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Today's Panelists



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New York State Homes and Community
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Office of Community Renewal (OCR)



**Homes and
Community Renewal**

Resources for Municipalities Office of Community Renewal

NYS Association of Counties
Community Development Training
March 12, 2021

NYS Homes & Community Renewal

- Division of Housing & Community Renewal (DHCR)
- Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)
- Housing Finance Agency (HFA)
- State of New York Mortgage Agency (SONYMA)
- Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC)

Development Offices:

- **Office of Community Renewal (OCR)**

“Local” grant programs – awarded through municipalities & not-for-profits
NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), New York Main Street (NYMS), the Neighborhood and Rural Preservation programs, Access to Home, MMHR, RESTORE, Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC)

- **Office of Finance and Development (F&D)**

Multi-family development – direct award and oversight

Federal and State Low Income Housing Tax Credits, tax exempt bonds, and state sources include HTF and CIF.



Grants and Local Program Administration



**Homes and
Community Renewal**

**Municipality
or
Not-for-profit Organization
as Local Program Administrator (LPA)**



**Property
Owner**



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Federal and State Funding Overview



OCR Programs

Federal

- NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME - Local Programs

State

- Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC)
- Access to Home Programs
- RESTORE program
- Manufactured Mobile Housing Replacement Program (MMHR)
- New York Main Street Program



CDBG Program Overview

CDBG is a federally funded program that provides funding to develop affordable housing, create suitable living environments and enhance economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

Eligible Applicants

Non-entitlement Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages

General Eligible Activities

Activities that result in a benefit to low-and-moderate income persons

How to Apply

- Infrastructure/Facilities, Economic Development and Community Planning: Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)
- All Housing activities, Annual Competitive Round: Community Development Online (CDOL)



HOME Program Overview

HOME is a federally funded program that provides funding to develop affordable housing, create suitable living environments low- and moderate-income persons.

Eligible Applicants

Not-for-profits, municipalities, CHDO's and public housing authorities

General Eligible Activities

Housing activities that result in a benefit to low-and-moderate income persons

Application Activities

Owner occupied housing rehabilitation

Manufactured housing replacement

TBRA Tenant based rental assistance

Homebuyer down payment assistance

Homebuyer development

How to Apply

Annual competitive round: Community Development Online (CDOL)



New York Main Street Program Overview

NYMS is a state grant source that provides financial resources and technical assistance to rehabilitate upper story housing and commercial spaces in mixed-use commercial districts and adjacent neighborhoods.

Eligible Applicants

Municipalities and community based not-for-profit corporations statewide

Eligible Activities

- Facade renovations
- Interior commercial & upper story residential renovations
- Complementary Streetscape enhancement projects

Application Activities

- Target Area Building Renovations
- Downtown Anchor Renovation
- Downtown Stabilization
- Technical Assistance/ Feasibility Studies

How to Apply

Annual Funding Round - Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)



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Affordable Housing Corporation

AHC's Affordable Home Ownership Development Program provides grants to subsidize the cost of newly constructed houses and the renovation of existing housing.

Eligible Applicants

Municipalities and not-for-profits - All areas of State are Eligible

General Eligible Activities

New construction of homes, rehabilitation of homes.

Application Activities

- Acquisition & Rehabilitation
- Home Improvement (Rehab)
- New Construction

How to Apply

Notice of Funding Availability and Request for Proposals issued June 26, 2019 for open round application. Application available until funds are committed.

Application open now – no deadline, open round



**Homes and
Community Renewal**

Access to Home Program Overview

Access to Home is a State funded program that provides grants to make accessibility modifications to existing dwelling units occupied by low-income persons with disabilities.

Eligible Applicants

Municipalities and not-for-profits that experience in adapting homes for persons with disabilities. All areas of State are Eligible

General Eligible Activities

Adapting homes for persons with physical disabilities and senior with age-related disabilities

Application Activities

Retrofit homes for disabled including wheel chair ramps, handrails, lifts etc.

