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**Capital District**

**Applicant:** Cohoes (C)  
**CFA number:** 119661  
**Award Amount:** \$279,900  
**Project Name:** Saratoga Street Pedestrian Accessibility and Commercial Corridor Enhancement Project

**Project Description:**

The City of Cohoes intends to complete BOA predevelopment activities for the design of streetscape enhancements along Saratoga Street from Cohoes Boulevard to Spring Street to include sidewalk and curb replacement, roadway milling and restriping, decorative crosswalks, signage, decorative lighting, street trees and landscaping. The enhancements are intended to increase accessibility, improve the street's sense of place, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and encourage private development.

**Applicant:** Greenwich (T)  
**CFA number:** 121135  
**Award Amount:** \$166,500  
**Project Name:** Town and Village of Greenwich BOA Predevelopment Activities

**Project Description:**

The Town of Greenwich in a joint effort with the Village of Greenwich intends to complete predevelopment activities to advance zoning code amendments and analyze infrastructure upgrades to further the redevelopment of the Greenwich Brownfield Opportunity Area. Challenges to be addressed include: inconsistencies between the BOA Plan and existing zoning; review and revision of existing parking requirements; and analysis of local water infrastructure inhibiting infill development.

**Applicant:** Rensselaer (C)  
**CFA number:** 118214  
**Award Amount:** \$85,000  
**Project Name:** City of Rensselaer Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan

**Project Description:**

The City of Rensselaer intends to complete a BOA Plan for a 162-acre area characterized with 31 potential brownfield sites. The primary community revitalization objectives include identification of barriers to redevelopment, building partnerships, and identification of implementable and sustainable redevelopment actions. Anticipated community benefits include enhanced tax revenue, improved quality of life, enhanced public access to the waterfront, and new employment opportunities.

**Applicant:** Stillwater (T)  
**CFA number:** 121000  
**Award Amount:** \$200,000  
**Project Name:** Stillwater Riverview Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan

**Project Description:**

The Town and Village of Stillwater intend to complete a BOA Plan for a 401-acre area that includes waterfront property and the Village's core business district including brownfield and underutilized parcels. The Plan will promote economic development along the Route 4 corridor as well as the Village's downtown and waterfront, repurposing key sites to expand opportunities for walkable mixed-use development, and increasing Hudson River waterfront access.

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**Long Island**

**Applicant:** North Hempstead Community Development Agency  
**CFA number:** 121709  
**Award Amount:** \$450,000  
**Project Name:** New Cassel BOA Predevelopment Connectivity, Wayfinding & Resiliency Project

**Project Description:**

The Town of North Hempstead Community Development Agency intends to complete predevelopment activities to further planning and design elements in the New Cassel BOA including a connectivity plan to connect targeted brownfields to community assets/facilities, a wayfinding system to help navigate the BOA area; and an infrastructure study of overhead utility lines to address resiliency. The objective is to create an accessible, connected, and resilient community.

**Applicant:** Riverhead (T)  
**CFA number:** 120612  
**Award Amount:** \$200,000  
**Project Name:** Town of Riverhead Downtown Riverfront Amphitheater

**Project Description:**

The Town of Riverhead intends to complete BOA predevelopment activities for the planning, design and engineering of an amphitheatre along the Peconic River and adjacent to the planned town square project. The amphitheater will create performance space and address flood mitigation for downtown. The venue will increase activity and tourism on the riverfront and further the economic revitalization of downtown Riverhead.

**Applicant:** Riverhead (T)  
**CFA number:** 120173  
**Award Amount:** \$200,000  
**Project Name:** Town of Riverhead Riverfront Park and Adaptive Children's Playground

**Project Description:**

The Town of Riverhead intends to complete BOA predevelopment activities to improve the riverfront parking area and develop Riverfront Park and Adaptive Playground. This park will address climate change-associated flooding and provide public gathering and event space, while protecting the Town Square. The project will provide healthy and safe activity to children of all abilities and will allow a central gathering space as part of the new Town Square to bolster Riverhead's economic development.

**Mid-Hudson**

**Applicant:** Kingston (C)  
**CFA number:** 119009  
**Award Amount:** \$238,559  
**Project Name:** City of Kingston Midtown Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan

**Project Description:**

The City of Kingston, in conjunction with Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, intends to develop a BOA Plan for a 250-acre, formerly industria area, in the Midtown neighborhood of Kingston. The goal is to develop a plan that coordinates reuse and cleanup of brownfields and other vacant sites, spurs investment, provides needed housing and economic opportunities, and connects the neighborhood internally and to other parts of the city via an urban trail system.

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**Mohawk Valley**

**Applicant:** Amsterdam (C)  
**CFA number:** 117894  
**Award Amount:** \$300,000  
**Project Name:** City of Amsterdam Phase II Environmental Site Assessments

**Project Description:**

The City of Amsterdam intends to conduct Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) on four strategic sites identified in its Northern Neighborhoods and East End BOA Nominations: Five Corners Site, DeGraff Site, Papermill Site, and the Front Street Site. Sites were selected based on their potential to catalyze additional community revitalization. Phase II ESAs will allow the City to proceed with redevelopment activities on the four target sites.

**Applicant:** Herkimer (V)  
**CFA number:** 121539  
**Award Amount:** \$173,250  
**Project Name:** Village of Herkimer Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan

**Project Description:**

The Village of Herkimer intends to complete a BOA plan for a 32-acre area along its Main Street corridor. Challenges to be addressed include blight, safety, and aesthetics of structures, a weak economy and low employment, and poor community engagement. Objectives to be achieved include determining the best use for blighted/potential brownfield areas, identifying public/private partnership opportunities, expansion of economic activity and affordable housing, and increased community engagement.

