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## Funding Local Success: State Awards Economic Development Grants in the Fourth Senate District

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Sen. Martinez announces aid to boost Long Island economy.

New York State Sen. Monica R. Martinez has announced more than \$1.7 million in economic development funding has been awarded for projects in the Fourth Senatorial District. The grants, provided through **Round XIV** of the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative, will support local businesses, organizations, and municipalities in expanding

economic opportunities and strengthening community infrastructure.

Of the eight projects receiving funding, three have been designated priority projects for their alignment with regional economic strategies and focus on local needs. These investments are expected to create jobs, enhance infrastructure, and spur economic growth across Long Island.

"Strong local businesses are the foundation of a thriving economy," said Sen. Martinez.

"These grants give companies the tools to expand, improve efficiency, and stay competitive in a changing market. Investing in their success strengthens our communities, creates jobs, and helps keep Long Island's economy moving forward."

The following projects have been awarded funding:

- **BLI International Inc.** (Deer Park) will acquire new machinery and equipment to increase production and expand into larger markets, including nutraceuticals and vitamins. This expansion is expected to create 20 new jobs and has been identified as a Long Island REDC priority project. **Funding Award: \$300,000**
- **L.I. Adventureland, Inc.** (Farmingdale) will use grant funding to promote the worldwide debut of the Wave Twister ride, attracting more visitors to the park and the surrounding region. **Funding Award: \$175,000**
- **United Way of Long Island** (Deer Park) will modernize its net-zero building with new computers and printers, enhancing its ability to support the 2-1-1 LI Helpline during emergencies. These upgrades will also assist local workforce development programs and

community services. **Funding Award: \$25,000**

- **Rota Pack Inc.** (Farmingdale) will purchase advanced CNC equipment to meet growing demand for precision aerospace and defense components. The new machinery will improve efficiency, reduce lead times, and expand market reach. **Funding Award: \$63,000**
- **Cubitek Inc.** (Brentwood) will invest in new manufacturing equipment, allowing for 24/7 operations and improved cost efficiency to remain competitive in global markets. This expansion has been identified as a Long Island REDC priority project. **Funding Award: \$202,400**
- **JC Enterprises Display Fixture Co., Inc.** (Farmingdale) will purchase a new building and manufacturing equipment, including upgraded laser-cutting technology for increased production speed and energy efficiency. **Funding Award: \$250,000**
- **Suffolk County** will conduct a feasibility study on sewer infrastructure improvements for the proposed Heartland Town Square development in Brentwood. This Long Island REDC priority project aims to support housing, commercial growth, and environmental sustainability. **Funding Award: \$100,000**

- **Trust for Public Land** will use the grant to advance planning for the Long Island Greenway, a transformative project connecting parks, businesses, schools, and transit systems. The funding will focus on a section linking Medford to Brentwood, promoting healthier, more connected communities. **Funding Award: \$600,000**

The REDC initiative is part of New York State's innovative approach to economic development, empowering regional stakeholders to identify and implement strategies that drive local job creation and business growth. By leveraging the expertise of community, business, and academic leaders, the REDCs help direct state investments toward projects that support regional economic priorities.

For more information about the Regional Economic Development Council initiative, [click here](#).