How to Apply

Annual competitive round Community Development Online (CDOL)



RESTORE Program Overview

RESTORE Residential Emergency Services to Offer (Home) Repairs to the Elderly State funded program that provides grants to municipalities and not-for-profits to make emergency repairs in homes owned by low-income elderly persons.

Eligible Applicants

Municipalities and community based not-for-profit corporations. All areas of State are Eligible

General Eligible Activities

Repair, rehabilitate or construct housing

Application Activities

Pay for acquisition, rehabilitation or construction of single or multi-family homes.

How to Apply

Annual competitive round Community Development Online (CDOL)



Mobile & Manufactured Home Replacement Program Overview

The New York State funded Mobile and Manufactured Home Replacement (MMHR) program designed to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners to replace dilapidated mobile or manufactured homes that are sited on land owned by the homeowner with a new manufactured, modular or site-built home.

Eligible Applicants

Municipalities and community based not-for-profit corporations. All areas of State are eligible

General Eligible Activities

Replace dilapidated manufactured housing

How to Apply

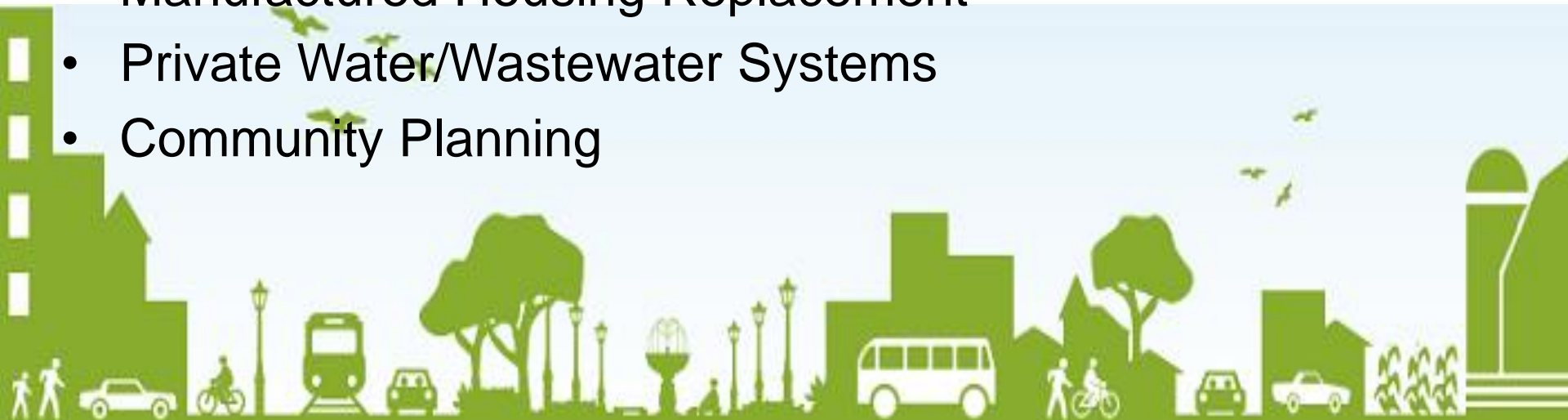
Annual competitive round Community Development Online (CDOL)



NYS CDBG Eligible Activities

Potential Community Development Activities

- Public Infrastructure
- Public Facilities
- Economic Development
- Small Business Assistance
- Microenterprise Development
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Manufactured Housing Replacement
- Private Water/Wastewater Systems
- Community Planning



Funding for Public Infrastructure Projects

Public Infrastructure Funding Source

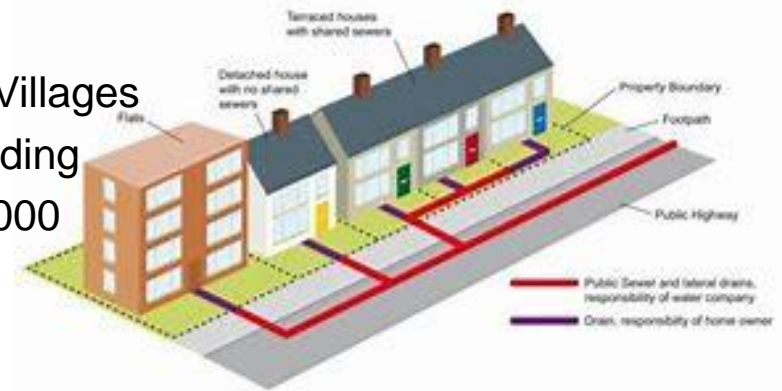
Public Water/Sewer/Storm Water Management