**Applicant:** Oneonta (C)  
**CFA number:** 119597  
**Award Amount:** \$297,000  
**Project Name:** City of Oneonta Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan

**Project Description:**

The City of Oneonta intends to complete a BOA Plan for its railroad corridor, the spine of the City's historically industrial area. The study area includes approximately 670.5 acres. The study area has a long history associated with the rail industry leaving several vacant and underutilized sites within the heart of the city. The BOA Plan intends to address the physical and perceived blight and identify a path forward for the revitalization of its industrial neighborhoods.

**Applicant:** Rome (C)  
**CFA number:** 120073  
**Award Amount:** \$112,500  
**Project Name:** City of Rome Former Columbus School Reuse Feasibility Analysis

**Project Description:**

The City of Rome intends to complete BOA predevelopment activities for a building conditions assessment and financial feasibility study for the potential reuse and redevelopment of the abandoned former Columbus School site within the Downtown Rome BOA. The site is an abandoned former school building located on 2.8 acres. The structural and environmental conditions of the property are unknown and require a formal investigation to evaluate the reuse potential of the building.

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**Applicant:** Rome (C)  
**CFA number:** 120080  
**Award Amount:** \$180,000  
**Project Name:** City of Rome Muck Road Boat Launch Design

**Project Description:**

The City of Rome intends to complete BOA predevelopment activities inclusive of planning, design, permitting, and the development of bid documents to improve the accessibility and quality of the Muck Road Boat Launch in the Erie Boulevard BOA. The project will address improvements such as ADA compliance, parking, green infrastructure, walkways, bikeways, fishing platforms, boat launch ramp, lighting, driveways, signage, buildings, and landscaping.

**Applicant:** Rome (C)  
**CFA number:** 120099  
**Award Amount:** \$135,000  
**Project Name:** City of Rome Muck Road Empire State Canalway Trail Extension Planning & Design

**Project Description:**

The City of Rome intends to complete BOA predevelopment activities along Muck Road within the Erie Boulevard BOA. The project involves the planning and design for the extension of the Empire State/Canalway Trail along Muck Road through the public ROW and State-owned lands fronting the Barge Canal. Project tasks include designing stormwater collection and treatment facilities, designing an AASHTO-compliant recreational facility, and incorporating complete streets principles into the trail design.

**New York City**

**Applicant:** Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice, Inc.  
**CFA number:** 119157  
**Award Amount:** \$500,000  
**Project Name:** Bronx-Southern Boulevard Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan

**Project Description:**

Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice Inc. (YMPJ) intends to complete a BOA Plan for the proposed Southern Blvd BOA in the Bronx. The BOA is located on the west shore of the Bronx River between Starlight Park and Westchester Avenue and the east shore from Westchester Avenue south ending at Soundview Park. The area is defined by many physical barriers, including the Sheridan Expressway, an elevated train line, the Cass Gilbert Train Station, vacant lots, and an irregular street grid.

**North Country**

**Applicant:** Massena (V)  
**CFA number:** 120530  
**Award Amount:** \$200,000  
**Project Name:** Village of Massena Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan

**Project Description:**

The Village of Massena intends to complete a BOA Plan for a 245-acre area in the village, including waterfront property, the Commercial Business and Transition Districts and the Commercial Auto-Related District. Economic development objectives include Main Street and river access improvements, increased pedestrian connectivity and expanded opportunity for mixed-use and public use redevelopment to enhance placemaking and increased quality of life to support small business, residents and visitors.

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**Western New York**

**Applicant:** Buffalo Urban Development Corporation  
**CFA number:** 119970  
**Award Amount:** \$87,750  
**Project Name:** City of Buffalo Northland Corridor Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan

**Project Description:**

The Buffalo Urban Development Corporation intends to complete a BOA Plan for an area on Buffalo's east side for the Northland Corridor Beltline. The area includes sections of the Delavan Grider, Lovejoy and Fillmore District neighborhoods, with a mix of industrial, commercial and residential uses including various brownfield sites. The objective is to create opportunities for new and existing businesses, increase workforce training, incorporate green infrastructure, and create affordable housing.

**Applicant:** Eden (T)  
**CFA number:** 119333  
**Award Amount:** \$90,000  
**Project Name:** Town of Eden Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan

**Project Description:**

The Town of Eden intends to complete a BOA Plan for an 83-acre area in the southwestern portion of the hamlet of Eden Center where the town's core business district is located. The area is characterized by an operating rail line, active industrial and commercial businesses, single-family homes, vacant and underutilized properties, and brownfield sites. The objective is to remediate contaminated land, create new housing and economic opportunities, and support placemaking.

**Applicant:** Hamburg (V)  
**CFA number:** 119773  
**Award Amount:** \$200,000  
**Project Name:** Village of Hamburg West End Corridor Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan

**Project Description:**

The Village of Hamburg intends to complete a BOA Plan for an approximately 200-acre area in the western part of the village. The area contains an operating rail line, active industrial and commercial corridors, residential streets, a mix of historic and conventional development, vacant and underutilized sites, and brownfields. The objective is to revitalize the neighborhood, increase tax revenues, remediate contaminated sites, foster economic development, and improve the quality of life..