Cornwall



What is New York Forward?

The NY Forward (NYF) program, announced by Governor Hochul in 2022, is a program designed to invigorate and enliven downtowns in New York's smaller and rural communities – the types of downtowns found in village, hamlets, and other small, neighborhood-scale municipal centers. The goal is to transform downtowns into vibrant, flourishing neighborhoods focused on sustainable economies and development to create areas where the next generations of New Yorkers will want to live, work, and raise a family.

Each New York State Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) nominates two or three communities for the NYF award. This award intends to fund projects for redevelopment, job creation, public improvements, and business and housing opportunities.

In February 2023, the Town of Cornwall and Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson were selected as one of the NYF awardees to receive \$4.5 million.

A six-month planning process will link the community's vision, goals, and revitalization strategies to specific projects that have the potential to revitalize downtown Cornwall. This process will be guided by a Local Planning Committee (LPC), which consists of local and regional leaders.

What kinds of projects are eligible for NYF funding?

Projects selected for NYF funding should advance the program's goal of catalyzing the development of an active downtown, enhancing public spaces, and growing the local economy.

An open, community-based planning process has been created to promote innovation and creativity within the project application timeline.

A Call for Projects will be issued **June 16** and explain the eligibility requirements for potential projects. The LPC will select a slate of projects for inclusion in the NYF Strategic Investment Plan, which will be submitted to the multi-agency State NYF program for final funding decisions. LPC meetings will be open to the public and will be livestreamed.

Virtual Office Hours will be held twice throughout the duration of the Call for Projects. Links to the Office Hours will be posted on the Cornwall NYF website (see link below).

Office Hours:

June 27: 4pm – 6pm & July 13: 11am – 1pm

How can I get involved?

There will be two public workshops over the course of the six-month NYF planning process.





To learn more, scan the QR code below or visit <u>www.cornwallnyf.com</u>



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