

L. City of Salamanca – Route 353 Bridge Repair (W449)

October 22, 2009

Grantee: City of Salamanca (the “City”)

ESD Investment: A grant of up to \$200,000 to be used for a portion of the cost of emergency repairs to the Route 353 bridge.

Project Location: Salamanca, Cattaraugus County

NYS Empire Zone (or equivalent): N/A

Project Completion: August 2008

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Project Description:

Background

The City of Salamanca is located within the boundaries of the Seneca Indian Nation on the Allegany Indian Reservation in the southern tier region of New York. It is approximately 60 miles south of Buffalo, 35 miles east of Jamestown and 20 miles north of Olean. With approximately 6,000 residents, the City is the center of the hardwoods industry and forestry in the northeastern United States. The City is bisected by the Allegany River, and three bridges carry vehicle and pedestrian traffic across the river. The New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) owns and maintains one of the bridges; the other two bridges, including the Route 353 bridge, are owned by the City, which is also responsible for a limited portion of their maintenance.

The Project

The project consisted of emergency repairs to the Route 353 bridge. In January 2008, the bridge was deemed unsafe by NYSDOT and closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Vehicles and pedestrians were forced to undertake a 10-mile detour around the span to get across the Allegany River. Although a replacement bridge is presently scheduled to be constructed within the next several years, the emergency repairs allowed the existing bridge to be partially reopened to traffic in the interim. NYSDOT undertook the repairs using funds from the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”); FHWA funds are administered by NYSDOT and have an eighty/twenty local matching requirement. ESD funds will be used to reimburse the City for its share of project costs, up to \$200,000.

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

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Emergency Repairs to the Route 353 Bridge	\$1,149,523	ESD Grant	\$200,000	17%
		City of Salamanca	29,905	3%
		NYSDOT *	919,618	80%
Total Project Costs	\$1,149,523	Total Project Financing	\$1,149,523	100%

* FHWA – Surface Transportation Program Small Urban Communities

NOTE: Total project cost estimate was originally \$1,149,523, with the City’s 20% share estimated at \$229,905, which has been paid to the Office of the State Comptroller. NYSDOT now indicates that the total project cost estimate has decreased to \$1,005,369, though the final project closeout (“punch list”) cost could result in a further increase or decrease. Should the City’s share fall below the \$200,000 grant amount, ESD funds will only pay the actual dollar amount of the local share.

Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:

The project is authorized in accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2009-2010 New York State budget.

Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:

The Grantee has provided ESDC with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Grantee’s certifications indicate that Grantee has no 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.