

Public Hearing
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project:
Public Facilities Grant Application – Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga
Tioga Fresh Mobile Cafe
April 23, 2026

The Public Hearing on public comments on Tioga County's current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project: Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga – Tioga Fresh Mobile Café, Project #1142PR131-24 was called to order by the Chair at 10:06 A.M. Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Rose and Standinger were present with Legislators Aronstam, Cantella and Flesher being absent.

There were eight people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

Marley Norton, Community Development Specialist, of the Economic Development & Planning Department spoke. "Tioga County applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in 2024 in the amount of \$243,533 with Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga as the subrecipient of the grant in order to purchase and begin operations of the Tioga Fresh Mobile Café.

"The mobile food truck was purchased through JP Food Trucks in July 2025 with final delivery being made on January 28, 2026. There was a ribbon cutting event held at Catholic Charities on February 6, 2026. The food truck's first day of operation was on March 10, 2026 and they have served several hundred individuals since.

"Catholic Charities has made three payments to JP Food Trucks and received reimbursement from CDBG for a total of \$197,772, \$9,888.59 in administration fees to Tioga County, which was also reimbursed through CDBG, totaling \$207,660.59 for a remaining balance of \$35,872.41 to be reimbursed for marketing, cooking supplies, program delivery, etc. There is a remaining \$2,261.40 to be reimbursed to Tioga County for grant administration. We expect to expend these expenses by the end of 2026."

Legislator Standinger spoke. "So, this truck serves meals? It does not hand out food like groceries?"

Marley Norton spoke. "Yes, the truck serves hot meals, and they are running out of food almost every day due to the number they are serving."

Legislator Standinger spoke. "They go to various locations in the County?"

Marley Norton spoke. "Yes, they are operating four days a week; Monday through Thursday in Nichols and every Tuesday they rotate their location to Richford, Spencer, or Owego at the Health & Human Services Building."

Legislator Brown spoke. "So, when they do their location rotation, how are the sites selected? Is this pre-determined for each municipality?"

Marley Norton spoke. "Yes, the locations are already pre-determined and were identified in the CDBG application. The locations are the Richford Town Hall, Spencer Inspire Community Center, Tioga County Health & Human Services Building in Owego, and the Catholic Charities location on River Road, Nichols."

Legislator Ciotoli spoke. "They do a very good job of communicating their schedule and site locations."

Legislator Standinger spoke. "That's good. I am glad to hear they are in Richford, as a lot of times Richford is overlooked."

There being no further public comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:12 A.M.