

Regional Economic Development Councils



Western NY Downtown Revitalization Initiative: Jamestown Awards



Office of Planning and Development



Homes and Community Renewal

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

| Project Name | Project Description | Award |
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| Redevelop the Key Bank Building | Redevelop the Key Bank building into a mixed-used building with office, retail and residential uses. Transform a mostly abandoned bank building in the center of downtown Jamestown into a mixed-use downtown anchor which will increase residential opportunities, bring new commercial activity, and create jobs in the downtown. The renovations will provide 10,000 feet of office space, 8 market-rate apartments, a restaurant space, 4-6 pop-up retail spaces, a wine tasting room, and an escape the room-type attraction. | \$1,000,000 |
| Bring a Full Service Hotel to Downtown Jamestown | Convert the former Ramada hotel site into a Hilton DoubleTree , returning a full-service hotel to Downtown Jamestown. There is currently only one hotel in Jamestown, and it is a limited-services facility. This project will address a financing gap and allow the development to move forward with the full renovation of the vacant hotel to provide a new, higher-end lodging option for visitors to the Comedy Center and other downtown attractions. The new hotel will include 144 rooms, a 4,000 square foot banquet space, two restaurants and a bar, which will enhance the street-level experience in the area. | \$2,400,000 |
| Improve the Riverwalk Experience | Enhance public space along the Chadakoin Riverfront to transform it into a destination. The project will install state-of-the-art LED lights to improve visual aesthetics and activate interest in the waterfront as an evening destination, support construction of kayak and canoe launches, and install a catchment system to collect contain debris flushed downstream from the Warner Dam before it reaches the downtown riverfront. | \$325,000 |
| Jamestown Renaissance Center Redevelopment for Jamestown Brewing Company | Redevelop the Jamestown Renaissance Center into the home of Jamestown Brewing Company. Complete interior and exterior renovation of a large, vacant space in downtown Jamestown to transform it into a new restaurant and craft brewery that will increase the dining options downtown, provide banquet space for special events, and create a new draw for visitors from the region. Upgrades to the building will include façade improvements and exterior decks that will have a positive influence on pedestrian activity and vibrancy in the immediate area. | \$830,000 |
| Reg Lenna Center for the Arts | Transform the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts into a modern arts facility that can continue to develop into one of the premier cultural institutions in the region. The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts encompasses seven connected buildings in downtown Jamestown. This project will implement key parts of a master plan to consolidate and improve the facilities, creating a more attractive and functional cultural downtown anchor. Improvements will include renovation of street-level retail space, upgrades to the theater lobby including addition of a cafe, installation of a multi-media studio, renovated offices and apartments, and space, and other safety and functional upgrades. | \$1,500,000 |
| Buffalo to Niagara Falls Excursion Train Infrastructure Support | Undertake key improvements necessary to bring the regional excursion train that will connect Buffalo to Niagara Falls into downtown Jamestown and allow passengers to disembark at the National Comedy Center. The project includes installing passing rail siding, providing a walkway from the disembarkment area to the Jamestown multimodal center, and providing necessary utility connections at the Jamestown station that is part of a regional excursion train initiative. Install necessary rail infrastructure to support the advancement of a regional excursion train connecting to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. | \$670,000 |
| Improve the Streetscape & Pedestrian Experience | Implement pilot infrastructure investments in three targeted locations downtown to facilitate pedestrian activity. Investments will include street trees, planting beds, and accent paving in the furniture zone to enhance the aesthetics of the streetscape. Pedestrian amenities such as benches, bike racks, and trash cans will be distributed throughout the streetscape, with the majority located adjacent to the primary attractions to support connections between destinations. | \$610,000 |
| Fund for Downtown Programming | Fund and execute all-season programming to attract a range of audiences to the Downtown and Riverwalk through a fund that will coordinate and supplement efforts. All-season programming will attract a range of audiences to the downtown and Riverwalk throughout the year, and will encourage an influx of patrons to downtown businesses especially in shoulder seasons. Increased financial resources will improve coordination and supplement efforts currently undertaken by individual cultural attractions and local foundations. | \$600,000 |
| Upgrades to the Robert H. Jackson Center | Undertake needed upgrades to improve the visitor experience to the Jackson Center and enable the center to grow as a local cultural and historic anchor institution. Upgrades to the historic 858 Italianate mansion that houses the center will include stabilizing and improving the structure, modernizing infrastructure, and creating more useable space that enhances the Center's collection and is conducive to program expansion opportunities. The upgrades will improve the facility's visitor experience and enable more productive partnerships with local, regional, national, and international groups. | \$1,500,000 |
| Upgrades to the Lucille Ball Little Theater of Jamestown | Implement critical upgrades to the Lucille Ball Little Theater to allow it to provide space for year- round events, attract high-quality performances, and draw visitors to the downtown. Installation of new air conditioning and fly systems and upgrades to the building's façade, and the addition of outside display cases will contribute to the theater's ability to draw an audience, expand programming, and provided needed overflow event space for the National Comedy Center during peak visitor seasons. | \$265,000 |

