

Onondaga County Main Street Revitalization and Beautification Grant Program

- Onondaga County is offering municipalities up to \$500,000 to improve your main street areas
 - It is a comprehensive grant program that provides funding for local revitalization efforts to grow the retail business district.
 - It can be a main street in a village, a business district in a town or a business district in a hamlet
 - If municipalities have multiple areas within their towns/villages they can submit multiple applications
 - Eligible rehabilitation properties are limited to commercial and mixed-use structures
 - Applicant cannot have any open code violations in the municipality; property taxes must be currently paid
 - The expectation is that the property owner will provide 25% of the funds
 - Improvement examples include:
 - Improve business facades
 - Acquire a property that is an eyesore
 - Demolition of a property that is an eyesore
 - Elected officials should work together with local businesses to develop a proposal that will positively impact a main street area:
 - Proposals will be evaluated and municipalities selected based on the overall impact of the project
 - Proposals should attempt to leverage other funding sources to combine with the County Main Street funding
 - Proposals should include the proposed activities, an explanation of how it will impact a main street area and a budget
- Onondaga County Community Development will assist you throughout the process
- Recipients of funding in previous rounds of the Onondaga County Main Street or the New York State Main Street programs are eligible
- Municipalities with open Main Street grants from previous rounds are eligible to apply
- **The grant is a reimbursable grant. Once awardee shows proof that matching funds have been spent, remaining funds are reimbursed as submitted up to the agreed upon award amount**
- Applications are due back by January 13th, 2023