

Final – Adopted 11.04.2021

**MHREDC Public Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2021**

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced:

Thursday, September 9, 2021 – Public Session: 11:47 AM

Location:

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Council Members Present: Thomas Scaglione; Donald Christian; Jonathan Drapkin; Aleida Frederico; Susan Gerry; Marsha Gordon; Maureen Halahan; Kimberlie Jacobs; Joseph Kenner; Harold King; Jacqueline Leventoff; Al Samuels; Ned Sullivan; James Taylor, Jr.;

Council Members Substitutes: Ronald L. Hicks (Rep. Molinaro); Barbara Barosa (Rep. Odell); Lucy Redzeposki (Rep. Day); Freda Eisenberg (Rep. Doherty); Tim Weidemann (Rep. Ryan); Bridget Gibbons (Rep. Latimer);

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff: Monique Le Gendre (ESD); Linda Malave (ESD); Eric Warren (ESD); James Kostenblatt (ESD); Stephanie Mossey (DEC); Dave Ashton (DOS); Monique Owens (Chamber); Christopher White (DOL); Johny Nelson (DOL); Stephanie Mossey (DEC); Sandra Jobson (DOT); Darren Scott (HCR); Amber Sisson (NYPA); George Paschalis (New NY Bridge); Erin Drost (Parks); Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson; Andrew Leibert (Rep. MoA Galef); Jacob Coupart (Rep. MoA Jacobson); Benjamin Young (Rep. MoS Harckham); Jesse Meyer (Rep. MoS Hinchey).

Time Adjourned: 12:52 PM

Welcome and Remarks:

Call to Order:

☒ Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.

☐ Conflicts noted: (Please List)

☐ Recusals noted: (Please List)

☒ No conflicts noted.

☐ The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

DRI Round 5 Overview – David Ashton, NYS DOS

Dr. Donald Christian, Regional Co-Chair of the MHREDC, welcomed everyone and asked David Ashton to begin his presentation.

Mr. Ashton gave an overview of the 5th round of the DRI, including the application process, the planning process, eligible applicants, and project requirements.

Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Rounds 1 – 4 Update – David Ashton, NYS Department of State (DOS)

Mr. Ashton then provided an update on the past winners of the DRI in rounds 1 through 4:

- Round 1: City of Middletown – Downtown Middletown
- Round 2: City of Kingston – Stockade Business District
- Round 3: City of New Rochelle – Lincoln Avenue Corridor
- Round 4: City of Peekskill – Central Business District & Waterfront

Mid-Hudson Labor Market Update – Johny Nelson, NYS Department of Labor

Mr. Nelson gave an overview of the July labor statistics, including:

- 5.3% unemployment rate for the region vs. 7.4% unemployment rate for the state.

- This is down from 12.5% in July 2020.

Workforce Development Initiative (WDI) – Monique Owens, Senior Policy Advisor, Labor & Workforce

Ms. Owens shared that the WDI now has a second call for applications with \$48 million available statewide. Ms. Owens gave an overview of the application process, evaluation criteria, and workforce funding options through the WDI, and all information is available at www.ny.gov/workforcedevelopment.

Ms. Owens then gave several examples of potential projects, including:

- Direct support of companies in industry sectors targeted by the REDC
- Funds to support workforce development and innovation in college and university settings
- Projects addressing the opportunities and challenges posed by automation, artificial intelligence and robotics
- Educational activities that are part of job training and workforce preparation initiatives, particularly when focused on key local economic sectors
- Research on workforce needs, including employer surveys and market studies
- Curriculum development for career- or job-specific purposes

REDC Round XI Overview & Priority Project Recommendations – Thomas Scaglione, Executive Director, MHREDC & Regional Director, Empire State Development

Mr. Scaglione gave an overview of the Round 11 REDC Initiative, sharing that more than \$750 million is available statewide from over 30 programs across 9 state agencies. \$150 million of this is available through the ESD Capital Grant program, and this application for this program is now “open enrollment”.

Mr. Scaglione shared the statewide CFA endorsement standards:

- 20 points if the proposal is identified as a priority project
- 15 points if the proposal has regional benefits
- 10 points if the proposal has local benefits
- 5 points if the proposal has project-level benefits

- 0 points if the proposal has a limited relationship to the regional strategy

Mr. Scaglione underscored that each application receives a score from the Council (20% of the score) and from state agency technical review (80%), so that an application can receive a top score from the Council but still not be funded.

Mr. Scaglione then shared a list of projects that received a score of 20 from the Council.

Recommended Priority Projects for the ESD Grant Fund that align with the LIVE strategy:

CFA #	Project Name	City	County
108385	Grand Street Downtown Revitalization Project	Newburgh	Orange
107429	The Plant Redevelopment Project	Yonkers	Westchester
109154	Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital - Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health	Poughkeepsie	Dutchess
109667	St. Anthony Community Hospital Operating Room Expansion and Redesign	Warwick	Orange
109950	North 80 Development Project Phase One	Hawthorne	Westchester

Recommended Priority Projects for the ESD Grant Fund that align with the WORK strategy:

CFA #	Project Name	City	County
108220	Upriver Studios Expansion & Carbon Neutral Project	Saugerties	Ulster
109247	Aspire Brewery Development Project	Middletown	Orange
109446	Abilities First School Expansion	Poughkeepsie & New Windsor	Dutchess & Orange
109546	Mid-Hudson Life Sciences: Building Careers in MedTech	Pleasantville	Westchester

110815	Investing in Disabilities Employment for Business & Economic Growth	Pleasantville	Westchester
111107	Viking Industries Expansion Project	New Paltz	Ulster
111685	Hudson River Fruit Distributors CA Warehouse 2021	Milton	Ulster

Recommended Priority Projects for the ESD Grant Fund that align with the PLAY strategy:

CFA #	Project Name	City	County
108304	Storm King Art Center Capital Project	New Windsor	Orange
108315	Casa Wabi Monticello project	Monticello	Sullivan
109432	Outdoor Theater Campus and Permanent Home for Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival	Garrison	Putnam
109758	Dinosaur Country	Middletown	Orange
110611	Historic Hudson Valley Projects 2021	Croton on Hudson	Westchester
111634	Camp Fimfo Catskills	Barryville	Sullivan

Mr. Scaglione then shared a list of applications that received a score of 20 from the Council in each funding program. The full list will be posted on the MHREDC website: regionalcouncils.ny.gov/mid-hudson.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.