



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

## Diverse Local Economic Development Projects Receive State Funding

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ALBANY, 12/13/17 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I/Ref-Oneonta) today announced that \$324 million was awarded to the four regions of the state he represents through the seventh round of Regional Economic Development Council awards.

**“The Regional Economic Development Council approach, now in its seventh year, is one I have supported since its inception because it ensures projects with local backing will receive the extra boost they need to succeed,”** said Senator Seward. **“The award winning projects in the 51<sup>st</sup> Senate**

**District are extremely diverse and will pay long-term dividends when it comes to job creation, quality of life, and new opportunities for growth.”**

REDC grant award winners in Senator Seward’s district include: nearly \$2 million for water and sewer improvements in Sharon Springs; \$525,00 for an expansion at Brewery Ommegang in Cooperstown; \$600,000 for capital improvements at Glimmerglass Festival in Cooperstown; \$680,000 for construction at JBF Stainless in Frankfort; \$862,000 to build the Gutches Athletic Complex in Cortlandville; \$280,000 for Cayuga County Soil and Water to construct streambank protection structures in the towns of Locke and Moravia; \$1.75 million for the Neighborhood Center in Herkimer County to construct a treatment center to help those suffering from heroin and opioid addiction.

**“I was extremely pleased to offer my support throughout the grant application process and congratulate the many award winners from the 51<sup>st</sup> Senate District. The number and quality of winning projects demonstrates the hard work and attention that local leaders in business, education, economic development, and government have poured into the process,”** Senator Seward added.

A total of \$755 million is being awarded for economic development projects in ten different regions of New York State. Senator Seward represents portions of the Central New York, Mid-Hudson, Mohawk Valley, and Southern Tier regions. Central New York, Mid-Hudson, and Mohawk Valley were named REDC “top performers” and received higher awards.

**“Programs like the Regional Economic Development Council grants have helped transform how we deliver state funding and generate economic growth. It is a winning approach that is starting to pay dividends and will continue to reshape our state’s economic future moving forward,”** Senator Seward concluded.

A complete list of grant awardees can be found at

<https://www.ny.gov/sites/ny.gov/files/atoms/files/2017AwardsREDCRound7Bookletdjunys.pdf>