



The Long Island Regional Economic Development Council

Re: Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Dear Applicant:

We are writing to make you aware of an exciting opportunity to secure New York State funding to further the development of your defined downtown area. As part of the 2016 New York State Budget Governor Andrew M. Cuomo included The Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). The DRI will invest \$10 million in one community in each of the ten regions across New York State that are ripe for development in order to transform them into vibrant communities where tomorrow's workforce will want to live, work and raise their families.

The Long Island Regional Economic Development Council has been asked to nominate one downtown in the Long Island region that is best positioned to take advantage of this DRI funding. To keep the application process open and transparent we will utilize one uniform DRI application form to collect data from all interested applicants. A sample of this application and the DRI criteria is included in this packet. The formal application will be sent to your attention via email by Friday, April 22, 2016.

We ask that you submit your application electronically to LIREDC@esd.ny.gov by **no later than Friday, May 20, 2016.**

In addition, we invite you to join us at our next meeting of the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council on Monday, May 9, 2016 at Hofstra University, David S. Mack Student Center where a representative from the New York Department of State will be presenting on the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and will take questions from the audience. Registration for this meeting can be found at <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/liredc-meeting-may-9-2016>.

Should you have any questions in the interim please contact the local Empire State Development office at 631-435-0717.

Sincerely,

Kevin Law
Co-Chair

Stuart Rabinowitz
Co-Chair

Attachments: DRI Criteria
DRI Application