



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Catharine Young

Funding from the Regional Economic Development Council Awards will Enhance Economic Opportunities and Improve People's Quality of Life

CATHARINE YOUNG December 8, 2016

| ISSUE: **REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

“The grants announced today will provide jobs, greater economic opportunity, and reduce the tax burden for residents. The projects that were awarded funding have received extensive local input and I applaud everyone for their efforts to put forward strong, viable proposals. Working together, with stakeholders and local and state officials, we can continue to invigorate our region’s economy and enhance people’s quality of life. Whether it be manufacturing, recreation and tourism, or cutting edge technological development, the Southern Tier and Livingston County are at the forefront of many industries and that’s a win for everyone,” said Senator Catharine Young.

Allegany County projects that received funding include:

- \$1.5 million for stabilization and redevelopment of the historic Burrous Building
- \$331,950 for the Town of Almond’s salt shed;
- \$50,000 for the Town of Belfast’s water system study; and

- \$107,654 for Caneadea Park improvements.

Cattaraugus County projects that received funding include:

- \$37,800 for the Cattaraugus Community Action's Food for Thought Program;
- \$220,000 for the City of Olean's Downtown Farmers Market;
- \$400,000 for the City of Olean's ongoing downtown redevelopment
- \$44,600 for the City of Olean's Allegheny River Canoe Kayak Launch Project;
- \$1,000,000 for an expansion of Edelweiss Dairy's facilities;
- \$600,000 for the Ellicottville Brewing Company's expansion in Little Valley;
- \$498,750 for the restoration of Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater; and
- \$120,000 for construction of new cottages at Allegany State Park.

Chautauqua County projects that received funding include:

- \$16,945 for the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Economic Development's marketing of the Overland Trails;
- \$75,000 for Chautauqua County Ministry's Coburn Block Renovation Project;
- \$94,200 for the Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District's highway erosion control efforts;
- \$217,000 for the Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District to assist the Village of Silver Creek with a dam removal and stream rehabilitation;
- \$242,235 for Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corporation to renovate commercial space and apartments in the Village of Brocton;
- \$45,000 for the City of Dunkirk's comprehensive plan;

- \$1,480,000 for the City of Jamestown's Tracy Plaza renovation;
- \$135,000 for renovations and installation of new learning and events space at the Grape Discovery Center;
- \$111,297 for the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation's Winter Garden Plaza;
- \$40,510 for Libera Inc.'s employee enhancement project;
- \$834,000 for the National Comedy Center;
- \$40,000 for the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation to develop a strategic economic development plan for Northern Chautauqua County;
- \$100,000 for the Westfield TimberFish Technology Demonstration Project;
- \$30,000 for the Town of Ellicott for an engineering study to develop options for the extension of public sewer;
- \$270,000 for the towns of Portland, Pomfret, Dunkirk, and Sheridan, and the Village of Brocton to develop a Joint Water Operations Department;
- \$36,000 for the Town of Ripley's Main Street Redevelopment Plan development;
- \$354,220 for the Village of Celeron's improvements to the Lucille Ball Memorial Park;
- \$325,494 for the Village of Fredonia's Baker Commons Project;
- \$100,000 for the Village of Lakewood's stormwater management engineering study; and
- \$100,000 for the Village of Silver Creek's sanitary sewer evaluation study.

Livingston County projects that received funding include:

- \$185,000 for the Livingston County Microenterprise Program;
- \$15,000 for Livingston County Development's public market feasibility study;
- \$2,300,000 for the Livingston County IDA to support the creation of the Livonia Agribusiness Park; and

- \$1,000,000 for the Town of Springwater to improve the sanitary sewer collection and treatment system;
- \$510,000 for Hamlin Beach and Letchworth State Parks; and
- \$60,000 for the Livingston Arts' Heartland Passage Tour.