



# Village of Stamford

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Stamford Rising Committee  
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

As Mayor of the Village of Stamford I am very pleased to offer my support for the New York Forward grant application. This grant, should the village be successful, would give us the opportunity to build upon the many projects we have completed over the past several years. These projects include a new municipal swimming pool 3Mil, a regional little league field, 1.5Mil, an extensive water main and water tower replacement project, 6Mil together with a Transportation Alternatives Program grant for sidewalk replacement at 2.2Mil. All told, this represents an investment of over 12Mil in our community. This investment has drawn new business as well as residents to our community and positions us to attract further private investment in the future.

The NY Forward Grant would provide funds to improve the appearance and overall desirability of our village's downtown. While we have managed to attract enough new businesses to fill almost all of our vacant retail spaces there is always room for improvement. While the village has managed to make structural and infrastructure improvements these are not necessarily visible, our Main Street could use some aesthetic improvements as well as lighting upgrades.

The village of Stamford would put this grant to very good use. I believe we have demonstrated our ability to meld public and private grant monies into a net positive for the village. These efforts have been made by our village government, Mayor and Trustees, all of whom are volunteers. We are fortunate to have the annual support of The Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, which was established by a Stamford citizen in 1984 for the betterment of our village.

I wish you every success in the endeavor,

Robert J. Schneider  
Mayor, Village of Stamford