1. NYS CDBG

- Up to \$1,000,000 for Cities, Towns and Villages
- Up to \$1,250,000 with committed co-funding
- Joint applications, \$1,500,000 - \$1,750,000

Typical activities:

- Public Water Systems
 - water source development, storage, and distribution
- Public Sanitary Sewer Systems
 - sanitary sewage collection and treatment
- Storm Water Systems
 - flood control and storm water drainage



2021 CDBG Infrastructure Funding

Funding material and application guidance for Program Year 2021 is anticipated to be available late Spring or Early Summer.

Please go to [Funding Round Materials](#) for the latest updates.



NYS Co-Funding Initiative for Public Infrastructure

- Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)
 - Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF)
 - Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF)
 - Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA)
 - Water Quality Improvements Projects (WQIP)
 - Engineering Planning Grants (EPG)
- USDA Rural Development
 - Direct Loan and Grant Program
 - Guaranteed Loan Program
 - Pre-Development Planning Grants (PPG)
 - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Household Program Grants (SEARCH)
 - Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)
- NYS Department of State
 - Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
 - Northern Border Regional Commission



Funding for Public Facility Activities

Public Facility Funding Source

NYS CDBG

Up to \$300,000 for Cities, Towns, Villages and Counties

Typical activities:

- Health Care Centers
- Day Care Centers
- Senior Centers
- Community Centers
- Sidewalks, lighting, tree planting
- ADA Compliance



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Funding for Economic Development Activities



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Economic Development Funding Source

1. NYS CDBG

- a) Traditional Economic Development 40% of the project up to \$750,000, up to \$15,000 per job
- b) Small Business Assistance 40% of the project cost up to \$100,000, up to \$25,000 per job with 20% owner equity, 25 or fewer employees
- c) Microenterprise Assistance up to \$200,000 with maximum \$35,000 per business



2021 CDBG Economic Development Funding Available

CDBG Economic Development, Small Business & Microenterprise [Application materials](#) are available now. Applications for **Open Round Economic Development and Microenterprise applications** will be accepted throughout 2021 with rolling awards.



Funding for Housing Activities

2020 CDBG Housing Funding Available

NYS Homes & Community Renewal (HCR) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program competitive application for housing projects.

CDBG Housing Application materials are available now. Applications for **housing projects will be accepted until 4:00 pm on Friday April 9, 2021.**

OCR program staff conducted application webinars February 17, 2021 and March 9, 2021 to provide instructions and guidance for preparing successful CDBG housing applications. The session covered program updates, requirements and tips for successful applications.

To request a copy of this webinar, please submit an email to OCRINFOR@NYSHCR.ORG.



Housing Rehabilitation Activities

- Housing rehabilitation
- Manufactured housing replacement
- Homeownership
- Wells and septic replacement
- Lateral connection assistance
- Accessibility Improvements



Homeownership Activities

Assistance to low-and-moderate income homebuyers

- Direct financial assistance (e.g., down payment assistance and closing costs)
- Counseling of prospective homeowners
- Minor rehabilitation of certain houses that are otherwise structurally sound

Analyze your market – demand and pricing



Private Water/Wastewater Systems

Eligible activities:

- Drilling new private wells for drinking water
- Construction of new/replacement of existing septic systems
- Install lateral connections to public water or sewer
- Work inside a manufactured housing park may be eligible



