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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced today that the City of Auburn will receive \$1,081,658 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for economic and community development for low- and middle-income residents and small businesses.

"This CDBG funding represents a great opportunity for Auburn to continue developing good, safe housing for all residents across the city and economic programs to help those in need," **Arcuri said**

, "I want to offer my full support for these initiatives and look forward to working with the residents of Auburn on these important projects."

"In these tough financial times many of our local organizations would not be able to supply critical services to meet the needs of our most vulnerable citizens," **Auburn Mayor Michael Quill said**, "Thanks to these Entitlement Funds, these same citizens and organizations will find a way to make ends meet. On behalf of the City, I want to thank Congressman Arcuri for his efforts and support."

The City of Auburn will be using this CDBG funding for many community based initiatives such as:

- A revolving loan program for home rehabilitation to assist property owners in making exterior and interior renovations to ensure their property is up to code;
- A smoke detector and carbon dioxide safety program to ensure area residents have working detectors;
- A revolving loan program for small businesses looking to expand or retain their workforce;
- A micro-enterprise training and technical assistance program for new entrepreneurs;
- Summer Youth Programs;

- Cayuga Health Association's Meals on Wheels;
- Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency - Homeless Services;
- Legal Aid Society - Legal Services for Victims of Domestic Violence; and,
- SCAT Van program to transport senior citizens.

The CDBG program provides annual grants to state and local governments to develop decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic development opportunities for low and moderate income residents. The CDBG program is operated by the federal government's HUD office.

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