

VILLAGE OF PHILMONT NEW YORK

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[DRI/NYForward Local Planning Committee](#)

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The Village of Philmont is intending to apply for grant funding from the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and the NYForward (NYF) programs. If awarded, \$10 million in DRI funding and/or \$4.2 million in NYForward funding would support capital improvement catalytic projects to continue Philmont's community-based model of revitalization planning and projects. With a 15-year track record of improving the village with an eye to realizing an active downtown linked to neighborhoods and the Summit Lake waterfront, the village aims to have not just places to live, but places where people can work, grow, and succeed.

Building on multiple successes achieving funding and implementing state funded projects, the Village has reappointed the existing BOA Committee, Co-chaired by Mayor Johnson and Bob Macfarlane, to serve as the [DRI/NYForward Local Planning Committee](#) to develop a potential DRI/NYForward grant proposal facilitated by the nonprofit organization, Philmont Beautification, Inc.

The Philmont DRI/NYForward Local Planning Committee is seeking proposals for potential projects to include in the Village's DRI/NYForward application. Potential projects will be reviewed by the DRI/NYForward team and vetted by the public through public engagement presentations and workshops to be held in the Village Hall from June to September. A final community-based selection of program eligible projects will be included in the final DRI and/or NYForward application. Please note that projects included in this application are not guaranteed funding, regardless of whether Philmont receives a DRI/NYForward grant award.

VISIT THE NYS DRI WEBSITE

VISIT THE NYS NYFORWARD WEBSITE

**Please complete the Initial Project Proposal Form below and upload it to
the secured Dropbox – [Philmont DRI/NYForward](#)
by
[June 20th, 2025.](#)**

INITIAL OPEN CALL FOR PROJECTS

The purpose of the Initial Open Call for Projects is to start the process towards creating an inventory and a DRI/NYForward boundary map identifying Capital Improvement projects that have the potential to transform the physical environment of downtown and linked neighborhoods that align with existing Village planning initiatives and meet the program goals of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and the NY Forward programs including:

- Create an active downtown with a strong sense of place.
- Attract new businesses that create a robust mix of shopping, entertainment, and service options for residents and visitors, and that provide job opportunities for a variety of skills and salaries.
- Enhance public spaces for arts and cultural events that serve the existing members of the community but also draw in visitors from around the region.
- Build a diverse population, with residents and workers supported by complementary varied housing and employment opportunities.
- Grow the local property tax base.
- Provide amenities that support and enhance downtown living and quality of life.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support investments that are more resilient to future climate change impacts.

PROJECT TYPES

Eligible Project Types

- **Public Improvement Projects**

These types of projects include municipal infrastructure such as streetscape and transportation improvements, recreational trails, wayfinding signage (one-time costs only, including branding and marketing), new and upgraded parks, plazas, public art*, green infrastructure, and other public realm projects that will contribute to the revitalization of Philmont's downtown and the Summit Lake waterfront. Projects can be proposed using this form.

**Public art projects are generally funded by DRI as a group of installations or as part of larger projects rather than individually.*

- **Private Projects (For Profit or Not-for-Profit)**
 - **New Construction Projects on Developable Properties, Creating New Spaces**
 - **Rehabilitation and re-use of Existing Buildings in the DRI / NYForward Area**
These projects are aimed at rehabilitation of properties that seek to build or renovate first-floor commercial buildings, and/or mixed-use storefronts including upper-story residential rental spaces in the DRI / NYForward area.
- **Small Project Grant Fund**
 - Philmont's DRI / NYForward Area proposal can include a locally managed small project grant-based fund aimed at smaller downtown projects such as façade enhancements, building renovation improvements to commercial and mixed-use spaces, business assistance, and public art. These types of DRI / NYForward projects are intended to fund complementary and integral projects to municipal planning that would enhance the regional draw of Philmont's DRI / NYForward Area. In past DRI/NYForward rounds, the Small Project Grant Fund allocations have been up to a total of \$600,000 for the fund with up to 10% available for administration. The funds are generally managed by a municipality or nonprofit.

Ineligible Project Types

- **Planning Activities** - DRI funds are not intended to be used to complete planning activities or studies, even if they are concentrated in the DRI / NYForward area.
- **Operations and Maintenance** - DRI / NYForward funds cannot be used for ongoing or routine expenses, such as staff salaries and wages, rent, utilities, and property up keep.
- **Property Acquisition** - The cost of property acquisition can be included in the overall project budget, but the acquisition must be funded by other funding sources.
- **Training and Other Program Expenses** - The DRI / NYForward programs are a one-time infusion of funds and cannot be used to cover continuous costs, such as training costs and expenses related to existing programs.
- **Expenses Related to Existing Programs** - DRI / NYForward funds cannot be used to supplement existing programs or replace existing resources.

We hope you are excited by the potential of a successful DRI/NYForward proposal – it all depends on the village community coming together as a “Team Philmont” effort working together. Please check out the scheduled [DRI/NYForward Community Information Events](#) listed on the Village website. We will be holding informational events and public workshops in the Village Hall and other venues in the village to gather community feedback on the initial project proposals that are received by June 20th. The project proposals and prior Philmont planning documents and community visioning will guide a DRI/NYForward Boundary map, inform a DRI/NYForward community vision, goals, strategies, and identify a series of eligible catalytic projects.

We hope to see you there participating to help activate Team Philmont. We welcome your input!

DRI / NYF Initial Project Proposal Form

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Personal Information

Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Project Description

1. Project Title: _____

2. Project Location: _____

2. Brief Description of Project:

3. Which DRI/NYForward category of capital improvement projects listed on pages 2-3 best describes your project?

a) **Public Improvement Project:** _____

b) Private Projects (For Profit or Not-for-Profit)

- **New Construction Projects on Developable Properties, Creating New Spaces:** _____

- **Rehabilitation and re-use of Existing Buildings:** _____

c) Small Project Grant Fund:

- **Façade Improvements:** _____

- **Building Renovation Improvements to Commercial and Mixed-use spaces:** _____

- **Business Assistance:** _____

- **Public Art:** _____

4. Objective of the Project:

6. Proposed Timeline for Project Implementation:

7. Estimated Total Project Cost: _____

8. Amount Requested from DRI/NY Forward Grant: _____

9. Sources of Match Funding (private sector investment):

10. Any Additional Information:

Project Readiness

11. How prepared is the project for implementation (conceptual, planning stage, ready for implementation)? _____

12. Have any permits or approvals been obtained for the project (if applicable)?

13. Are there any potential challenges or obstacles to project implementation?

Please fill out the above information and submit the completed form to the secured Dropbox at: [Philmont DRI/NYForward](#) by June 20th, 2025 for consideration.

Please add additional pages to the pdf for any questions where you have exceeded the fillable textbox.

Please submit or attach to the pdf form any photos of the proposed site, or applicable existing plans, drawings, or studies.

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the continued revitalization of the Village of Philmont.