Transform an Underutilized Ellicott Creek Site by Building "The Elli" to House a Mix of Residential and Commercial Uses

Applicant: JC Tonawanda Tower QOZB, LLC

Project Type: New Development

Description: Construct a new 124-unit, mixed-use, multistory building with studios, one- and twobedroom residential units, ground floor commercial space, restaurant and cafe, event space, and common area.

Location: 20–40 Fillmore Avenue

Total Project Cost: \$35,194,000

DRI Funding Requested: \$3,400,000

Requested Percentage: 10% DRI







Applicant: City of Tonawanda

Project Type: Public Improvement

Description: Construct new floating docks for small to mid-size boats, mooring access for larger boats, wheelchair accessible gangways, safety railings, and utility pedestals along the Erie Canal.

Location: Erie Canal at Tonawanda Gateway Harbor

Total Project Cost: \$2,578,000

DRI Funding Requested: \$2,578,000

Requested Percentage: 100% DRI





Improve Downtown Access and Waterfront Connections at the Blueways and Greenways Intermodal Hub and Canal Street Plaza

Applicant: City of Tonawanda

Project Type: Public Improvement

Description: Reconstruct the city parking lot adjacent to the Intermodal Hub with new paving, landscaping, lighting, and ADA accessibility; commission a local artist to fabricate and install a sculpture on Canal Street Plaza; design and install seasonal sidewalls on the public pavilion; and improve branding and wayfinding signage.

Location: Canal Street Plaza and adjacent parking lot

Total Project Cost: \$1,934,000

DRI Funding Requested: \$1,934,000

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Requested Percentage: 100% DRI

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Renovate the Tonawanda Castle to Reignite the Event Center and Introduce Commercial Spaces

Applicant: Property Development of the Tonawandas, Inc.

Project Type: Redevelopment and/or Renovation of an Existing Building(s)

Description: Repair and improve the historic "Tonawanda Castle" to resume hosting banquets and events and renovate 18,000 square feet of the building to house new commercial spaces.

Location: 69 Delaware Street

Total Project Cost: \$1,580,000

DRI Funding Requested: \$1,185,000

Requested Percentage: 75% DRI







Redevelop the Former American Legion into an Event Center and Overnight Suites

Applicant: RZ Real Estate, LLC

Project Type: Redevelopment and/or Renovation of an Existing Building(s)

Description: Redevelop the vacant former American Legion building into an event center for 350-400 people, a bar, and nine overnight suites, including renovations to the building façade and signage.

Location: 60 Main Street

Total Project Cost: \$1,352,000

DRI Funding Requested: \$1,012,000

Requested Percentage: 75% DRI









Renovate the Vacant Former Stamps into a New Restaurant and Bar

Applicant: West End Properties of Buffalo, LLC

Project Type: Redevelopment and/or Renovation of an Existing Building(s)

Description: Transform a vacant former bar into a new restaurant and bar, featuring repaired brickwork, revamped entrances with new doors and concrete steps, a raised patio, and outdoor seating.

Location: 98-100 Main Street

Total Project Cost: \$750,000

DRI Funding Requested: \$562,000

Requested Percentage: 75% DRI







Replace the East Niagara Street Pedestrian Bridge to Strengthen Connections between Downtown and the Empire State Trail

Applicant: City of Tonawanda

Project Type: Public Improvement

Description: Replace the existing dilapidated East Niagara Street pedestrian bridge with a new double intersection Warren truss bridge.

Location: Confluence of Ellicott Creek and Tonawanda Creek

Total Project Cost: \$2,750,000

DRI Funding Requested: \$629,000

Requested Percentage: 23% DRI







Construct a Mixed-Use Waterfront Building on the Former Smoke on the Water Site

Applicant: JKMR, LLC

Project Type: Redevelopment and/or Renovation of an Existing Building(s)

Description: Redevelop 77 Young Street by constructing a mixed-use building housing four townhouse-style apartments, a commercial space, and waterfront deck.

Location: 77 Young Street

Total Project Cost: \$1,750,000

DRI Funding Requested: \$500,000

Requested Percentage: 29% DRI





Enhance and Improve Access to the Historic Long Homestead to Attract More Visitors

Applicant: City of Tonawanda

Project Type: Redevelopment and/or Renovation of an Existing Building(s)

Description: Repair and replace windows at the Benjamin Long Homestead historic house museum, install a new driveway and parking spaces, and construct a pavilion behind the building.

Location: 24 East Niagara Street

Total Project Cost: \$324,000

DRI Funding Requested: \$324,000

Requested Percentage: 100% DRI







Redevelop the Former Church at 116 Broad Street into Apartments

Applicant: 116 Broad, LLC

Project Type: Redevelopment and/or Renovation of an Existing Building(s)

Description: Redevelop a vacant former church into six 2-bedroom apartments to include new windows, doors, roof, and energy efficient features.

Location: 116 Broad Street

Total Project Cost: \$1,071,000

DRI Funding Requested: \$296,000

Requested Percentage: 28% DRI





Preserve the Historical Society of the Tonawandas Museum

Applicant: City of Tonawanda

Project Type: Redevelopment and/or Renovation of an Existing Building(s)

Description: Replace windows, stabilize chimneys, and repair gable ends at the Historical Society of the Tonawandas Museum, housed in the historic New York Central Railroad station.

Location: 113 Main Street

Total Project Cost: \$80,000

DRI Funding Requested: \$80,000

Requested Percentage: 100% DRI







Create the Downtown Small Project Fund

Applicant: City of Tonawanda Local Development Corporation

Description: Create a Small Project Fund to provide grants of approximately \$25,000 to \$100,000 for interior and exterior building renovations, capital equipment, public art, and related soft costs. Eligible projects include commercial, mixed-use, and multi-family buildings. Grants require a 25% match. Project sponsors will apply through an application process to be established later on by the City of Tonawanda.

Location: Must be located within the DRI boundary

Total Project Cost: \$720,000+

DRI Funding Requested: \$600,000





