community Benefits Program to fund a proposed Active Transportation Corridor Study and Plan along U.S. Route 9, from Hastings through Sleepy Hollow and interconnecting with the planned bicycle/pedestrian lane on the New NY Bridge (the “Project”); and
- WHEREAS,** after the application was favorably received and the grant was awarded, the Steering Committee, through the administrative support of the Village of Irvington, procured the services of transportation consultant Nelson Nygaard to perform a conceptual study evaluating the potential for implementing a shared roadway strategy along Route 9 (the “Study”); and
- WHEREAS,** the Study included extensive public outreach, including five open-house sessions, a public survey, and the maintenance of a website to share information with and receive comments from the general public; and
- WHEREAS,** the Study demonstrated the potential to build a bicycle/pedestrian connection between the five villages and the new Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, and examined related issues concerning safety, transit access, traffic calming, walkability, sidewalks, crosswalk configurations, parking availability and motor vehicle level of service; and
- WHEREAS,** the implementation of the Project would be expected to result in significant health and lifestyle enhancements for Rivertowns residents, and increased tourism and economic benefit for area merchants; and
- WHEREAS,** the Steering Committee and Nelson Nygaard convened a well-attended public meeting to present the completed Study to the public at Mercy College on

November 17, 2018, and whereas the completed Study and other plan documents continue to be available to the public on route9active.org; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been briefed on the Study and agrees that the goals and methods contained therein are worthy of further consideration and pursuit;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson

1. is desirous of working with its neighboring villages to achieve the mobility and safety enhancements set forth in the Study; and
2. recognizes the positive impact such enhancements offer for the quality of life of its residents and the commercial vibrancy of the community; and
3. recognizes Trustee Dan Lemons, Trustee Georgia Lopez, and Andrew Ratzkin, Co-Chair, Conservation Commission, for their participation in the efforts to date and hereby formalizes the participation of Trustee Lopez, the Village Manager, and Mr. Ratzkin in the Project team and as designees to the Steering Committee on behalf of the Village; and
4. supports and endorses additional efforts by the Steering Committee to identify grant and other funding opportunities to advance and implement the plan set forth in the Study, recognizing that adjustments are part of any project of this nature and that some particulars will change in the course of detailed engineering, should the Project advance to that stage; and
5. directs that the Hastings designees set forth above to return to this Board for specific endorsement before submitting additional grant or other funding applications in pursuit of the Project.

54:19 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

- Village Attorney Whitehead provided a brief background on the contract status.

Trustee Leaf moved, seconded by Trustee Lopez, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved 4-0.

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby authorize the Village Manager to enter into a contract with PETER GISOLFI ASSOCIATES with offices at 566 Warburton Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706 for landscape architecture work for the Downtown Streetscape Improvements at a flat fee of \$8000 plus reimbursable expenses, with the final form of such contract to be subject to review and approval by the Village Attorney.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

- Village Attorney Whitehead began a discussion with the Village Board on Electric Vehicle charging stations as related to usage and parking fees. A detailed discussion followed. Deputy Village Treasurer/IT Director Rafael Zaratzian provided further comments. A detailed discussion with the Village Board continued.

- Trustee Lopez provided a brief update on developments of the Downtown Working Group.
- Trustee Fleisig provided detailed updates on the waterfront shoreline and progress with the Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Trustee Lopez briefed the Board on her meeting with the New York State Department of Transportation on traffic and pedestrian safety concerns in the Village. A discussion with the Village Board followed.
- Mayor Armacost announced that she and Trustee Fleisig met with a prospective buyer of a parcel of waterfront property in the Village and there may be more development in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Thurs. June 20 – Parks & Recreation Commission 8:00 PM Community Center
2. Thurs. June 20 – Planning Board 8:15 PM Village Hall Meeting Room
3. Thurs. June 27 – Zoning Board of Appeals 8:00 PM Village Hall Meeting Room
4. Mon. July 1 – Architectural Review Board 8:00 PM Village Hall Conference Room
5. Tues. July 2 – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 7:30 PM Village Hall Meeting Room

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Leaf moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting “aye”. Approved 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned 10:13 PM

Joseph L. Cerretani
Village Clerk



PROPOSED SITE PLAN

HASTINGS ON HUDSON DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE

June 27, 2019

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