

**MHREDC Hybrid Public Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2022**

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced:

Friday, October 14, 2022 – Public Session: 12:07pm

Location:

- In-Person: SUNY Orange, Newburgh Campus – One Washington Center, Newburgh, NY 12550
- Virtual via Zoom

Council Members Present: Thomas Scaglione; Marsha Gordon; Kristine Young; Aleida Frederico; Wiley Harrison; Sabrina HoSang Jordan; Colin Jarvis; Susan Gerry; Maureen Halahan; Joseph Kenner; Harold King; Jacqueline Leventoff; Matt Rand; Robin Rosenberg; Al Samuels; Ned Sullivan; James Taylor, Jr.

Council Members Substitutes: Kathleen Abels (Rep. Odell); Lucy Redzeposki (Rep. Day); Tim Weidemann (Rep. Ryan); Bridget Gibbons (Rep. Latimer); Ronald Hicks (Rep. Molinaro)

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff: Erin Drost (Parks); Brandon Lloyd (Chamber); Pavan Naidu (Chamber); Johny Nelson (DOL); Wendy Rosenbach (DEC); Emma Cohen (Rep. MoS Hinchey); Andrew Leibert (Rep. MoA Galef); Steve Kollias (Rep. US Sen. Gillibrand); Monique Le Gendre (ESD); Linda Malave (ESD); Omayra Vazquez (ESD); Eric Warren (ESD)

Time Adjourned: 12:56pm

Welcome and Remarks:

Call to Order:

- Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.
 - Conflicts noted: (Please List)
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Recusals noted: (Please List)

No conflicts noted.

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

Dr. Young welcomed all to the meeting and proceeded to review the agenda as follows:

- The DRI Round 6/NY Forward Process
- Overview of the MHREDC Strategy and REDC Round XI Recap
- MHREDC Round XII update
- Restore NY update
- An update on the Mid-Hudson Labor Market from Johny Nelson, Labor Market Analyst with the NYS Department of Labor.

Dr. Gordon proceeded to ask the Council if there are any potential conflicts of interest with respect to any items on the agenda. No conflicts noted.

Thomas Scaglione proceeded with the agenda and provided an update of the DRI Process.

Mr. Scaglione presented an overview of the previous DRI winners:

- 2016 – City of Middletown – Round 1
- 2017 – City of Kingston – Round 2
- 2018 – City of New Rochelle – Round 3
- 2019 – City of Peekskill – Round 4
- 2021 – Village of Haverstraw & Village of Ossining – Round 5

Mr. Scaglione explained that this year, there was an opportunity to award another community as a DRI winner as well as award two other communities as NY Forward winners. He stated the MHREDC Executive Committee elected to keep the NY Forward winners to two winners at \$4.5 M a piece instead of separating out one award to \$2.25M (Would be one DRI winner at \$10M, one NY Forward winner at \$4.5M and two NY Forward winners at \$2.25M).

Mr. Scaglione continued by stating that the MHREDC received 5 applications, of which 7 were just for DRI only, 20 were just for NY Forward only and 8 were for both DRI and NY Forward. He also mentioned that the Council completed initial rankings and 14 communities were selected to present to the council. Mr. Scaglione presented a breakdown of applications by county across the region:

- Dutchess 4
- Orange 9
- Putnam 2

- Rockland 2
- Sullivan 1
- Ulster 4
- Westchester 13
- Grand Total 35

Mr. Scaglione proceeded to state that applications were due by 4pm on September 23rd and presentations were going to happen on October 18th and 19th. The Council would do their final rankings and then Dr. Young, Dr. Gordon and himself would send the recommended communities to the Department of State for further consideration.

Mr. Scaglione proceeded with the agenda and explained the MHREDC's strategy and provided updates for Round XI of the Consolidated Funding Application.

Mr. Scaglione explained the MHREDC's Strategy of Live, Work, and Play. Live seeks to revitalize the region's many river, hilltop and cross-roads urban centers by encouraging activities that accelerate placemaking; Work seeks to attract and retain investment in the region's mature and emerging clusters within the tradeable sectors of life sciences, advanced manufacturing, information technology, distribution, financial and professional services, and film & television production; and Play seeks to enhance residents' quality of life and strengthen the region's identity as a premier tourist destination due to its scenic beauty, abundant agritourism, flourishing food and beverage industry, rich arts and cultural scene, unique history, recreational assets, and proximity to New York City. He also demonstrated how this strategy aligns with the statewide economic development priorities of innovation, placemaking, tradeable sectors, and workforce.

