



**Regional Economic
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Mohawk Valley

Downtown Revitalization Initiative: Utica Awards

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo



**Department
of State**



**Homes and
Community Renewal**



**Empire State
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Project Name	Project Description	Award
Restore the Kempf Block into Mixed-used Redevelopment	Reactivation of blighted and underutilized buildings in the City's Commercial Business District to add market-rate residential apartments and commercial space across seven retail storefronts.	\$750,000
Establish a Business Assistance Fund	Establishment of a grant fund for eligible small businesses within the DRI area for expansion and improvement projects.	\$750,000
Construct Mixed-use Artspace Utica: Affordable Live/Work Artist Housing	Construction of a new, four-story, mixed-use building with community/commercial space and affordable live/work units for local artists and their families.	\$650,000
Rehabilitate Veterans' Fitness and Wellness Center	Restoration of the locker rooms and parking area of the Veterans' Fitness and Wellness Center, enhancing a valuable recreational amenity for downtown living and community well-being.	\$650,000
Create an Employment Center to Prepare and Attract a Diverse Workforce	Creation of an Employment Center offering culturally and linguistically appropriate training and employment services for diverse populations working in the region.	\$624,000
Renovate Macartovin Commercial Space to Attract Businesses to the City's Commercial Corridor	Historic rehabilitation of the Macartovin building's vacant first floor that will bring commercial space downtown, attracting businesses to the heart of the City's commercial corridor.	\$600,000
Redevelop Oneida National Bank Building to Establish Mohawk Valley's Commercial Kitchen / Food Incubator	Conversion of vacant space on the fifth floor of the former Oneida National Bank building into the Mohawk Valley's first Commercial Kitchen / Food Incubator.	\$400,000
Rehabilitate New Century Club into Modern Commercial Space	Rehabilitation of one of downtown Utica's most historically significant buildings, the New Century Club, to create new commercial office space.	\$375,000
Upgrade the Stanley Theater	Creation of a more welcoming and accessible interface for the iconic theatre with upgrades to the Genesee Street entrance and the Box Office department.	\$340,250
Repair Washington Street Garage to Expand Parking Downtown	Repairs to a 3-deck downtown parking facility that prioritize recommended improvements to the slab, structure, and stair tower to return critical downtown parking spaces.	\$2,000,000
Create Munson-Williams Park at Munson-Williams Proctor Arts Institute (MWPPI)	Creation of a large public-access park on underutilized MWPPI land in the Oneida Square neighborhood with arts and culture programming.	\$819,500
Expand Public Art to Create a Vibrant Arts-themed Corridor	Installation and restoration of public art throughout downtown in partnership with local artists. Project elements include a facelift for the Utica Place Garage, repairs to the iconic Sun Mural, and the creation of placemaking activity hubs.	\$750,000
Adaptive Reuse of DeSales Center for Inclusive Community Services	Activation of 50,000 sq.ft. of underutilized space to transform the DeSales building into a more inclusive, accessible community center by installing an elevator and replacing damaged windows.	\$500,000
Activate Liberty Bell Park	Conversion of Liberty Bell Park to a year-round, multi-purpose space for outdoor recreation and public events with improved lighting, landscaping, hardscaping, furnishing, and an ice rink in winter.	\$278,350
Bestowing Roots and Wings: Improving Outdoor Community Space at the Carol L. Crooms Cultural Activities Center	Conversion of two vacant lots into multi-purpose event spaces to complement the community and business programming of the Carol L. Crooms Cultural Activities Center.	\$111,000
Rehabilitate the Utica Public Library Genesee Street Corridor	Rehabilitation of sidewalks, stone pillars, and catch basins along the Genesee Street entrance of the Utica Library to help preserve and maintain a landmark civic institution downtown.	\$101,900