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Governor Hochul Announces Villages of Phoenix, Moravia and Hamilton as Central New York Winners of First Round of NY Forward Program

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New \$100 Million NY Forward Program Builds on Momentum of the Successful Downtown Revitalization Initiative to Support a More Equitable Downtown Recovery for New York's Smaller and Rural Communities

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Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the Village of Phoenix will receive \$4.5 million, and the Villages of Moravia and Hamilton will each receive \$2.25 million in funding as the Central New York region winners of the first round of NY Forward. Building on the momentum of the State's successful Downtown Revitalization Initiative, the \$100 million NY Forward program adopts the same "Plan-then-Act" strategy as the DRI to support a more equitable downtown recovery for New York's smaller and rural communities. As part of NY Forward Round One, two to three awards will be made to smaller communities in each of the state's ten economic development regions to support development and implementation of a

revitalization plan for their downtowns.

"New York's downtowns are the heart and soul of our communities and regions, and NY Forward will ensure that Phoenix, Moravia, and Hamilton have the resources they need to thrive and flourish," **Governor Hochul said.** "This funding will revitalize these villages back to what the bustling areas they once were by making communities more walkable, creating new housing opportunities, and attracting businesses."

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State Senator John W. Mannion said, "I supported the NY Forward Program so we can empower downtown revitalizations for our smaller communities with historic charm and character. I'm pleased to see these funds coming to Central New York to support an improved quality of life for residents and visitors, more economic activity, and community development that preserves the cultural heritage of our rural communities."

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