

## New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Rose Harvey Commissioner Andrew M. Cuomo Governor

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Mr. George Penn Commissioner of Financial Services County of Albany 112 State Street Albany, NY 12207

Dear Commissioner Penn:

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 \$16,000,000 to this year's Consolidated Funding Application. I am pleased to inform you that a matching grant of \$500,000.00 has been reserved from the Environmental Protection Fund Municipal Grant program for the Albany County Shaker Site.

Our agency will contact you to clarify specifics about the project, 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. I urge you to work closely with our program staff and not to begin work on your project until appropriate contract conditions have been satisfied

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

We look forward to working in partnership with you to expeditiously advance your project.

Congratulations,

Rose Harvey Commissioner

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