

**Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council
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Manhattanville College
Purchase, NY**

Public Portion

Welcome by Co-Chairs

Ryan McLeod announced that the MHREDC Call for Priority Projects is now on the Regional Council website.

Round IV REDC/CFA Process and Timeline

Ryan Silva reviewed the CFA Timeline.

May 1st – CFA opens.

June 1st – CFA closes at 4pm sharp!

August 15th – Regional Council Progress Report and scores due

Fall Round IV – Awards Ceremony

CFA Review and Scoring

Ryan McLeod, reviewed the funding available for 2014. He reported that Governor Cuomo has made up to \$750 million dollars available from over 30 programs that include 12 agencies and of that \$232 million is for Direct Assistance to business and other organizations. All of the details of the funding can be found on the Regional Councils website.

The scoring is the same as in previous years. Regional Council scorers will assign points from zero to twenty indicating the degree to which each project implements the regional strategic plan.

fillable document.

Priority Project Process and Review

The priority project will be available at 2:30pm May 12, 2014. This year the application deadline is the same as the CFA deadline, Monday, June 16, 2014 no later than 4pm! There are no exceptions. The priority projects must be submitted electronically to the nys-midhudson@esd.ny.gov email address. No attachments will be accepted this year. This is a Letters of support must be submitted through the CFA. All letters should be scanned into one document and then uploaded into the CFA application.

A special interest in reaching out to Veterans. Encourage you to include that into the application.

Wiley Harrison made the Council aware of the Small Business – Goldman Sachs report that addresses the need for educational opportunities, Support services and Access to capital for small businesses.

NY Rising

The New York Rising initiative allocated \$50 billion to impacted areas. Governor Cuomo submitted an action plan to the Federal Government whereby the office of Storm Recovery was formed about a year ago. The Community Reconstruction program involved 102 communities. Communities founded committees and developed NY Rising plans for resiliency and economic development. The Hudson Valley Communities that were impacted were each allocated up to \$3million (total \$42mm into communities) to communities. The Governor's message is that we need to build back bolder not the same. Advanced long-term community goals help to restore economic vibrancy and help with main streets. Improvements to critical infrastructure, stream and culvert improvement, built communities along those water ways. Endangered water ways. Bridge replacement replacing 5 town bridges communities cut off during storm.

Water and sewer extensions. Vulnerable population housing improvements.

New storm water retention and wetland areas. Washingtonville water retention flood plains programs.

Early warning systems

New Shared government facilities out of flood plain

Emergency preparedness and Response

Green Infrastructure projects

New Economic Development Initiatives

Alternative energy sources to ensure their emergency services

New economic development initiatives business infrastructure impacted by storms. Attract new businesses. Lets do projects that have co

Implementation plans Next Steps CFA funding and July Hazard Mitigation funding. Reached out to SART teams and other Storm recovery.gov.

NY Rising Communities if there is another event. Jacquie - \$4billion adding 22 communities being added 3 more in Orange, 2 more in Westchester available to them in \$3mm

Ned : commend Governor for implementing this initiating. National model of how to respond to storms.

Global NY

Ana Liss, reported that **Global NY** is recommitted to supporting targeted international growth. This recommitment is an answer to similar initiatives in other states. With particular focus on upstate NY there is an increased need for retention and expansion. As in Round 3 similarly through the opportunity agenda Ana asked that the REDCs provide an assessment of foreign investment activity in the region. She recommended that a 2-4 page assessment of goals and strategies that link priority projects be included in the assessment. Also, emphasized was establishing interregional collaborations. Bonus points will be awarded. Finger Lakes is teaming up with Central NY . They're giving bonus points.

At the Global NY summit, each REDC council will attend where the strongest plans in Round IV will be recognized. Small and Medium business interested in getting involved in international trade will be invited and encouraged to attend. Statewide regions will also be encouraged to be asked to Establish one stop shop developing budget and staffing for export assistance as well as establish business mentorship program.

We once had limited offices in Canada, Brazil, China and other overseas areas we once had links but they are now shuttered. We are looking to reopen in several markets overseas.

Council Meeting closed.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00pm.