Mr. Scaglione explained the State investment over the past 11 years through the CFA process:

- \$819.8M state economic development funding into the Mid-Hudson Region since 2011 to 1,054 projects.
- This has generated \$4.1B+ of leveraged economic activity at a rate of 7:1.
- More than 24,000 jobs have been created and retained.

Mr. Scaglione also stated that for Round 11, the Mid-Hudson received 433 applications across all CFA agencies and programs. 118 projects were awarded at \$106.4M; 27 ESD Capital Grant Awards to the Mid-Hudson totaling \$22,007,045.

Mr. Scaglione then proceeded to show a few examples of the projects funded through the CFA process:

Sleepy Hollow Commons – awarded an ESD Grant of up to \$2 million to transform the East Parcel of the former General Motors site into a meaningful public space that serves as a lynchpin of local trail & transit connections, linking isolated community assets.

Viking Industries – awarded an ESD Capital Grant of up to \$780,000 and Excelsior Tax Credits up to \$550,000 to expand its long-established factory in New Paltz, Ulster County, to meet growing needs for corrugated packaging among its diverse customer bases.

Upriver Studios – awarded up to \$500,000 through the ESD Capital Grant Fund to create a carbon neutral campus and a more competitive series of sound stages for film and television production projects in a 101,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility in Saugerties.

Storm King Art Center – awarded \$2,000,000 through the ESD Capital Grant Fund to create two building elements: the Welcome Sequence, which will streamline the arrival into Storm King, and the Conservation, Fabrication, and Maintenance Building that will protect the safety of staff and the artwork.

Mr. Scaglione continued with the agenda and provided an update on Round XII of the Consolidated Funding Application.

He stated that a total of 153 applications were received across all state agencies; 48 applications were eligible for either ESD Capital Grant and/or Excelsior Jobs Program in additions to 6 Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies. He stated all applications were under review.

Mr. Scaglione presented the list of projects recommended as Priority Projects by the Council under each strategy of Live, Work, Play.

Mr. Johny Nelson proceeded to provide an update of the Mid-Hudson Labor Market:

Category	Aug 2022	Jul 2022	Aug 2021	Net Month	% Month	Net Year	% Year
Resident Civilian Labor Force	1,177,300	1,183,400	1,146,100	-6,100	-0.5%	31,200	2.7%
Employed	1,136,600	1,143,300	1,093,300	-6,700	-0.6%	43,300	4.0%
Unemployed	40,800	40,100	52,800	700	1.7%	-12,000	-22.7%
Hudson Valley Region Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.4%	4.6%	0.1		-1.1	
NYS Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.8%	6.7%	0.1		-1.8	
US Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.8%	5.3%	0.0		-1.5	

Total Nonfarm	938,900	941,700	907,200	-2,800	-0.3%	31,700	3.5%
Total Private	801,100	803,200	766,600	-2,100	-0.3%	34,500	4.5%
Goods-producing	102,200	102,100	98,100	100	0.1%	4,100	4.2%
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	60,100	60,000	56,700	100	0.2%	3,400	6.0%
Manufacturing	42,100	42,100	41,400	0	0.0%	700	1.7%
Service-Providing	836,700	839,600	809,100	-2,900	-0.3%	27,600	3.4%
Private Service-Providing	698,900	701,100	668,500	-2,200	-0.3%	30,400	4.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	169,100	170,400	166,800	-1,300	-0.8%	2,300	1.4%
Information	14,100	14,100	13,600	0	0.0%	500	3.7%

Financial Activities	43,400	43,700	44,900	-300	-0.7%	-1,500	-3.3%
Professional and Business Services	123,100	120,700	112,500	2,400	2.0%	10,600	9.4%
Education and Health Services	206,200	206,700	200,200	-500	-0.2%	6,000	3.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	100,200	101,800	91,200	-1,600	-1.6%	9,000	9.9%
Other Services	42,800	43,700	39,300	-900	-2.1%	3,500	8.9%
Government	137,800	138,500	140,600	-700	-0.5%	-2,800	-2.0%

Mr. Scaglione proceeded with an update on the Restore NY program. He stated that the Restore New York Communities Initiative provides municipalities with financial assistance for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties that are particularly blighted or abandoned. The program launched on Monday, July 11, intent to apply forms were due August 11 and the final applications were due on Tuesday, October 11. He stated that the Mid-Hudson received a total of 26 letters of intent to apply to the program and that 10 finalized applications were received. He stated all applications were under review and awards would be announced later this year.

No old or new business to discuss.

Public Comment:

Mayor Torrence Harvey (City of Newburgh) - welcomed the Council to Newburgh and happy they were meeting in his city.

No further comments were made. Motion to close meeting approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56pm.