



Downtown Revitalization Initiative

APPLICATION

Applications for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative will be received by the Regional Councils. Applicant responses for each section should be as complete and succinct as possible. Applications should be submitted as Word documents and must be received by the appropriate Regional Council by 4:00 PM on June 1, 2018 at the email address provided at the end of this application. Application guidance is provided in the *Downtown Revitalization Initiative Guidebook* found on the DRI website at www.ny.gov/dri.

BASIC INFORMATION

Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Region: Western New York

Municipality Name: Village of Allegany

Downtown Name: Allegany

County Name: Cattaraugus

Vision for Downtown. Provide a brief statement of the municipality's vision for downtown revitalization.

The vision for the Village of Allegany is to create a vibrant downtown reminiscent of the past but looking to the future. We want to attract people to our downtown area with clean streets, banners, holiday decorations, trees and landscaping. The total project cost is \$99,000.

JUSTIFICATION

Provide an overview of the downtown area nominated for the DRI program, highlighting the area's defining characteristics and the reasons for its selection. Explain why the downtown is ready for Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) investment, and how that investment would serve as a catalyst to bring about revitalization.

Visitors notice that the building structures of the Village are primarily brick. The architecture expresses variety. The storefronts have windows to display merchandise. The sidewalks are wide. The reason for its selection is that the downtown area is starting to age and it needs attention. This grant could help with the revitalization of our Village that would result in more visitors and more community involvement.

DOWNTOWN IDENTIFICATION

This section should be filled out with reference to the list of desired attributes for participation in the DRI as set forth in the *Downtown Revitalization Initiative Guidebook*.

- 1) Boundaries of the proposed DRI area.** Detail the boundaries of the targeted neighborhood, keeping in mind that there is no minimum or maximum size, but that the neighborhood should be concentrated and well-defined. Neighborhoods beyond a traditional downtown or central business district are eligible, if they can meet other criteria making them ripe for investment. Attach a map that clearly delineates the area to be included in the downtown revitalization area.

Map is attached. The downtown village area marked for revitalization is 1st Street to 106 East Main Street, Allegany. Welcome sign on 1st Street.

- 2) Description of catchment area.** Outline why the proposed DRI area, or its catchment area, is of a size sufficient to support a vibrant, year-round downtown, with consideration of whether there is a sizeable existing or increasing population within easy reach for whom this would be the primary downtown destination.

The Village of Allegany has the necessary facilities that allow and encourage people to work, live and shop downtown. The downtown is a destination during the weekday as well as after hours on weekends.

- 3) Past Investment, future investment potential.** Describe how this DRI area will be able to capitalize on prior private and public investment, or catalyze future investments in the neighborhood and its surrounding areas.

Downtown will be able to capitalize on this project by beautifying the streets with new foliage, signs and holiday décor. Our Village takes pride in creating an atmosphere that adults and children alike enjoy and feel safe.

- 4) Recent or impending job growth.** Describe how recent or impending job growth within or near the DRI area will attract professionals to an active life in the downtown, support redevelopment, and make growth sustainable in the long-term.

Recent construction of the Field of Dreams Project which consists of a 200 bed Senior Living Facility will provide approximately 120 new jobs to the area in 2019. Phase 2 of the same project will consist of an Adult Day Care Center which will include 10 single residential living cottage units. Phase 2 will provide approximately another 20 new jobs to the area.

Construction of an office building is currently underway. This building will consist of a construction company as well as a computer company. This will result in approximately 15 new jobs to the area.

- 5) Attractiveness of physical environment.** Identify the properties or characteristics that the DRI area possesses that contribute, or could contribute if enhanced, to the attractiveness and livability of the downtown for a diverse population of varying ages, income, gender identity, ability, mobility, and cultural background. Consider, for example, the presence of developable mixed-use spaces, varied housing types at different levels of affordability, walkability and bikeability, healthy and affordable food markets, and public parks and gathering spaces.

Current characteristics of the Village are brick buildings. The architecture expresses variety. Storefronts have windows for display. The replacement of trees and adding seasonal and holiday décor will attract visitors as well as current residents. The village residents take pride in their downtown. We currently have

an Enchanted Mountain Garden Club who provides flower pots and keeping up with maintenance on them to beautify the streets of the village.

- 6) Quality of Life policies.** Articulate the policies in place that increase the livability and quality of life of the downtown. Examples include the use of local land banks, modern zoning codes, comprehensive plans, complete streets plan, transit-oriented development, non-discrimination laws, age-friendly policies, and a downtown management structure. If policies achieving this goal are not currently in place, describe the ability of the municipality to create and implement such policies.

The Village of Allegany currently has a code enforcement officer as per local law and zoning regulations. Our current contracts have non-discrimination laws as well as age-friendly policies. The downtown management structure will be handled by our Department of Public Works Superintendent.

- 7) Public Support.** Describe the public participation and engagement process conducted to develop the DRI application, and the support of local leaders and stakeholders for pursuing a vision of downtown revitalization. Describe the commitment among local leaders and stakeholders to preparing and implementing a strategic investment plan. Identify an initial local lead for the program that will work with outside experts to convene a DRI Local Planning Committee to oversee the plan.

The Village of Allegany board has reviewed the current development. We have a local organization which has placed a lot of input on parts of the development as well.

- 8) Project List to Demonstrate Readiness:** Describe opportunities to build on the strengths described above by providing a list of transformative projects that will be ready for implementation with an infusion of DRI funds within the first one to two years (depending on the scope and complexity of the project) and which may leverage DRI funding with private investment or other funds. Such projects could address economic development, transportation, housing, and community development needs. While such projects should have demonstrated public support, it is recognized that projects will ultimately be vetted by the Local Planning Committee and the State. Explain how most projects proposed for DRI funding demonstrate their readiness for implementation.

Everything described for this proposed project is ready for implementation to be completed within 1 year. This includes:

Purchase and Planting of 70 Cleveland Flowering Pear trees

Purchase of 50 lighted pole ornaments

Purchase of 11 over the street decorations

Purchase of 50 fall banners

Purchase of 50 spring/summer banners

Purchase of 50 winter banners

Purchase of 50 pole mounted Christmas decorations

Purchase and installation of 22 poles(11 sets)

Purchase and installation of 5 Village of Allegany signs

9) Administrative Capacity. Describe the extent of the existing local administrative capacity to manage this initiative, including potential oversight of concurrent contracts once projects are selected for award.

The mayor, clerk, and DPW Superintendent will manage and have oversight of concurrent contracts.

10) Other. Provide any other information that informs the nomination of this downtown for a DRI award.

The Village of Allegany is currently growing and the need for revitalization is needed at this crucial time of expansion.

*Don't forget to attach a map that clearly delineates the proposed DRI Area. (See item 1.)

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Please submit your application as a Word Document to the Regional Council for your region.

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