

# Village of Amityville Commercial Revitalization Fund

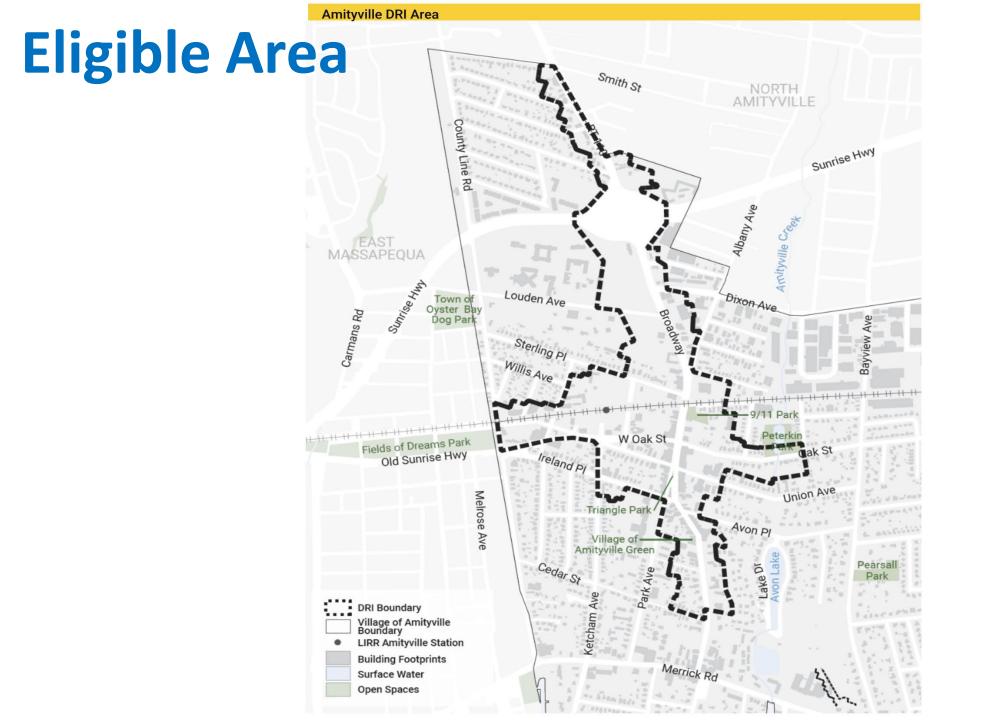




### **DRI Recap- Village of Amityville Awards**

- •Implement Complete Streets on Broadway
- Revitalize LIRR Station and Connections to Downtown
- Develop Mixed-Use Building at 21 Greene Avenue
- •Implement a Commercial Storefront Revitalization Fund
- •Rehabilitate Professional Office Building at 137-157 Broadway
- •Restore Losi's Corner & Hook and Ladder No1. Building
- •Renovate 140a Broadway into Mixed-Use Dining & Office Building
- Create New Eatery at 217 Broadway
- Establish Artists'
- Studio at 187 Broadway
- •Install Outdoor Beer Garden at 136 Broadway
- Coordinate Village Wayfinding, Branding & Marketing







### **Program Basics**

Façade Improvement program funded by the DRI for Economic Development

#### **Criteria for selection:**

- Projects that are visually prominent downtown
- Projects with historic value or historic properties in danger of being lost to disrepair or damage
- Projects that will reduce blight/contribute to economic recovery of downtown or stabilize/expand downtown business

### **Program Basics**

#### **Criteria continued:**

- Projects where assistance will create jobs
- Projects where assistance will allow business to expand service offerings
- Projects must be within the designated boundary



### **Program Basics**

#### **Project scoring:**

- <u>Readiness</u>- feasibility, proof of ownership, 100% financing in place, reasonable construction timeline
- <u>Physical impact</u>- visually prominent downtown, historically significant, bringing into compliance with design and codes, transformative beyond normal maintenance
- <u>Economic Impact</u>-leveraging grant funds with private investment, contribute to economic recovery, stabilize or expand tax base, businesses or jobs
- <u>DRI Priorities</u>-projects that advance the goals and priorities of the DRI Investment Strategy



## **Funding**

#### \$600,000 total funding:

- •Large Projects (\$25,000-\$100,000 project cost): \$300,000
- •Small Projects (\$500-\$25,000 project cost): \$100,000
- •Building Murals: \$100,000
- •Architectural/Engineering/Environmental Testing: \$40,000
- Administration of program: \$60,000



## **Funding**

- Reimbursement program- 80% of eligible costs reimbursed upon completion of project.
- Total project cost to determine 80% based on the lowest of bid (two minimum).
- If more expensive contractor is selected, applicant is responsible for the difference in cost



