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LEWIS COUNTY AWARDS \$200,000 IN ROUND 2 FAÇADE AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENT FUNDS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Lowville, NY – Lewis County Legislators allocated \$200,000 in ARPA funds for the second round of the Façade and Streetscape Improvement Program. After receiving 29 applications for approximately \$1,094,500 in requested project funds, ultimately, 10 projects were awarded funding for a variety of downtown façade and streetscape improvements.

“These projects will bring vibrancy back to our communities and will highlight their historical charm,” said Ryan Piche, Lewis County Manager. “With the successful projects completed from Round 1 of this program, I am confident that these investments, along with our focus on placemaking, will have an overwhelmingly positive impact on our County.”

Awards were made to businesses and municipalities from the Hamlet of Harrisville to the Hamlet of West Leyden. One of the funding recipients, Tyler Weese, recognizes that this program will allow his building in Downtown Copenhagen to “act as a beacon” for locals and tourists alike.

The following projects, upon completion, will receive Round 2 Lewis County Façade and Streetscape Improvement Funds:

Village of Constableville to purchase and install benches and bike racks at the park on Church Street.

The Village Inn will replace front doors, sign lenses, windows, the canopy roof and will install LP Smartsiding and cultured stone on the storefront in the Hamlet of Harrisville.

Snow Belt Housing Company will purchase and install a new sign, awning, and lighting for their building in Downtown Lowville.

Shut the Front Door, LLC will replace, repair, and repoint brick façade of their building in Downtown Port Leyden.

The Croghan Free Library will contract with a local artist to paint a mural on the exterior wall of their building located in Downtown Croghan.

Crumbs. Bakeshop will replace the glass in the historical façade windows, install new commercial doors and windows, add an ADA-compliant sloped entrance, and add outdoor dining in Downtown Lowville.

Cedar Bridge Properties, LLC will restore the first-floor commercial façade by redesigning and replacing the storefront windows and doors in their building in Downtown Lowville.

Tyler Weese will replace exterior windows, repair damage to the brick façade and its cornice, and restore the first-floor commercial storefronts in the Murphy Building in Downtown Copenhagen.

Judge's Quarters will purchase and install four historic replica outdoor light fixtures and poles in Downtown Lowville.

Town of Lewis will install a commercial grade flagpole, two six-foot benches, and a granite memorial marker to create a pocket park overlooking the Mohawk River in the Hamlet of West Leyden.

Lewis County's downtown districts and public spaces hold central importance for community gatherings, special events, and the success of small businesses. The Façade and Streetscape Improvement Program aims to revitalize the historic character and attractiveness of villages and hamlets in Lewis County through public and private investment. To encourage and advance revitalization efforts, this program provides 75/25 matching funds for eligible improvements to mixed-use and commercial buildings and streetscape enhancements in Lewis County's villages and hamlets. Together, these improvements will support business growth and retention, enhance tourism, increase spending in the local economy, and reduce the number of blighted and vacant properties.

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