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Ulster County Opens Round 3 of Plus One ADU Grant Program

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County, in partnership with RUPCO, is pleased to announce the launch of Round 3 of the Plus One Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program, now open on a first-come, first-served basis to homeowners who earn up to 100% of area median income (AMI).

The program provides grants of up to \$112,500 to construct or rehabilitate ADUs — whether attached units like basement apartments or detached units such as backyard cottages or garage conversions. In return, participants agree to rent the unit at an affordable rate for a minimum of 10 years and commit to not using the unit as a short-term rental.

Homeowners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. While previous rounds were limited to select municipalities, Round 3 is open countywide. The program website includes an “Additional Resources” section with ADU requirements by municipality and a guidebook to help residents plan their projects.

For more information and to apply, visit the Plus One ADU Program page on RUPCO’s website: <https://rupco.org/plusone>

“ADUs are a great housing solution that we encourage to expand affordable housing opportunities in our communities,” **said County Executive Jen Metzger.** “The Plus One Program can significantly reduce the upfront costs for homeowners who might not otherwise be able to afford construction of an ADU. With Round 3 now open countywide, I encourage eligible homeowners across Ulster County to apply and take advantage of this opportunity and earn some additional income while creating much-needed housing in their own communities.”

The Plus One ADU Program has already made a significant impact, with approximately 54 grants awarded through Rounds 1 and 2. Of those, five ADUs are complete or near complete, and 10 more are currently under construction, helping homeowners create safe, affordable, and code-compliant housing options on their properties.

In addition to the Plus One Program, the County now also offers a five-year property tax exemption on the value of the capital improvements from construction of an ADU to further support homeowners, provided the ADU is not used as a short-term rental.

For more information about the Plus One ADU Program, visit <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/plus-one>.

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