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SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE BELLONE ANNOUNCES ROUND 16 RECIPIENTS OF DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANTS PROGRAM

\$500,000 Awarded for Downtown Revitalization Grants – 11 Downtowns to Receive Funding

Awards will Provide Critical Funding Needed for Capital Improvement Projects throughout Suffolk County

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone today announced 11 organizations have been approved to receive \$500,000 in total funding for Round 16 of the Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization Grants Program. The grants leverage over \$545,400 for a total investment of just under \$1.2 million. Each award recipient was selected by the Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization Citizens Advisory Panel following a competitive application process.

“Our downtowns are essential to keeping our region competitive and attracting the high skill, high knowledge workers we need to grow our local economy,” **said County Executive Steve Bellone**. “As we move full steam ahead with our economic development agenda, we will continue to make quality investments to create the robust, vibrant downtowns that make Suffolk County the ideal place to work, live and raise a family.”

This year, the County received 18 applications for the Round 16 grants and 11 projects were funded. A pool of \$500,000 was made available to partially fund qualified capital projects located in or adjacent to downtown areas on municipally-owned property. Since 1997, Suffolk County has awarded \$12.2 million in funds for Downtown Revitalization initiatives. Among the various projects that are eligible for grants are public parking facilities, curb and sidewalk construction, pedestrian walkways, street lighting, public restrooms, disabled accessibility, renovations to existing structures, cultural and recreational facilities.

Round 16 award recipients include:

- **Copiague Chamber of Commerce (\$50,000)**: Building of decorative crosswalks, ADA compliant pedestrian curb ramps and installation of stamped concrete utility strips.
- **Farmingville Residents Association, Inc. (\$43,851)**: Installation of new and refurbishing of existing LED street lights, along with concrete sidewalk improvements, including upgraded pedestrian handicap ramps, crosswalks and pavers at Horseblock Road and Woodycrest Drive.

- **Ward Melville Heritage Organization (\$20,400):** Installation of a pedestrian path along Shore Road/Main Street from Reboli Center and Stony Brook Village Center, along the waterfront pier, Stony Brook Yacht Club and Sand Street Beach.
- **East Islip Community Chamber of Commerce (\$45,600):** Installation of 24 PROWAG ramps on Carleton Avenue between Irving Place to Islip Boulevard with streetscape improvements.
- **Town of Riverhead Public Parking District No. 1 (\$74,925):** Reconfiguration of a parking lot by removing existing concrete islands and restriping to add 67 additional spaces.
- **Community Association of Greater St. James (\$60,232):** Installation of gateway signage and crosswalks at intersections of Lake Ave between Moriches Road and Woodlawn Avenue, including 22 pedestrian activated LED beacons at 10 crosswalks, in addition to decorative wayfinding and street signage.
- **Flanders, Riverside, Northampton Community Association (\$30,000):** Upgrading an existing walking/biking entryway to Grangebél Park from Route 94 with permeable pavers, benches, lighting and bike racks.
- **Mattituck- Laurel Civic Association (\$56,300):** Redesigning and rebuilding of Raymond Dean Municipal Parking lot to add 30 additional parking spaces.
- **Village of Brightwaters (\$29,171):** Extending sidewalks and lights, tree removal, replacing deteriorated concrete curbing, installation of concrete sidewalks and brick pavers and 3 new lamp posts at the NE corner of Orinoco and N. Windsor.
- **Lindenhurst Chamber of Commerce (\$46,000):** Refurbishing a Village owned municipal parking field by resurfacing the parking lot, pavement markers, handicap ramps, 3 concrete driveway aprons, replacing guardrails and curbing, improving signage and streetlights and installation of brick pavers and walkways.
- **Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce (\$43,520):** Installation of handicap ramps, thermoplastic decorative crosswalks, and counted crosswalk signals at intersections of Rider Avenue and Main Street.

The Downtown Revitalization Citizens Advisory Panel utilizes a criteria-based point system to evaluate each application to ensure projects that receive funding will make the greatest contribution to the long-term improvement of local downtowns and have a positive economic impact on Suffolk County. Future application and guidelines can be found [here](#).

For more information on the Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization initiative, visit www.suffolkcountyny.gov.

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