



Downtown Revitalization Initiative



New York City Downtown Revitalization Initiative: Bronx Civic Center Awards

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Project Name	Project Description	Award
Expand the Andrew Freedman Home Cultural Art Center	Renovate the Andrew Freedman Home Cultural Art Center to accommodate theater, visual arts, music, dance, and other art productions, and space for workforce development and after-school programming. Refurbish and enhance the outdoor areas to increase public awareness of programming inside the historic center.	\$1,720,000
Beautify Streetscapes at the Hub and 149th Street	Invest in a series of streetscape improvements on Third Avenue, Melrose Avenue, and 149th Street to foster a stronger local identity, improve safety, and encourage private investment.	\$1,040,000
Create a Business Improvement Fund	Create a Business Improvement Fund available to business owners and property owners to fund façade and storefront improvements, upper-floor renovations, and development of full-service restaurants and cafés along the DRI area's major commercial corridors.	\$1,000,000
Improve Community Gardens at Melrose Common	Improve three community gardens in Melrose Commons with solar power, enhanced lighting, wi-fi access, and rainwater harvesting to strengthen the area's open space network, community resilience, and sustainability.	\$630,000
Support the Opening of the Bronx Kreate Space Artist-Maker Hub	Provide gap funding to build out artist-maker co-working space in Mott Haven at the new Bronx Kreate Space. Planned improvements include gallery space, a café, low-cost workspace, artist studios and communal facilities.	\$595,000
Activate the Roberto Clemente Plaza with Outdoor Cafes	Install two outdoor cafes in the soon-to-be-completed public space at the Roberto Clemente Plaza to provide new dining options for local workers and shoppers. One of the cafes will serve as an incubator for local food entrepreneurs.	\$520,000
Expand Low-Cost Broadband Access in Melrose Commons	Create a point-to-multi-point, rooftop-based wireless broadband network serving residents, businesses, and visitors in Melrose Commons. The network would offer free wi-fi in and around select public spaces; free access to an internet-enabled local resource portal for residents within networked buildings; and low-cost broadband service for residents within networked buildings. Initial fiber access would be provided by Nos Quedamos at two buildings it owns.	\$437,000
Complete an Upgrade of the BronxWorks Public Swimming Pool Facility	Build on recent investment in a community swimming pool located at BronxWorks' Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center on the Grand Concourse. Improvements to the pool area would include an air handling system, new ceiling tiles, and refurbished locker rooms.	\$429,000

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Enable Construction of a New Pregones Theater Space	Demolish the existing, out-of-code, wood-frame house at 571 Walton Avenue to enable the Pregones/Puerto Rican Traveling Theater (PRTT) to develop a modern facility that will serve as an organizational headquarters and house artist rehearsal, studio, and performance space.	\$260,000
Refresh the Bronx Walk of Fame	Refresh the Bronx Walk of Fame by redesigning, replacing, and regrouping signs along the Grand Concourse between 149th Street and 167th Street, and creating a digital directory to draw visitors.	\$250,000
Create a More Welcoming Gateway at the 161st Street Station	Create a modern, attractive gateway to the Bronx outside the East 161st Street - Yankee Stadium subway station by enhancing existing concrete medians with improved plantings. This project will complement other investments in the area.	\$227,000
Convert the 149th Street Bridge into a Public Plaza	Create an expanded, programmable sidewalk plaza on the 149th Street Bridge that will connect the Lower Concourse to the Hub, and provide space for vendors, art, and other activities.	\$2,592,000