

MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MISSION STATEMENT AND PERFORMANCE GOALS

Mission Statement: (Initially adopted June 03, 2014; readopted January 15 2019)

The Middletown Community Development Agency's purpose is to plan and implement programs involving the rehabilitation and revitalization of both the residential and commercial sectors of the City of Middletown, foster economic growth, provide assistance to public service organizations, eliminate blight, promoted neighborhood stabilization, and improve housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Middletown.

The Middletown Community Development Agency will implement its mission by undertaking initiatives principally geared toward the elimination of blighted and deteriorated conditions existing among the City's residential and commercial properties. The Middletown Community Development Agency will acquire blighted properties, provide resources for rehabilitation of acquired properties, and will create financing mechanisms to allow for the acquisition and rehabilitation of properties for homeownership by low- and moderate-income residents.

Funding:

The Middletown Community Development Agency will be capitalized with municipal resources as well as other state and federal financial resources.

History:

The City of Middletown Community Development Agency is a public benefit corporation which was authorized to be reestablished by New York State legislation on July 18, 2012 at the request of the City of Middletown. It functions as an "Urban Renewal Agency" under Articles 15, 15-A, and Section 633 of Article 15-B of the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York and was enacted into law as Chapter 200 of the Laws of 2012, While it is an independent entity from the City of Middletown government, the City of Middletown Common Council and Mayor are the members of the Middletown Community Development Agency Board of Directors pursuant to Section 601-a of the New York General Municipal Law. The Common Council has adopted the City of Middletown Urban Renewal Plan which will guide the operation of the Middletown Community Development Agency.

Middletown Community Development Agency Performance Goals: (Initially adopted June 03, 2014; readopted January 15, 2019)

- Operate in a fiscally conscientious and responsible manner.
- To continually assess the needs of the City's residents, and to strive to apply the Agency's services where they will create the most benefit and community vitality.
- To meet the needs of the community by working to secure state and federal funding for City and community priorities.
- To cultivate community trust and engagement by operating in a transparent and easily accessible manner.
- To meet the needs of the residents of the City of Middletown by supporting local public service agencies and programs.
- Assist City of Middletown municipal departments including Code Enforcement, Office of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Public Works to identify blighted properties and assist in the rehabilitation and repositioning of subject properties through funding programs aimed at the removal of blight in residential neighborhoods and improve the economic development of the City.

Additional Questions:

1. Have the board members acknowledged that they have read and understood the mission of the public authority?

Board members have read and adopted the mission statement and performance goals and have signed the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duties.

2. Who has the power to appoint the management of the public authority?

Board members appoint the management of the public authority.

3. If the Board appoints management, do you have a policy you follow when you appoint the management of the public authority?

Yes, the compensation, reimbursement and attendance policy states:

“The officers, employees and agents of the Agency shall serve at the pleasure of the Agency at such compensation levels as may be approved by the Board.”

4. Briefly describe the role of the Board and the role of management in the implementation of the mission.

The role of each management position is described in the bylaws of the Agency, generally to carry out the business of the agency with the specific approval of the board members.

The powers and duties of the board members, as described in the MCDA bylaws “...are set forth in Article Fifteen A (15A) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. The members of the Board shall perform such duties as are incumbent upon them by reason of their office and such other duties as are incidental to the office and which may from time to time be authorized by resolution of the MCDA. The MCDA Board may create such committees, and delegate to those committees powers, as it deems appropriate or as otherwise required by New York State law.”

5. Has the Board acknowledged that they have read and understood the responses to each of these questions?

By their vote to adopt each annual report and their signature upon the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duties the board members acknowledge that they have read and understood the responses to each of these questions.

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The Middletown Community Development Agency in keeping with their mission statement and performance goals has operated in a fiscally conscientious and responsible manner as evidenced by the accompanying financial audit.

The Agency, in accordance with its performance goals, continually assesses the needs of the City’s residents and strives to apply the Agency’s services where they will create the most benefit through the City of Middletown’s CDBG Consolidated Plan, interaction with other City entities and local agencies.

The Agency consistently seeks additional funding for City and community priorities.

The Agency utilizes open meetings, a strong, consistent internet presence and any other method at its disposal to operate in a transparent and easily accessible manner.

The Agency communicates regularly with City departments to identify blighted properties and assist in the rehabilitation and reposition of subject properties through funding aimed at the removal of blight in residential neighborhoods and to improve the economic climate of the City.