### **Eligible Projects**

- Exterior building renovations for commercial and mixed-use spaces, façade/storefront renovations
- Small projects: permanently affixed signage and awnings and minor exterior painting
- Building Murals
- Exterior improvements to support adjusted business practices, e.g. pick-up windows outdoor seating areas



### Ineligible projects

#### Ineligible uses of funds include:

- Acquisition costs
- Improvements to structure owned by religious or private membership-based organizations
- Improvements to municipally owned and municipally operated buildings



### Ineligible projects

## Funds may not be used for site work or ancillary activities on a property including but not limited to the following:

- Furnishings
- Appliances
- Electronics
- Tools
- Disposable supplies
- Business equipment
- Non-permanent fixtures
- Temporary artwork

- •Site work or ancillary activities including:
- Septic systems/laterals
- Grading
- Parking Lot
- Sidewalks
- Patios
- Decks
- Garages
- Sheds
- Landscaping
- Fences
- Free standing signs
- General maintenance
- Repairs



### Ineligible projects

#### **Ineligible business activities include:**

- Inventory
- Rent or lease expenses
- Working capital
- •Other undefined expenses that do not sustain business operations
- •Funds can not be used for participant, participant's family or staff labor
- For reimbursement of materials only



### **Application**



#### Village of Amityville DRI Business Façade Improvement Program Application

Application Date:	Submitted by:	
Project Name:		
Applicant Name:		
IRS EIN #, ITIN #, or SS #:		
Applicant Phone Number:		
Email Address:		
Site Address:		
City:	_ State:	Zip:
Applicant Address:		
City:	_ State:	Zip:
Mailing Address (if different):		
City:	_ State:	Zip:

1.	Provide a brief (1 – 2 sentences) description of the project:								
2.	Does the applicant own the building?	Yes	<b>;</b> 0	No o					
	If you answered "No", attach the declaration from the building owner providing ap well as evidence of your lease extending through the 3-year regulatory term. See F								
	If you answered "Yes", please provide proof of ownership. See Required Attachme	nts below.							
3.	Describe the current condition of the building's facade:								
4.	Describe in detail the proposed improvements:								
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5.	Identify the exact components of the project that the grant funding will be used for:								
6.	Describe the expected impact your proposed project will have on the building, the cand the community:								
7.	Is the proposed work visible from a public right of way?	Yes o	No ○						
8.	Will the services of an architect be used?	Yes o	No o						
9.	If own, please provide their name/address:								





### **Application**

10. Grant Request (Small projects \$5000-\$25,000 Large Projects \$25,000-\$100,000) Re #12):	equest should match costs in
11. Project Match (at least 20% of the total project cost):	
12. Please provide breakdown of the work needed and estimated cost:	
Work Description	Estimated Cost
(If more space is needed, please provide as an attachment)	
First available date to begin:     Are funds currently available for the entire project?  Yes	o Noo
15. This is a reimbursement-based grant, which means the applicant will pay for the projecture requests for reimbursement upon completion of the project. If the applicant does not entire project, explain how the project will be financed. Proof of financial resources recovered Attachments below.	have funds available for the
If the building includes residential space, please indicate the total number of units currer for each floor of the building:	
Second Floor     Number of Units Occupied:	
ii. Number of Units Unoccupied:  c. Third Floor  i. Number of Units Occupied:  ii. Number of Units Unoccupied:	

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	Title	Role	Phone	Email	
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Please initial the following statements indicating you understand and agree to each:

- Prior to starting, NYS DRI Projects must undergo an environmental review and clearance of scope of work by the State Historic Preservation Office
- NYS DRI applications must have at least two bids for each phase of work and reimbursement will be based on the lowest responsible bid \_\_\_\_\_
- If applicant chooses a bid other than that selected by the Village, the applicant will be responsible for 100% of the difference with no reimbursement \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Only work completed by a vendor that is previously approved by the Village of Amityville will be reimbursed
- e. Awardees of NYS DRI program funds must execute a declaration agreeing to maintain improvements for three years following project completion \_\_\_\_\_
- f. NYS DRI project grants will be reimbursed for eligible projects only following the satisfactory completion of an approved scope of work and submittal of required documentation \_\_\_\_\_\_
- g. If chosen, a deposit will be required to cover the costs of the environmental review. Such deposit will be forfeited if project is not completed \_\_\_\_\_\_







