



Village of Stamford

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Dear Stamford Community Member,

The Village of Stamford intends to apply for the 4th round of New York State's NY Forward (NYF) program, which supports the revitalization of smaller downtowns, villages, and hamlets. If selected, the grant could provide transformative resources to restore buildings, enhance public spaces, and celebrate the village's historic charm. The goal is to create a more vibrant, welcoming, and resilient downtown that benefits residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

In an effort to put together the best application possible, the Village of Stamford needs to show that it is worth the investment. This is done by demonstrating past private investments made over the years by local businesses and organizations, as well as showing that there are future projects ready to be invested in.

We need to include ideas for private projects to be developed with the help of NYF funding. In the following pages you will find a list of project criteria. If you have a project that you believe fits the description, please let us know by filling out the attached documents. You can submit a copy via email or in person at the Village Hall. *Please note that if awarded this funding, a planning process would occur where project selection would start all over again, with support from the state and input from the community.*

Additionally, a letter of your support for the Village's application would take our application even further. Let's work together to revitalize our Village!

Thank you!

Robert Schneider

To see an example letter of support, please visit:

www.villageofstamfordny.gov/information



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Private Investment

Please fill out this following form to the best of your ability; sharing in as much or little detail as you'd like.

Name of Business/Organization:

Years of operation:

Estimated total investment:

Number of Employees/Jobs Created:

In your own words, what value does your business/organization provide for the community (who do you serve and how do you serve them):

Please send a small selection of your favorite photos/videos of your business to Laura Potter at stamfordrising@gmail.com.



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New Project Information & Criteria

NYF is designed to fund shovel-ready, transformational projects that have the potential to create an immediate, positive effect on a community's downtown. Communities must demonstrate a total of \$6-8M in projects - funding cannot go to one sole project.

- Funding may be awarded to public, private, and not-for-profit entities
- Project sponsors must have the capacity and legal authority to undertake the proposed project and must have site control or be in the process of obtaining site control
- Projects with a private sponsor must match a minimum of 25% of the total project cost
- There is no minimum match requirement for public or not-for-profit projects

The Local Planning Committee may impose higher match requirements as part of the planning process

- These will be smaller projects focused more on building renovation and redevelopment and activation of upper-stories (ex: housing, additional commercial) rather than new construction
- However, projects must be large enough to be truly transformative - at least \$75,000 in total project costs
- Consider projects that elevate specific cultural, historical qualities that enhance the feeling of small-town charm
- Projects must be able to break ground in 2 years

Ineligible Activities: Planning activities, operations and maintenance, pre-award costs, property acquisition, training and other program expenses
For a full description, please visit: www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward



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Project Idea Submission

Consider this a wishlist for your business or organization. Please make sure you have read the NYF project criteria prior to filing out this form. Either return this form to the Village Hall or submit digitally by October 17th, 2025.

Name of Business/Organization: _____

Type:

- ☐ Not-for-Profit / Nonprofit
- ☐ For-Profit Business
- ☐ Church/ Faith-Based Organization
- ☐ Government/ Public Agency
- ☐ School/ Educational Institution
- ☐ Healthcare
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Project(s) Description:

How will this help benefit the community/transform the downtown?

Estimated Total Cost: \$ _____

Estimated Funds Your Business/Organization would be able to raise: \$ _____

If you have any renderings, drawings, blueprints, or other supporting design documents, please send them to Laura Potter at stamfordrising@gmail.com.