Housing Program Funding Sources

Housing Rehabilitation

1. NYS CDBG

- a) Cities, Towns, Villages up to \$500,000
- b) Counties up to \$1 million

2. HOME Program

- a) Up to \$500,000

3. Main Street

- a) Up to \$500,000, \$50,000 per building

4. Restore and Access

- a) Up to \$150,000
- b) Restore up to \$10,000 per unit
- c) Access up to \$25,000 per unit

5. AHC

- a) No cap per application, over \$1,000,000 consult with AHC
- b) \$40,000 per unit in high-cost area



Housing Program Funding Sources

Manufactured Housing Replacement

1. NYS CDBG
 1. Up to \$500,000 Cities, Towns, Villages
 2. Up to \$1 million Counties
2. HOME Program
 1. Up to \$500,000
3. MMHR Program
 1. Up to \$500,000
 2. Up to \$100,000 per unit



Housing Program Funding Sources

Homeownership

1. NYS CDBG

- a) Up to \$500,000 for Cities, Towns, Villages
- b) Up to \$1 million for Counties

2. HOME Program

- a) Up to \$500,000



Housing Program Funding Sources

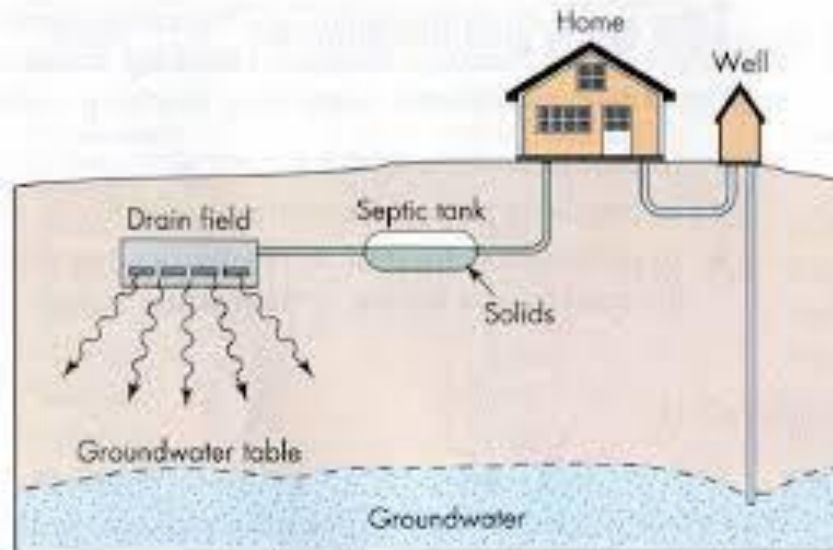
Wells and Septic Replacement and Lateral Connections

1. NYS CDBG

- a) Cities, Towns, Villages up to \$500,000
- b) Counties up to \$1 million

2. HOME Program (no laterals)

- a) Up to \$500,000



Funding for Community Planning Activities

Community Planning Funding Source

- NYS CDBG
 - Up to \$50,000 for Cities, Towns, Villages and Counties
- Main Street Program
 - Up to \$20,000

Potential Activities:

- Preliminary Engineering for Water or Sewer
- Asset Management
- Community Needs Assessments
- Downtown Market Analysis
- Housing Needs Assessments



Getting Ready to Pursue State and Federal Funding

Project Planning and Development Challenges for Small Communities

- Planning and management require commitment and follow-through
- Elected officials are often part-time administrators
- Project costs rise
 - Materials costs/ labor
 - Compliance with new regulations
 - Greater emphasis on emergency preparedness and response
- Existing systems vs. new systems

Begin planning now

Master Planning

- Review community wide needs
- Housing needs
- Economic development needs
- Services such as daycare and healthcare

Begin planning now

Regular stakeholder meetings

- Exchange ideas
- Discuss/ask what is needed
- Foster a sense of community ownership of plans



Explore options

Invite different professional service firms, or area non-profits to discuss practical aspects of the community's needs, and how these needs might be addressed.

