



November 1, 2019

The Honorable June Smith
Town of Sterling
1290 State Route 104A
Sterling, NY 13156

Dear Supervisor Smith,

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo launched the Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) this past May in order to meet the needs of New Yorkers living in the eight counties impacted by Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River flooding. In June, Governor Cuomo committed up to \$300 million to improve coastal communities. With deliberate urgency, five Regional Planning Committees were tasked with identifying projects to secure critical assets and to sustain economic vitality along the shoreline.

Local stakeholders and technical experts worked together to evaluate more than 500 projects that were initially submitted and selected nearly 200 projects to be recommended to the REDI Commission. The REDI Commission acted on the Planning Committees' recommendations and presented a list of REDI projects to be funded to Governor Cuomo.

The Town of Sterling will receive a total of \$4,638,000 in REDI grant funding. These grant funds will be disbursed upon securing a required 5% match from your organization.

Asset: CO.3 West Bay Rd. Storm Sewers

Submitted Project Description: Install 1.8 miles of storm sewer to collect and manage storm water along West Bay Road

Grant Award: \$ 2,700,000

95% State Grant: \$ 2,565,000

5% Local Match: \$ 135,000

Oversight & Administration Agency:

Agency Point of Contact: Carolyn Ryan - carolyn.ryan@dot.ny.gov - 518-457-4030; Joshua Rousseau - joshua.rousseau@dot.ny.gov - 518-417-6612

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Asset: CO.4 Ontario Shores Drive

Submitted Project Description: Replace a 6/10 mile, private, dirt road along the lakefront at Moon Beach with 2-lane public town road

Grant Award: \$ 1,500,000

95% State Grant: \$ 1,425,000

5% Local Match: \$ 75,000

Oversight & Administration Agency: NYS Department of Transportation

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Asset: CO.72 Water Tower - Schoolcraft Road

Submitted Project Description: Installation of water storage tank

Grant Award: \$ 438,000

95% State Grant: \$ 416,100

5% Local Match: \$ 21,900

Oversight & Administration Agency: NYS Department of Health

Agency Point of Contact: Roger Sokol - roger.sokol@health.ny.gov - 518-402-7500

Funding Authority: NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

Funding Authority Point of Contact: Derek Sellman - derek.sellman@efc.ny.gov - 518-402-8233

The pace for selecting projects was intentionally accelerated in order to meet the emergency conditions on the shoreline and the partnership between local leaders and state agency technical experts was crucial. NYS is ready to maintain the momentum as projects are brought to fruition.

An important first step that will help to more fully define project scope and identify potential alternative design approaches that achieve resiliency is the completion of engineering reports. NYS is offering REDI grant recipients a chance to “opt-in” to an engineering report program that aims for 10% design and will be carried out by our REDI consultant firm, O’Brien and Gere/Ramboll. If you should choose this option, the cost incurred for creating the engineering report will be directly assigned as a deduction from your 95% grant award. All REDI grant recipients will need to submit a completed **“REDI Grant Engineering Report Form”** by **December 2, 2019**.

You are encouraged to take actions in the near term that will satisfy your local requirements for securing the 5% local match. Please note that the state will not cover any project costs in excess of the grant. You will also need to execute any legal agreements necessary to demonstrate lead agency or site control as it relates to projects. NYS teams working with the REDI Commission will be ready to provide any assistance. Please complete and submit the accompanying **“REDI Grant Intake Form”** by **December 2, 2019**.

The REDI Commission is mobilizing the state agencies involved with implementing projects to engage with your community. Depending on the REDI projects funded in your community, you may be partnered with multiple funding authorities and agencies. The REDI Commission has

carefully designated funding authorities and agencies that can provide the greatest expertise to support each project. To that end, the Department of Transportation will serve as the funding authority and oversight agent for its assigned projects and will hold contract on behalf of the local project owner. For all other projects, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York or the Environmental Facilities Corporation, as funding authorities, will help facilitate grant awards and reimbursement for projects that will be overseen by other State entities.

The REDI Commission stands strong under the leadership of Governor Cuomo to help you rebuild your community so that it is more resilient for future generations of New Yorkers.

Lastly, we look forward to your participation at the **Governor's REDI Conference on November 20, 2019** in Albany.

Congratulations on your award.

Sincerely,

Basil Seggos
Commissioner
NYS Department of Environmental
Conservation

Eric Gertler
Acting Commissioner and President & CEO
Empire State Development

