

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012**

Citizens of the City of Mount Vernon are urged to attend a public hearing conducted by the City of Mount Vernon Department of Planning and Community Development ("PCD") to discuss the *City's Five Year Consolidated Plan 2010-2014 and the One-Year Action Plan for fiscal year 2012*. At this public hearing, PCD Staff will obtain views from citizens, non-profit agencies, neighborhood associations, residents of public and assisted housing and other interested parties on housing, homeless, community development and economic development needs to be undertaken with federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME"), Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ("HOPWA") and Continuum of Care - Supportive Housing Program (■SHP●).

This public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2nd fl., City Hall, Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon, New York.

The City of Mount Vernon encourages participation of all its residents especially the involvement of very low and/or low income residents, minorities, non-English speaking persons and persons with mobility visual or hearing impairments. Assistance can be made available at the hearing to persons with disabilities or requirements for Spanish speaking residents upon prior request by calling (914)699-7230.

CDBG applications will be available for distribution on **July 29, 2011** at the office of the Department of Planning & Community Development, City Hall, Roosevelt Square-2nd fl., Mount Vernon, NY 10550 and must be submitted by **Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.** **Proposals submitted after this date will not be considered for funding. NO PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING.**

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

1) *CDBG funds* may be used for acquisition, demolition, clearance removal or rehabilitation of real property and blighted buildings; the construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works projects; neighborhood facilities and other site improvements; relocation assistance; economic development; assistance to the elderly or handicapped; public services; preparation of the One-Year Action Plan and administrative costs.

2) *HOME funds* are used for the preservation and upgrading of existing housing stock so that low and moderate income renters can live in affordable units that meet necessary codes and standards and to provide affordable home ownership opportunities to low and moderate income Mount Vernon households. 80% of HOME funds have been designated to for the development and construction of affordable rental units.

3) *HOPWA funds* are used to address the need for housing opportunities and supportive services for persons with AIDS, related diseases and their families.

4) *SHP funds* are used to address the need for housing assistance to homeless families and individuals and persons with special needs to prevent homelessness.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with HUD's federal regulations, at least one of the following primary objectives must be met by all funded activities:

- The activity **must** principally benefit low and moderate income families.
- The activity **must** aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.
- The activity **must** be designed to meet community development need having a particular urgency, not addressed by other financial resources.

Persons unable to attend the public hearing who wish to express their views on housing and housing community development needs may submit such views in writing to the Department of Planning and Community Development, City Hall, Roosevelt Square - 2nd fl. Mount Vernon, NY 10550 Attn: Carmen Sylvester, Executive Director no later than August 31, 2011.

