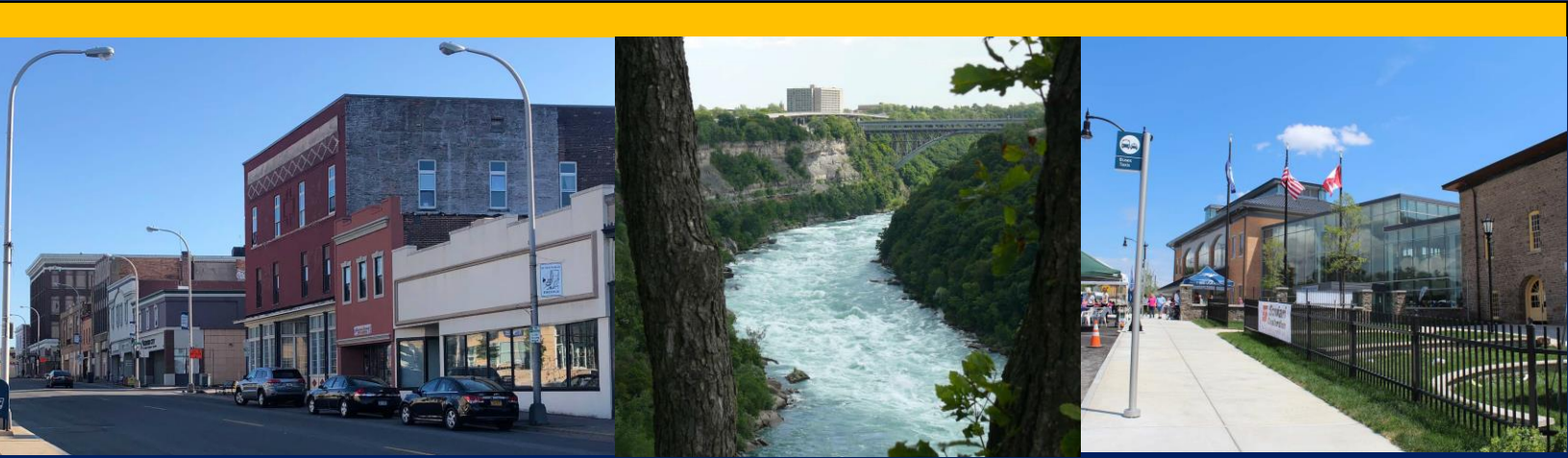




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Downtown Revitalization Initiative: Niagara Falls Awards

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo



Project Name	Project Description	Award
Establish Academic Innovation Hub	Development of an academic and community space for Niagara University. The facility will include professional workforce training, job promotion services, English as a second language programs, urban development and planning, small business development, early childhood care, and an eSports lab. The project is a new presence for the University in the downtown.	\$1,100,000
Transform 1810 +1812 Main Street into Boutique Hotel	Renovation of two vacant buildings on Main Street into a mixed-use development with retail space and boutique hotel rooms.	\$700,000
Implement a Small Project Grant Fund	Establish and implement a capital improvement grant program for small-scale building improvements throughout the DRI area.	\$620,000
Renovate 2025 Main Street into Mixed- Use Development	Renovation of the existing 9,900 SF building to enhance the convenience store, add one retail storefront on Niagara Street on the first floor and create apartments on the two upper stories.	\$500,000
Redevelop 2002 Main Street into Retail and Office Space	Renovation of 2002 Main Street into a mixed-use building with first floor retail and community space as well as modern office space. The first-floor community space is available for community gatherings.	\$400,000
Create an Outdoor Eating Space and Museum at DiCamillo Bakery	Creation of a small museum and gallery space, an outdoor dining area, sidewalk and landscaping improvements at DiCamillo Bakery. Includes purchase of state-of-the-art equipment to expand production.	\$250,000
Implement Streetscape Enhancements on Main Street	Streetscape enhancements along Main Street including sidewalk improvements, replacement of street trees and street furniture, as well as the conversion and replacement of light poles on Main Street to LED.	\$3,720,000
Complete Implementation of the Freedom Plaza and Overlook	Site improvements adjacent to the Suspension Bridge to create a plaza/event space and an overlook to the Niagara River connecting to the trail system and Whirlpool Street. The plan also includes an 18-space parking area for visitors and interpretive artwork and signage.	\$1,500,000
Launch Public Art and Placemaking Initiative	Public art mural installations on seven properties within the DRI area to enhance placemaking and the public realm.	\$615,000
Create a Public Plaza on Main Street at Cleveland Avenue	Create a plaza and event space, inclusive of public art, movable furniture, special paving, and landscaping in front of the Public Safety Building.	\$295,000