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\$2 Million in Restore NY Funding Awarded to Lewis County Projects

Governor Hochul announced more than \$122.9 million has been awarded to projects across New York through the Restore NY initiative, with \$1.96 million to support projects within Lewis County.

Awards were as follows:

- The **Village of Lowville** will receive \$900,000 to support restoration efforts of the Old Jail that is now home to Tug Hill Artisan Roasters. This project includes the restoration of a vacant building to include commercial spaces, improvements to the parking lot and entrance, and the construction of an outdoor dining patio.
- The **Village of Port Leyden** will receive \$1.06 M to support restoration efforts at the former Port Leyden School. This project includes renovations to the first floor to create commercial space, as well as renovations to nine residential units on the second floor.

“These projects will be catalysts for future redevelopment and restoration in Lewis County. The efforts made by both the municipalities and project sponsors to adaptively reuse historical buildings in their downtown areas is commendable” says Ryan Piche, Lewis County Manager. Village of Lowville Mayor, Joseph Beagle, notes that “the funding received from New York State will undoubtedly spark additional investment in our Village Center while providing Tug Hill Artisan Roasters with the funding they need to repurpose the old jail into commercial and residential space.” Port Leyden Portal owner, Mark Lemieux, is “excited to bring new life to the former elementary school and hopes that others will also recognize these investment opportunities.”

Restore NY is an initiative through the New York State Empire State Development Corporation that supports the revitalization of commercial and residential properties and grants municipalities with financial assistance to have the tools to do so. The funding that supports these projects will go on to support further growth and development in Lewis County. Additional information about the Restore NY Program can be found at <https://esd.ny.gov/restore-new-york>.

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