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## **\$8M FOR MOHAWK VALLEY PROJECTS**

### **21 Projects Awarded Through the Mohawk Valley REDC**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced \$13.6 million for 44 projects in regions around the State that will help businesses expand and succeed, improve public facilities, and create jobs. The Community Renewal Funds (CRF) were made available to five of Governor Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC): Mohawk Valley, Southern Tier, Western New York, Mid-Hudson, and the North Country. Together, the projects will create approximately 270 jobs and create and preserve 170 affordable housing units.

"In the last four years, Regional Economic Development Councils have set real priorities and goals for making New York's communities stronger," said Governor Cuomo. "By helping business grow, shoring up infrastructure, preserving affordable housing and most important, creating jobs, we are today harnessing the expertise of local partners and investing in projects that move New York forward."

#### Mohawk Valley Award Highlights:

- \$25,000 in NYS CDBG Economic Development funds for the Town of Cobleskill to assist in the expansion of JT Cycles, LLC.
- \$600,000 in NYS CDBG funds for the Village of Fort Plain to correct deficiencies in the village's sewer line.
- \$550,000 in NYS CDBG funds for the Villages of Fultonville and Fonda for improvements to the Joint Waste Water Treatment Facility.
- \$250,000 in NYS CDBG funds for the Village of Fort Plain to rehabilitate 19 homes.
- \$68,000 in NYS CDBG Economic Development funds for the City of Amsterdam to assist in the expansion of Beckmann Converting, Inc.
- \$750,000 for in NYS CDBG Economic Development funds for Oneida County to assist in Phase II of the Interceptor Sewer Upgrade Project.
- \$350,000 in NYS CDBG Economic Development funds for Oneida County to assist in the expansion of the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center, Inc.
- \$280,000 in NYS CDBG Economic Development Program funds for Oneida County to assist in the expansion of Delft Blue, LLC.
- \$750,000 in NYS CDBG funds for Oneida County to replace 10 mobile homes.
- \$100,000 in NYS CDBG funds for Oneida County to assist in the development of McDonough Hardwoods, Ltd.
- \$60,000 in NYS CDBG Economic Development funds for Otsego County to assist in the expansion of Morris Tent Rentals, Inc.
- \$200,000 in NYS CDBG Economic Development funds for Otsego County to assist in the establishment of a Workforce Development Training Program at the Susquehanna Regional Center for Growth in Oneonta, which will provide employment training for 80 people.
- \$105,000 in NYS CDBG Economic Development funds for Otsego County to assist in the expansion of Northern Eagle Beverages in Oneonta.
- \$660,800 in NYS CDBG funds for Otsego County to replace 10 mobile homes.
- \$250,000 in NYS CDBG funds for the City of Oneonta to rehabilitate 18 housing units.

- \$600,000 in NYS CDBG funds for the City of Oneonta to address infrastructure needs in the Market Street area.
- \$400,000 in NYS CDBG funds for the City of Oneonta to address streetscape needs in the Main Street area.
- \$250,000 in NYS CDBG funds for the Village of Unadilla to rehabilitate 12 homes.
- \$750,000 in NYS CDBG funds for Fulton County to assist with the development of the Lexington Arts Center.
- \$400,000 for the City of Gloversville to assist in the redevelopment of the former Estee School, into affordable senior housing.
- \$600,000 in NYS CDBG funds for the Village of Ilion to make significant sewer improvements to the East Street neighborhood.

## MAKERS: MADE IN THE MOHAWK VALLEY

### 2014 Commercialization Academy Showcase Offers Glimpse Into Region's Future

The [Commercialization Academy](#) is a 3-month experiential education program sponsored by the AFRL in Rome, NY. The Academy pairs university students with AFRL technologies with the goal of launching new technology ventures. We have students from 11 universities & colleges, including Clarkson, CUNY, Le Moyne College, RIT, RPI, Suffolk CC, SUNY ESF, SUNY POLY, Syracuse, UCF and Utica College.

At the Commercialization Academy Showcase, students gave their pitches and earned **\$50,000** in prizes, sponsored by **NYSTEC**. The event highlighted new entrepreneurial initiatives and featured high-profile guest speakers, including Martin Babnec and George Duchak. The Showcase was well-attended by entrepreneurs, investors, industry leaders, students, technology enthusiasts, government representatives and university faculty/administration.

There were four company pitches during the afternoon session on November 15th at SUNY POLY. These early-stage companies included an [event prediction technology](#) for industrial processes, an artificial intelligence platform for 3D printers, an effective method for preventing malicious code from computers, and an inverted [water bottle](#).

The presenting Commercialization Academy companies will share the \$50,000 prize sponsored by **NYSTEC** for business and technology development. The AFRL Commercialization Academy consists of 24 students from 12 different schools across the state of NY. All of the students were impressive and several had ventures that captured investor's attention. For more insight, Check out Martin Babnec's recap of the project on his [blog](#).



## LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: Mohawk Valley Region

Encompassing six counties and covering over 5,800 square miles of Upstate New York, the Mohawk Valley region features cities like Utica, Oneonta, and Cooperstown (home of the [National Baseball Hall of Fame](#)) and boasts a wide array of location options for filmmakers. Soon there will be one more reason for productions to shoot in the Mohawk Valley region - beginning in 2015 they'll receive a 10% bump, increasing the 30% credit on qualified labor to 40%.

Ximena Gardner and partner Kurt Gardner run [Adirondack Mountain Productions](#) which aims to provide a full range of production services including location scouting, location management, large and small scale prop rentals, accommodations referrals and catering services. "Whether your production is in need of a small town, a big city, a raging river, an abandoned or working factory, a snow-covered mountain top, or rolling hills filled with farm land, it can all be easily found in this region," says Ximena Gardner.

Producer Garrett P. Fennelly recently connected with a Los Angeles-based filmmaker who was looking to shoot a film in Upstate New York. A year later they were filming *The Automatic Hate* in the Mohawk Valley. The movie shot primarily in Oneonta, Cooperstown and Mount Vision, was directed by Justin Lerner and stars Joseph Cross and Adelaide Clemens.



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During the production of *The Automatic Hate*, the [Foothills Performing Art Center](#) in Oneonta qualified as a New York State

Qualified Production Facility through the New York State Governor's Film Office, and Lerner says this made all the difference because "we didn't need to leave the county, let alone the region to make a film and satisfy the threshold requirements for the New York State Tax Incentive."

For more information on filming in the Mohawk Valley region, please contact the New York State Governor's Film Office at 212-803-2330, or visit us at [www.nylovesfilm.com](http://www.nylovesfilm.com).

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## SUSTAINING MOMENTUM: GET THE APP!

Take the MVREDC 2014 Action Plan on the road. Our mobile app is a virtual tour of the region's top [Priority Projects](#) as proposed Round IV of the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).



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## IN THE NEWS

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[IDA Chief: Broadband Plan Gains Solid Footing](#)

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