

Legislation Text

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Narrative of Resolution:

Authorize the application for the Restore New York Round 7 Grant Program.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: N/A

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, REAL PROPERTY, CAPITAL PLANNING & BUDGETING COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR THE RESTORE NEW YORK ROUND 7 GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan ("County") is interested in promoting community and economic development, historic preservation, vacancy reduction, Main Street revitalization, small business development, and neighborhood stability; and

WHEREAS, the County's Joint Comprehensive Plan with the Town of Thompson numerates goals to: revitalize Broadway as a center of commerce and tourism by improving and making better use of its physical infrastructure, creating incentives for new investment, encouraging the restoration of the streetscape to its historical character, and improve the pedestrian experience with attractive shops, storefronts, and civic institutions; and

WHEREAS, the County, in cooperation with the Town of Thompson and the Village of Monticello developed the Grow the Gateways Plan that identified the Broadway Corridor as an important gateway for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the County is cooperating with and collaborating on the Restore NY Round 7 Grant application with the Sullivan County Land Bank and RUPCO, Inc. to redevelop several buildings on the Broadway corridor; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned developers will be financing the project with private and public grant and loan funding and the proposed financing is appropriate for the specific project; and

WHEREAS, Empire State Development has issued a Request for Funding Proposals for Round 7 Restore NY Communities Initiative providing municipalities with financial assistance for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties, through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Division of Planning intends to apply to assist the Sullivan County Land Bank and RUPCO, Inc. with the redevelopment of vacant, abandoned and blighted structures on Broadway in Monticello; and

WHEREAS, the application requires a 10% match, which will come from the Developers and not from the County; and

WHEREAS, if funded, the grants will be used to provide loans and subgrants to eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities on Broadway in Monticello as required by the program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the above will assist in enhancing the County's economic development potential;

WHEREAS, the scope of the project will be developed to include the entire County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Legislature supports the Round 7 Restore NY application for the Broadway Corridor, as it is an important project for the Village, Town, and County revitalization, consistent with the joint Town and County Comprehensive Plan and the Grow the Gateways Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, Chairman of the County Legislature and/or their authorized representative (as required by the funding source) to execute any and all necessary documents to submit the Restore NY Round 7 Grant application for funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, and/or Chairman of the County Legislature (as required by the funding source) to execute any and all documents and contracts to accept the award and to execute any and all necessary documents in order to administer the grant and disburse funds to the recipients, in such forms as the County Attorney shall approve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed financing is appropriate for the rehabilitation project and poses no burden on the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources by encouraging redevelopment and revitalization in the downtown business corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project develops and enhances infrastructure and other facilities in the downtown corridor in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment opportunities throughout the corridor and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature supports the Restore NY grant application for which the County is applying for on behalf of the previously numerated developers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the funding be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of this funding.