

C. SCEDC – Hillside (W518)

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Grantee: Seneca County Economic Development Corporation (“SCEDC”)

Beneficiary

Organization: Hillside Children’s Center (“Hillside”)

ESD Investment: A grant of up to \$500,000 to be used for a portion of the cost of electrical improvements and roof repairs at Hillside’s Varick Campus.

Project Location: Former Seneca Army Depot (the “Depot”), Varick, Seneca County

Project Completion: June 2010

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Project Description:

Background

SCEDC is a local development corporation organized and operated under Section 1311 of New York’s not-for-profit law. Its mission is to promote economic development in Seneca County, particularly at the former Seneca Army Depot. SCEDC assists existing and prospective businesses that have or could have operations within Seneca County, particularly those interested in locating at the Depot, a 10,600-acre former military facility that is being converted to civilian use. Targeted uses at the Depot include institutional, industrial, commercial, warehousing, technology, and green energy.

Hillside Family of Agencies took over a facility for at-risk children in 2004, after former operator KidsPeace suddenly announced it would close the campus it opened in 2000. The renamed Hillside Varick Campus has played an integral role in improving the lives of New York’s at-risk children.

In 2008, ESD approved four legislative-sponsored grants to SCEDC: \$100,000 for the renovation of a building at Hillside’s Varick Campus; \$900,000 for renovating a different building at Hillside and for Depot improvements; \$1,000,000 for facility and roadway

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improvements at Hillside, at Finger Lakes Technology Group’s technology park and for various engineering costs; and a \$500,000 grant toward the purchase of equipment by Top Quality Hay Processors. Three of these four grants were fully disbursed. The \$900,000 grant has \$117,116 remaining to be disbursed.

In 2001, ESD assisted KidsPeace in locating its facility at the Depot. The assistance included two training grants totaling \$500,000 and a \$275,000 infrastructure grant, both from the Community Projects Fund, and a \$1,000,000 capital grant from the Urban and Community Development Program. All of these were fully disbursed.

The Project

Hillside purchased and paid for the relocation of a slightly used generator for its campus. The campus’ emergency electrical grid had to be rerouted to accommodate the new generator. Hillside also had the roof replaced and gutters repaired on Building #707. The generator was acquired from H2 Royal Oak LLC in Michigan. Colacino Industries, of Newark, NY did the installation. JL Construction Company, of Port Byron, NY did the roof work. All of the work has been completed.

The Grantee will furnish a final report, describing the impact and effectiveness of the project.

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Facility Improvements at Hillside	\$500,000	ESD Grant	\$500,000	100%
Total Project Costs	\$500,000	Total Project Financing	\$500,000	100%

Environmental Review:

ESD staff has determined that, although the funding of this project by ESD may constitute an “action” as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), the project itself has been previously completed. ESD’s action in the funding decision will not alter the adverse environmental impacts, if any, of the project as completed. ESD staff accordingly believes that funding the completed project will not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Statutory Basis – Local Assistance:

The project was reappropriated in the 2010-2011 New York State budget. No residential relocation is required as there are no families or individuals residing on the site.

Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:

The Grantee and Beneficiary Organization have provided ESD with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Both Grantee’s and Beneficiary Organization’s certifications indicate that neither has conflict of interest or good standing violations and, therefore, staff recommends that the Corporation authorize the grant to the Grantee as described in these materials.

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Determination of No Significant Effect on the Environment

RESOLVED, that based on the material submitted to the Directors with respect to the SCEDC – Hillside – Local Assistance Grant Project, the Corporation hereby determines that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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