Begin planning now

Projects can take several years from planning to implementation

- Managerial
- Financial
- Technical



Be cognizant of the demands that will be imposed

- May be turn over of administration
- May be project opposition

Explore design and management options

Next steps to move from planning to implementation:

Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)

Community Needs Assessments

- Planning and design options
- Associated cost estimates
- Align projects with funding sources
- Housing conditions



Identify Potential Funding Sources

- A successful project may require financing from more than one source
- Involve representatives from all potential funding agencies early
 - Valuable input on design and funding strategies
 - How to maximize the project priority



Evaluate funding eligibility

- Funders and technical assistance providers can assist with funding applications
- Supporting documentation
 - May include a preliminary engineering report (PER) or needs assessment
 - May also involve an income survey to document financial need
 - Waiting lists may document need for housing and economic development activities
 - MOUs may support administrative capacity
 - Demonstrate need and demand



Evaluate funding eligibility

State and Federal funding sources are only part of the solution

- Funding programs don't have unlimited resources
- Project could require co-funding
- Also, not all projects are eligible
- Priority is given to projects that address:
 - ✓ Public health and/or environmental quality,
 - ✓ Affordability and community need, and
 - ✓ Potential for success including through partnering and/or co-funding.



Take advantage of technical assistance

- A variety of no-cost technical assistance (TA):
 - Funding agencies,
 - Regulators,
 - County agencies, and
 - Private not-for-profit organizations such as
 - ✓ Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) Solutions
 - ✓ NYS Rural Water Association
 - ✓ Environmental Finance Center (EFC)
- Other TA, planning, and grant-writing services can be contracted
- OCR is available to coordinate and assist with TA



Don't Panic



Organize!

Applying for Funding

How to Apply for Funds

- **NYS Consolidated Funding Application ([CFA](#))**
 - Public Infrastructure/Facilities (Annual)
 - Microenterprise (Open Round)
 - Community Planning (Annual)
 - Economic Development (Open Round)
 - Small Business Assistance (Open Round)
- **Community Development Online ([CDOL](#))**
 - Housing Activities

Additional Information

HUD Exchange

For [CDBG](#) and [HOME](#) only:

Source for:

- CPD Notices
- CPD income calculator
- Toolkits

The screenshot displays the HUD Exchange website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the HUD Exchange logo and the text 'Secretary Ben Carson'. To the right of the logo, there are several menu items: 'Programs', 'Resources', 'Trainings', 'Program Support', 'Grantees', and 'News'. A search icon is also present. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a heading 'Programs & Related Topics' with a sub-heading 'Find and explore the landing pages for HUD's programs, systems, and related topics to help you administer your programs.' Below this, there is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search for a Program or Related Topic' and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar, there is a box titled 'New to HUD?' with the text 'Learn more about how HUD's programs impact key policy areas.' and a button labeled 'View HUD Policy Areas'. Below the search bar, there are several checkboxes: 'Programs', 'Systems', and 'Cross Cutting Requirements', followed by the text 'Find Programs & Related Topics by HUD Office'. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a dark blue bar with a grid of letters from A to Z, representing a navigation menu. Below this bar, the letter 'A' is highlighted, and a list of programs and systems is displayed, including 'Acquisition and Relocation', 'AED: Appalachia Economic Development Initiative', 'AFFH UI: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing User Interface', 'AFFH: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing', 'Affordable Housing Development and Preservation Policy Area', 'ALCP: Assisted-Living Conversion Program', 'APPS: Active Partners Performance System', and 'ARC: Appalachian Regional Commission'.

