

# Village of Amityville



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## **Village of Amityville Is Awarded \$10 Million NYS Grant For Revitalization of Downtown**

(AMITYVILLE, New York – January 13, 2022) New York State Lt. Governor Brian Benjamin announced via teleconference today that the Village of Amityville has been selected to receive a highly sought after \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant to improve its downtown. The Village of Amityville and the Town of Riverhead are the two municipalities on Long Island to receive funding in the fifth round of the grant, a highly competitive award that will enable the Village to expand and enhance its walkability and connectivity to transit and infuse new options for its shopping, business, and residential corridor along Broadway.

"After a competitive awards process with dozens of applicants, I want to congratulate Amityville and Riverhead for winning \$20 million as part of the fifth round of the state's transformative Downtown Revitalization Initiative. As we continue to build back from the COVID pandemic, this investment is going to provide a significant boost to the local economy, attract tourists and regional visitors, create jobs, and improve quality of life for residents on Long Island," said Lieutenant Governor Brian Benjamin.

"We are thrilled to have been selected for this award which comes at a pivotal time for our Village. I am extremely grateful to Governor Hochul and Lieutenant Governor Benjamin, the Regional Economic Development Council as well as everyone involved in the process, for recognizing the vast potential that Amityville has for growth and revitalization. This is our time to shine, and we are excited and proud to be able to re-energize our downtown."

Mayor Siry also thanked Tom Howard, former chair of the Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC), and current DRC Chair Mia Jealous-Dank for the work they and the Committee have done to bring new ideas to the table. "We are known as "the Friendly Bay Village," and we envision a thriving, vibrant, and walkable mixed use downtown corridor. We are in a unique position to build on our cultural offerings and diversity as well," Mayor Siry added.

The DRI program is funded and overseen by New York's Department of State. In this round of the program, New York State Governor Hochul doubled the DRI grant funding from \$100 million to \$200 million and gave each Regional Economic Development Council the option of nominating two \$10 million awardees or one \$20 million winner, for downtown redevelopment projects.

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