

December 9, 2016

Matthew Ossenfort, County Executive
Montgomery County
20 Park St.
Fonda, NY 12068

Re: ESD – Strategic Planning and Feasibility Study Program
American Art Above Ground Storage Feasibility Study, CFA #63680

Dear Matthew Ossenfort:

In 2011, Governor Cuomo launched the Regional Economic Development Councils and the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to provide each region with the tools to create and implement their own roadmap for economic prosperity and job creation. This community-based model uses local assets to drive local economic growth and has resulted in unprecedented partnerships and collaboration that are building a reinvigorated economy.

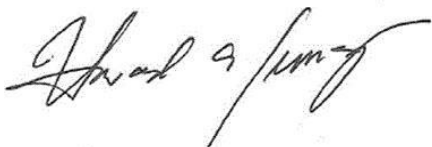
After five successful rounds, the 2016 CFA made over \$750 million in economic development resources available from over thirty programs across eleven state agencies. The Agency's programs provide resources for projects focused on community development and job creation, tourism, waterfront revitalization, energy and environmental improvements, sustainability, and low-cost financing. Empire State Development is proud to have contributed over \$260 million to this year's Consolidated Funding Application.

As announced by Governor Cuomo on December 8, 2016, we are pleased to inform you that Montgomery County has been recommended for an award of up to \$60,000.00 from the Empire State Development Strategic Planning and Feasibility Study Program. ESD's Mohawk Valley Regional Office will contact you to clarify specifics about the project in order to issue a formal Incentive Proposal. The Incentive Proposal, which must be signed and returned to ESD, will outline funding requirements, including next steps, disbursement terms, minority- and women-owned business hiring goals, employment requirements, environmental and historic preservation review requirements, and other terms and conditions required by the ESD funding processes. You are reminded that under the proposed project with ESD, any work performed, or costs incurred, prior to the date on this letter may result in award reductions or possible termination of the project at ESD's discretion.

If you applied for funding from other programs or other State agencies, you will receive information from those programs/agencies separately.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you on this important project.

Best regards,



Howard Zemsky
President & CEO, Empire State Development
Commissioner, NYS Department of Economic Development

cc: Michael Reese