

N. City of Plattsburgh - Champlain Valley Transportation Museum Renovations (V642)

October 21, 2010

General Project Plan

- Grantee:** City of Plattsburgh (the “City”)
- Beneficiary Organization:** Champlain Valley Transportation Museum (the “CVTM”)
- ESD Investment:** A grant of up to \$50,000 to be used for a portion of the cost of design work and pre-construction documentation for CVTM building renovations.
- Project Location:** 12 Museum Way, Clinton County
- NYS Empire Zone (or equivalent):** N/A
- Project Completion:** December 2010
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Project Description:

Background

The City of Plattsburgh is located in Clinton County along Lake Champlain. Situated on a major water thoroughfare and close to the Canadian border, Plattsburgh has been the site numerous historic events. Following the War of 1812, the Plattsburgh Barracks army base was established and operated until the late 1990’s when the Air Force pared down its post-Cold War missions. Since then, base property has been transformed into an industrial park and tourist attraction highlighting industrial advances by Plattsburgh’s early manufacturers.

The Champlain Valley Transportation Museum is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 2002 under a charter as a museum from the New York State Department of Education. Its mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit modes of transportation and related artifacts important to the Champlain Valley.

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The CVTM, which leases six buildings at the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base, is one of several organizations that have established historical museums at this location with the common goal of enhancing cultural, tourism and economic development by capitalizing on the region’s historic significance. The CVTM’s antique transportation collection includes over a dozen automobiles, three bicycles and two automobiles made by the former Lozier Manufacturing Company of Plattsburgh, boats, horse drawn buggies, and other artifacts.

The CVTM has developed a multi-phase plan that includes extensive building upgrades to accommodate its expanding collection, provide additional amenities and programs for the increasing number of visitors (projected to be over 137,000 annually), and bring the facilities in compliance with federal, state and local building standards. Phase I of the plan calls for \$1 million in building renovations. This effort is being funded by the City of Plattsburgh, which has obtained additional financial support from the New York State Department of Transportation grant and the CVTM. Building renovations, which do not involve ESD funds, will be completed by December 2011.

The Project

The project includes the completion of Phase I design work and pre-construction documentation for the renovation of three buildings into offices, a vehicle restoration shop and a children’s interactive station. In June 2008, the City selected Foit-Albert Associates, an architectural, engineering and surveying firm based in Albany, to complete the project. The decision was based on a committee review of submissions to a Request For Qualifications previously issued by the City. The project is expected to be completed in December 2010.

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

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Design and Pre-construction Documentation	\$165,500	ESD Grant	\$50,000	30%
		City of Plattsburgh	115,000	70%
Total Project Costs	\$165,500	Total Project Financing	\$165,000	100%

Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:

The project was authorized in accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2010-2011 New York State budget.

Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:

The Grantee and Beneficiary have provided ESD with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Grantee’s and Beneficiary’s certifications indicate that there are 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.