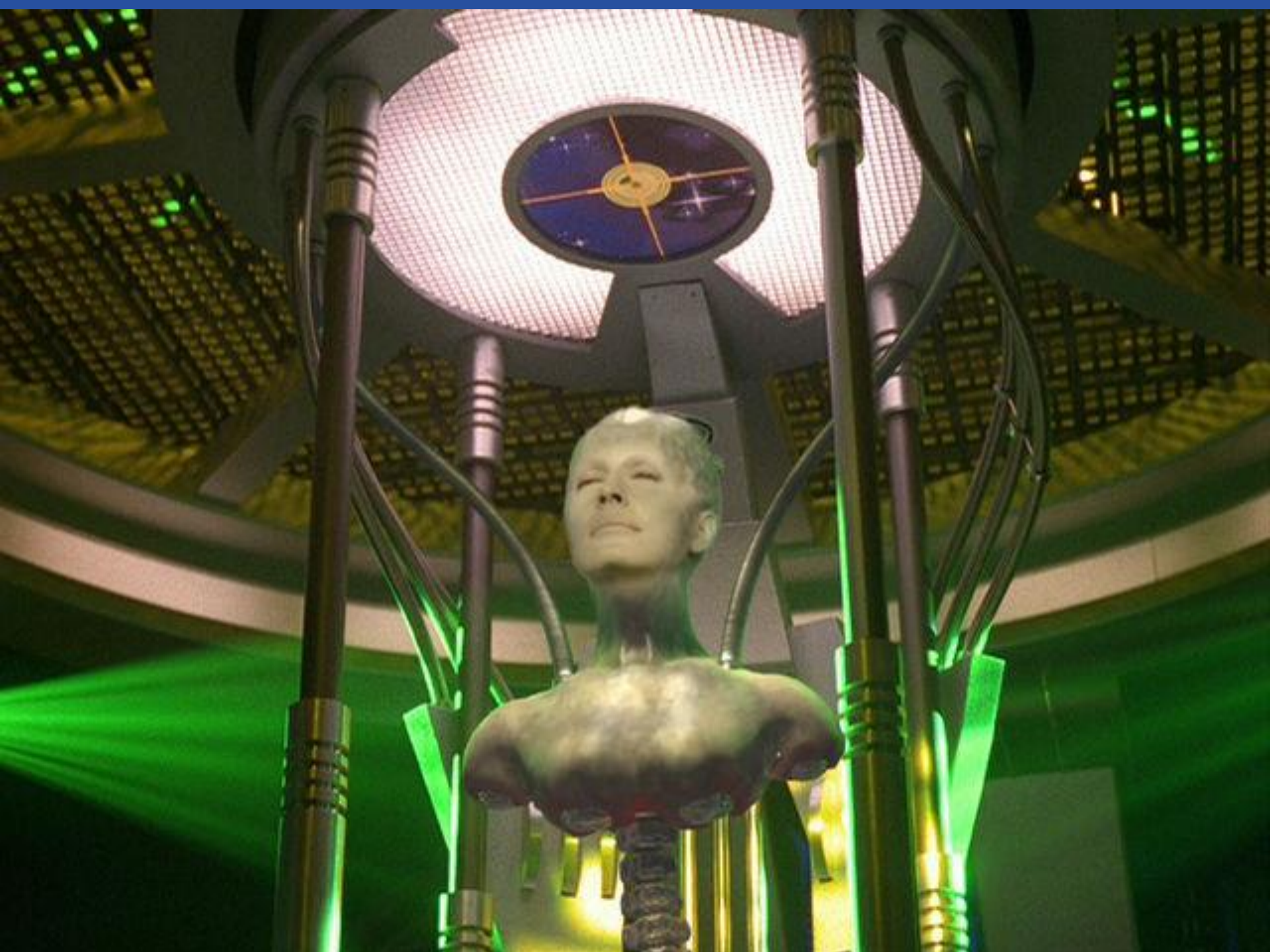


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Homes & Community Renewal Resources

- [Affordable Housing Corporation](#)
- [CDBG Program](#)
- [CDBG Economic Development](#)
- [HOME Program](#)
- [New York Main Street Program](#)
- [Access to Home Program](#)
- [RESTORE Program](#)
- [MMHR Program](#)



Resources

- [Environmental Finance Center Network](#)
- [Environmental Facilities Corporation](#)
- [EPA Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center](#)
- [NYS Department of Health - Water Division](#)
- [NYS Department of Environmental Conservation](#)
- [NYS Department of State](#)
- [Intended Use Plan](#)
- [Empire State Development](#)
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