

Corning's Gaffer District Revitalization Program

New York State Main Street Grant Program, Round 3 Application Notice

Corning's Gaffer District is accepting applications for a grant to support a building renovation and façade improvement project on Market Street. The project would be funded with resources available under the 2006 – Round III New York Main Street Grant Program, which provides grants to preserve significant historic buildings and support an environment that attracts new business investment. The NYMS program is intended to stimulate reinvestment in “main street” buildings in order to address issues of code compliance, energy conservation, accessibility, and to provide affordable housing and job opportunities.

There is \$60,000 remaining from the 2006 - Round III New York State Main Street Grant Program. Corning's Gaffer District seeks applications to fund a building renovation and façade improvement project. The approved project must be completed and have successfully passed inspection no later than November 1, 2008.

The NYMS Round III funding “targets the Market Street Historic District and aims to stimulate upper floor renovations and related façade improvements with the purposes of converting currently vacant or undeveloped space into at least one or possibly more apartments, or commercial space.”

Applications will be accepted for projects in the following categories:

- Building Renovation: Maximum grant of \$50,000 for interior renovations
- Façade Improvement: Maximum grant of \$10,000 for exterior façade improvements to the front of a building

An applicant may apply for one building renovation grant and one façade improvement grant. All grants are dollar for dollar matching grants. For example, if a project is \$60,000, the applicant must spend at least \$60,000 to receive a matching grant of \$60,000.

The application process begins with the following steps.

- Interested applicants are required to attend an Information Workshop scheduled for March 20, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Gaffer District Conference Room located on the 2nd floor of 114 Pine Street. Prospective applicants who live out-of-town must schedule a conference call with Coleen Fabrizi at 607-937-6292, ext 102.
- The application packet will be distributed at the Information Workshop. Preliminary applications are due at 4 PM on March 28, 2009.