

Waterfront
Access



Safety &
Accessibility



Facades &
Alleys



Retail
Activation



Housing
Options



Comments



Create a Small Projects Fund for Improvements



Project Location:

NY Forward Area

Project Type:

Redevelopment /
Renovation & Branding /
Marketing

Project Sponsor:

Village of Athens

Property Ownership:

Varies

Funding Estimate:

\$390,000+

Total Project Cost

\$300,000

Total NYF Funds Requested

25%

Sponsor Match %

Project Overview:

The Village seeks to establish a local Small Project Fund to support a diverse range of small-scale improvements that contribute to downtown revitalization. In response to an open call, property owners submitted projects focused on façade improvements, historic building restoration, energy efficiency upgrades, and new housing development, alongside proposals such as a mobile app expansion and the launch of a creative production studio.

Create a Small Projects Fund for Improvements



NYF area-wide

Existing Site Conditions

Ten projects submitted letters of interest in the Small Project Fund, demonstrating at least \$320,000 of NY Forward funding interest and over \$749,000 in total economic revitalization investment.

Capacity & Partners

The Village will hold the contract with the State, with a third-party serving as Grant Administrator (possibly Greene County EDA).

Alignment with Vision & Goals

From an ADA-compliant kayak launch and restored historic buildings to energy-efficient upgrades, storefront revitalizations, and new residential units, the proposed projects collectively advance key revitalization goals by improving **waterfront access, safety and accessibility, and historic preservation**, while also supporting **retail activation** and expanding **housing options**.

Readiness & Timeframe

Project sponsors are responsible for securing all necessary permits, ensuring consistency with local zoning and comprehensive plans, and completing environmental reviews as required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, including coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office for potential impacts on historic resources.



Redevelopment
& Marketing



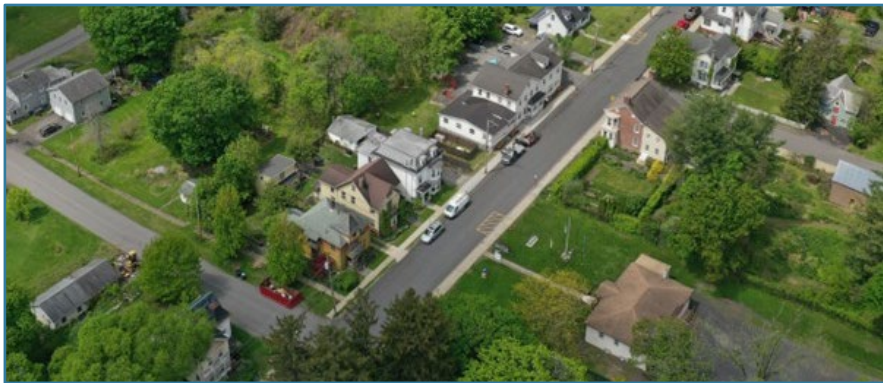
Large



\$300,000



Above: Examples of potentially-eligible Small Project Fund properties



Above: Current aerial of Athens