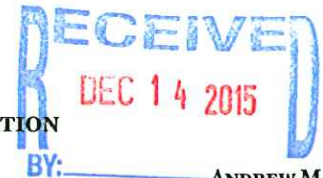




NEW YORK STATE  
OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ROSE HARVEY  
Commissioner



BY: \_\_\_\_\_ ANDREW M. CUOMO  
Governor

December 10, 2015

Mr. Ken Rose  
Chief Executive Officer  
County of Montgomery  
9 Park Street  
Fonda, NY 12068

Dear Mr. Rose:

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 four successful rounds, the 2015 CFA made \$750 million in economic development resources available from over thirty programs across thirteen state agencies. The agency programs provide resources for projects focused on community development and job creation, tourism, waterfront revitalization, energy and environmental improvements, sustainability, and low-cost financing.

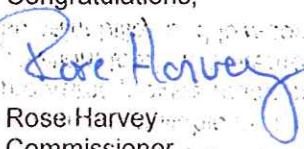
The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is proud to have contributed \$1,200,000 to this year's Consolidated Funding Application. I am pleased to inform you that OPRHP is recommending a matching grant of **\$200,000.00** for funding under the Recreational Trails Program for the **Bike Trail Restoration Project**. As a federally funded program, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) must approve recommended grants before they are officially awarded. While approval is anticipated for your project, **please do not begin any work until you have been notified of federal authorization.**

Once we have received FHWA federal authorization, you will be contacted by your Regional Grants Office with regard to any program or contract conditions. I urge you to work very closely with the Region and, again, not to begin work on your project until all contract requirements have been satisfied.

I am delighted that Federal funding is available for recreational trail projects and that we are able to provide matching funding for your important project.

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

Congratulations,

  
Rose Harvey  
Commissioner