### **Application**

Required Attachments	Attached?	
A. Photos of the building façade in its current condition	Yes∘	No o
<ul> <li>B. Drawings or plans of the building which illustrate all proposed work, including any structural work or repair, paint colors, materials samples, etc. (Grant admin can provide assistance)</li> </ul>	Yes o	No o
C. Information on the methods and material to be used.	Yes∘	No o
D. Signed declaration from property owner	Yes∘	No o
<ul> <li>Proof of building ownership OR proof of permission for project and lease extending through 3-year compliance period</li> </ul>	Yes∘	No o
<ul> <li>F. Proof of financial resources to complete construction, such as loan commitment, documentation of available line of credit, or cash in account</li> </ul>	Yes o	No o
G. Itemized budget (template attached)	Yes o	No o

The undersigned affirms that:

- A. The information submitted herein is true and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge.
- B. I (we) have read and understand the rules of the Village of Amityville DRI Façade Program and agree to abide by its conditions and guidelines.
- C. I (we) understand that all work completed on the project must be by approved methods and with approved materials. Any variance from that which is agreed upon, without prior approval, may result in the forfeit of any funds from the Kingston DRI Façade Program.

The undersigned applicant agrees to comply with the requirements of this program as outlined in the Village of Amityville DRI Façade Improvement Program Rules.

Signature of Applicant(s):	Print Name(s)	
		Date:
		Date:

Ways to submit completed applications:

Email: projects@visionlongisland.org Fax: 631-606-1502
Mail: Vision Long Island
24 Woodbine Ave., Ste 2, Northport, NY 11768

For questions about the application, eligibility, or another concern please contact: Vision Long Island at projects@visionlongisland.org or 631-261-0242

#### **Project Name**

Project Budget

Project Info
Project Lead: Name
Start Date: 1/22/2042

Budget Summary

Budget		Actual	Under/Ove				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				

		La	bor	Mat	erials		<b>Fixed Costs</b>							
Tasks	Task name	Hrs	Rate	Units	\$/Unit	Material	Travel	Other	Bud	dget	Ac	tual	Unde	r(Over)
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### **Process/Timeline**

- Outreach to property owners and tenants
- Assistance to applicants with design and application process
- Application deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Review and selection of projects for funding March 21st
- Submit to NYS for approval- April 1st
- Announcement of winners- April 15th
- Deposit from chosen projects for environmental testing (1 week after notification of award)



### **Process/Timeline**

#### The following will vary depending on the project:

- Environmental testing, reporting and historic review
- Bidding process for contractors
- Selection of contractor
- Construction
- Issue of Certificate of Occupancy by Village
- Submit to NYS for reimbursement
- NYS approves and releases reimbursement



### Reimbursements

- Property owners are responsible for the total cost of the project
- Grants will reimburse property owners at the conclusion of the project after all cost are paid.
- Proof of available financing through cash in bank, secured loan commitments and or project lines of credit is required.
- No reimbursement should be requested until inspections of the work has been completed by LPA or its representative.



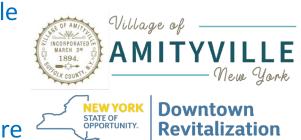
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- No reimbursement should be requested until inspections of the work has been completed by LPA or its representative.
- •To sustain work cost, owners must provide the following:
  - Written contracts
  - Bank documents
  - Copies of invoices
  - Cancelled checks
  - Lien releases
  - Any other documents deemed reasonably necessary by the LPA or required by HFTC to maintain effective internal controls
  - Cash payment/cash receipts are NOT permitted and will NOT BE REIMBURSED



### **FAQs**

- Can I sell my building after making improvements? If you sell your building immediately after reimbursement, you will have to repay the funding. Each year you own the building after reimbursement the repayment amount reduces by 20% until after five years, there is no repayment required
- **Do I have to have my own architect or engineer?** You may need architectural plans depending on the scope of your project. Typically where a description and sketch are not enough to convey your desired design. The program administrators can assist in preparing concept sketches for submission if needed.
- **Do I have to have the money up front?** Yes, this is a reimbursable grant. Construction financing or other funds will be needed to make the improvements of which 80% of eligible funds will be reimbursed upon completion.
- Does the grant cover repairs I already did? No, only approved improvements made after selection as a recipient are eligible for reimbursement.
- Does the grant cover the inside of my business? No, this grant covers exterior improvements to the building only.
- Can I use my own contractor to do the work? The program will provide a list of eligible contractors including MWBE companies to choose from to bid on the project. You can use your own contractor as long as there is no conflict of interest and the meet the requirements of the state. Regardless of contractor chosen by the participant, reimbursement will only be 80% of the lowest bid. Any cost incurred over and above are the responsibility of the participant



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### **Contact Info**

### **Vision Long Island**

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- Village Hall of Amityville





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