

VILLAGE OF LIBERTY, SULLIVAN COUNTY
2026 CFA APPLICATION FOR OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

2026 LAKE STREET AREA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
- PROPOSED PROJECT NARATIVE -

Background:

The Village of Liberty, NY, located in Sullivan County, provides potable water to a population of approximately 4,700 Village residents (and others) through approximately 1,700 active service connections (1,371 residential and 329 commercial) within the Village and the surrounding area. The system infrastructure includes a well (currently used at a limited withdrawal rate), a surface water reservoir, a water filtration plant, two water storage tanks, and a water distribution system.

The Village currently has an ongoing CDBG-funded water system improvement project in the northern portion of the Village to address key issues with water quality, flow rate restriction, and tank overflows. The Village has also received CDBG funding for another water system project for an area further south in the Village, in the area of lower Lake Street. This project is in the preliminary phases, but is anticipated to improve and simplify the water system in that area, and should eliminate a flow restriction condition observed by the Village during hydrant flushing.

This new project will continue improvements further along Lake Street and the surrounding area (potentially including West Lake Street, Carrier Street, South Main Street, Upper Ferndale Road, and others), and potentially the area around the Village's Elm Street Well. A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application will be submitted for the current 2026 Program Year.

Proposed Project Description:

The Village is proposing a public infrastructure improvement project and plans to submit a 2026 CFA Public Infrastructure application for a project with an anticipated project cost of approximately \$1.5 million (at a maximum) for a water system improvement project in the vicinity of Lake Street, and the surrounding area. The proposed project is expected to primarily benefit low-and-moderate-income persons. Improvements may occur over multiple phases, as funding allows.

Anticipated Scope (See attached Aerial Map Figure) of Proposed Watermain (and Sewer Main) Replacement Work:

Anticipated Base Project:

1. Continue replacement of watermains along Lake Street, continuing from the previous replacement work.
2. Replacement of aging watermains, focusing on the Lake Street area, with the greatest risk or history of watermain breaks, oldest mains, or most undersized mains.

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3. Replacement of watermains in other parts of the southern section of the Village, potentially including Lake Street, West Lake Street, South Main Street, Carrier Street, Upper Ferndale Road, and nearby areas.
4. Replacement of existing sanitary sewer mains in the vicinity of watermain replacement, as needed to improve separation distance or as needed due to anticipated or incidental damage during construction activities.
5. Possible well house improvements, including potential addition of telemetry equipment to communicate with the planned new PRV control valve on North End Avenue (installation pending).

Potential Other Work Considered:

1. Potential additional watermain replacement work, including valves, hydrants, and appurtenances, prioritizing the oldest and most undersized mains.
2. Potential unplanned incidental or additional sewer work.

Improvements may occur over multiple phases, as funding allows. Base Bid or Bid Alternate items not completed in the currently ongoing phases (as well as other potential improvements not listed herein) may be considered for potential future phases.

Project Goals:

The major goals for this project include the following:

1. Mitigate failures of the existing watermains in areas known to have had numerous recent watermain breaks in order to reduce O&M costs
2. Continue improvements further along Lake Street from the end point of the previous project.
3. Where required by existing conditions, establish or improve horizontal and vertical separation of watermains from other utilities (e.g., sanitary sewer mains).
4. Potentially increase ability to provide more water to potential development sites

Project Schedule:

The anticipated project schedule is as follows (A = Actual [i.e., currently scheduled or previously completed], T = Target):

Village to Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Project April 16, 2026 (A)
Village to Review Proposals and Select Engineering Consultant May 21, 2026 (T)
Submit OCR CDBG Applicationby July 31, 2026 (T)
Anticipated Notice of Funding Award December 2026 – January 2027 (T)
Construction Period June 2027 through December 2028 (T)