Projects Recommended for NY Forward Funding Consideration

The Village of Hamilton was selected for a $2.25 million NY Forward award in early 2023 to help catalyze downtown investment. The Village undertook a public planning process from May to October 2023 to identify and evaluate potential projects for NY Forward funding. At the final Local Planning Committee (LPC) meeting on November 7, LPC members agreed to the following slate of projects. Members voted via an email ballot following the meeting.

The LPC was tasked to recommend a list with $4-5 million in NY Forward requests. These 13 projects total $4,795,000 in NY Forward funding requests. State agencies will review these projects and select from the list projects totaling $2.25 million in NY Forward requests. The State's decision is anticipated in the first quarter of 2024.

NY Forward funding is a reimbursable grant. Project sponsors must complete their project prior to receiving the grant reimbursement. If a selected project is unable to move forward, State agencies will select another project from the LPC's list to receive the funding.

For more information on the NY Forward program, please visit: https://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward

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Projects Recommended for NYF Funding

Source: Project Sponsor

1. CONSTRUCT THE FARM TOWNHOUSES NEAR MILFORD DEPOT

This project will construct ten new townhomes affordable to families making between 80% and 100% of area median income (AMI).

Total Project Cost: $3,474,000

NYF Request: $752,000 (22%)

2. BUILD ENERGY-EFFICIENT TOWNHOUSES ON EATON STREET

The project proposes to build ten townhouses to expand and diversify the Village housing supply. These townhouses will be designed to be extremely energy-efficient to reduce energy use and utility costs for owners.

Total Project Cost: $3,370,000

NYF Request: $305,000 (9%)

3. BUILD OUT AND FURNISH THE HUB'S NEW COMMUNITY ROOM

The Hub will have 3,000 square feet of new ground floor space to serve local businesses and the community. Since the space will be delivered as a shell, this project will complete the build out from plumbing, HVAC, and fire protection to interior finishes and furnishings.

Total Project Cost: $2.56M

NYF Request: $500,000 (20%)

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Source: Project Sponsor

4. TRANSFORM COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ENTRANCE

Relocate and renovate main hospital entrance (exterior + interior) to match new ER entry.

Total Project Cost: $1.2M

NYF Request: $300,000 (25%)

Source: Project Sponsor

5. ENHANCE THE REAR FACADES OF BUILDINGS AT 10-14 UTICA STREET AND 3-5 MADISON STREET

Enhance the planned courtyard space in proposed mixed-use building by renovating rear facades of existing buildings that will remain.

Total Project Cost: $893,000

NYF Request: $358,000 (40%)

6. EXPAND LOCAL BUSINESS AND ADD HOUSING AT 41-45 LEBANON STREET

This project will expand the first-floor dining area for Hamilton Eatery and renovate the second-floor apartments, and the addition of a new apartment and common area.

Total Project Cost: $893,000

NYF Request: $408,000 (46%)

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Source: Project Sponsor

7. CREATE A NY-FOCUSED WINERY & TASTING ROOM

A new destination promoting New York agri-tourism on a historic farm property, three historic buildings will undergo renovations to create wine tasting room, event space, and farm store.

Total Project Cost: $750,000

NYF Request: $250,000 (33%)

8. RENOVATE 33-37 LEBANON ST. INTO AFFORDABLE NEW HOUSING ON UPPER FLOORS

Renovate three-story building to create four new workforce apartments on upper floors.

Total Project Cost: $815,000

NYF Request: $250,000 (31%)

9. IMPROVE WALKING AND BICYCLING CONDITIONS IN THE VILLAGE

The project consists of three segments that will enhance the pedestrian and bicycling experience.

Total Project Cost: $2,176,000

NYF Request: $435,000 (20%)

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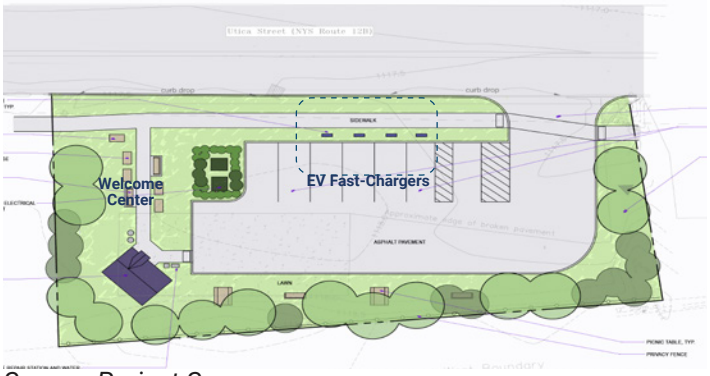
10. RENOVATE THE VILLAGE GREEN

This project will refresh the plaza space at the north of the Village Green park. Improvements include new pavers and a central water feature, new lighting, benches, landscaping, and trees will enhance the space for public use. The project will also renovate existing restrooms at the rear of the public library, a two-minute walk from the Green.

Total Project Cost: $362,000

NYF Request: $362,000 (100%)



Source: Project Sponsor

11. CREATE A WELCOME CENTER AND EV CHARGING STATION

Transformation of a vacant former brownfield lot along Route 12B into a welcome center that promotes local businesses and attractions while also offering people the ability to rapidly charge their electric vehicles (EVs).

Total Project Cost: $800,000

NYF Request: $300,000 (38%)

12. IMPROVE EATON STREET PARK

Improve the park to meet emerging recreation interests, upgrade existing facilities, and enhance site security.

Total Project Cost: $275,000

NYF Request: $275,000 (100%)

13. ESTABLISH A SMALL PROJECT FUND FOR MIXED-USE AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

This project's proposed activities to be funded include interior and exterior building renovations for commercial and mixed-use buildings, upper-story residential improvements in mixed-use buildings, permanent commercial machinery or equipment for businesses, and permanent public art installations.

Total Project Cost: $368,000

NYF Request: $300,000 (100%)