

**COUNTY OF WARREN
LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2010**

**A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION BY WARREN COUNTY IN
AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAMS**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, New York, as follows:

SECTION 1. Title. This Local Law shall be known as a Local Law Authorizing Participation by Warren County in Affordable Housing Grant Programs.

SECTION 2. Purpose. The governing Board of the County of Warren supports efforts to meet the housing needs of residents of low and moderate income through programs which preserve the existing housing stock and the construction of new affordable housing. This will promote the stabilization and preservation of neighborhoods in local communities and thus serves a public purpose. Further, Warren County finds that participation in affordable housing grant programs is an effective way for the County to meet the current and long term housing needs of its residents, particularly those of low or moderate income.

SECTION 3. Definitions. When using this Local Law, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- a. Affordable Housing. Housing available to individuals and households meeting certain income guidelines, based upon either Area Median Income (AMI) as published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or other benchmark guidelines established for eligibility for participation in applicable grant programs.
- b. Affordable Housing Grant Programs: Federal, State or Public Benefit Corporation grant programs or funding awards which have as their primary purpose the preservation or construction of affordable housing and for which Warren County is an eligible applicant or participant.
- c. Low and Moderate Income: The level of annualized household income that is used to determine eligibility for participation in applicable affordable housing grant programs.

SECTION 4. Enactment Authority. This Local Law is enacted under the authority of §10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of New York State.

SECTION 5. Authorization to Participate in Affordable Housing Grant Programs. Warren County is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend funds made available through affordable housing grant programs for persons of low and moderate income within Warren County in order to administer, conduct or participate in, through its Planning and Community Development Department, said affordable housing grant programs. Warren County is further authorized to appropriate and expend such funds as are required to administer, conduct or participate in affordable housing grant programs and may perform any and all acts necessary to effectuate the purposes of such affordable housing grant programs. Agreements authorized and executed in accordance with this local law must have the prior approval of the Warren County Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part

of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation firm, partnership entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional such Order or Judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation firm, partnership entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such Order or Judgment shall be rendered.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.