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APPLICATION + SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Round 10 and NY Forward Round 5

Applications for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Round 10 or NY Forward Round 5 must be submitted to the Region Economic Development Council (REDC) through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal by:

4PM on Friday, January 8, 2027

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SECTION 1

Key Resources + Deadlines

What You'll Find in this Section...

This section provides an overview of:

- Eligibility criteria
- Important dates related to application deadlines and the anticipated timing of award announcements
- Resources to support application development, including capacity-building webinars, an informational presentation regarding this application, and one-on-one technical assistance for DRI and/or NY Forward and applicants

Eligibility Criteria.

Any New York State town, city, or village is eligible to apply for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and NY Forward programs. In NYC, neighborhoods should work with their Borough President, who is the official applicant. Communities are eligible to apply for both the DRI and NY Forward, but we urge you to think carefully about which program may best suit your community's needs, circumstances, and capabilities (see Section 2 to help determine which program is best for your community). Applicants must be certified as a Pro-Housing Community prior to award announcement.

For DRI Round 10, joint applications of two to three contiguous communities in the same REDC region with a single unified vision will be accepted.

Communities that have received a previous DRI or NY Forward award are eligible to apply to the DRI and/or NY Forward programs for a different geographic area or a geographic area that encompasses previously awarded areas, if the REDC, in consultation with the Department of State, determines that the previously awarded projects are substantially complete and there remains local administrative capacity to undertake a planning process and complete existing and new or expanded projects outlined in the new DRI or NY Forward application. See Section 5, Evaluation Criteria for more guidance.

Schedule.

Oct. 26 — Application for the DRI Round 10 and NY Forward Round 5 programs is released

Dec. 21 — Intent to Apply to the DRI Round 10 or NY Forward Round 5

Dec. 30 — **For New York City only: DRI Round 10 applications are due** *submitted electronically to the relevant Borough President 's office*

Jan. 8 — **DRI Round 10 and NY Forward Round 5 applications are due to the REDC** *submitted electronically through the CFA portal*

Spring 2027 — DRI Round 10 and NY Forward Round 5 awards are announced on a rolling basis

Summer 2027 — Planning process led by DOS commences

From November through December one-to-one technical assistance will be available to communities considering applying to DRI and NY Forward. Sign-up information will be provided upon submission of an Intent to Apply.

Intent to Apply is not mandatory

SECTION 1 KEY RESOURCES + DEADLINES

One-On-One Technical Assistance.

By submitting an Intent to Apply (see Section 3), municipalities applying for the DRI Round 10 or NY Forward Round 5 program will be eligible to register for office hours with technical experts who can provide advice and guidance on application development. Intent to Apply submissions received after December 21, 2026 will not be guaranteed access to office hours.

Capacity-Building Webinars.

The Department of State (DOS), in partnership with the Land Use Law Center of Pace University, has developed six capacity-building webinars on the fundamentals of downtown revitalization.

The webinars, described below, are available at the following website: https://www.ny.gov/ny-forward/capacity-building-webinars

Introduction / Community Inventory

This introductory webinar presents the fundamentals of community revitalization and provides communities with tools for evaluating their readiness for undertaking transformative changes in the public realm, built environment, economic base, and residential sphere. Through this webinar, participants will learn how to inventory their community's core assets and prevailing challenges in order to determine their administrative readiness for advancing long-term revitalization initiatives.

Resources to Support Application Development.

Three different forms of support are being offered to help municipalities with the development of their DRI Round 10 and/or NY Forward Round 5 applications:

Capacity-building webinars on the fundamentals of downtown revitalization are available at https://www.ny.gov/ny-forward/capacity-building-webinars

An informational webinar on **November 5th at 2:00 PM** providing a detailed overview of the DRI/NY Forward application requirements, evaluation criteria, and submission requirements. Register using the link below to attend this webinar:

DRI and NY Forward Webinar

One-on-one technical assistance with the development of DRI and NY Forward applications.

DRI and NY Forward Websites.

For additional program information and updates, please visit:

- www.ny.gov/programs/downtown-revitalization-initiative
- www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward

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Visioning, Goal Setting, and Outreach

This webinar outlines a step-by-step process for actively engaging local residents in participatory and interactive visioning exercises aimed at establishing long-term community goals. Participants will learn how to leverage existing community networks and maximize participation through in-person events, virtual meetings, and online surveys.

Community Needs Assessment

Many small communities lack a dedicated planner with the range of technical skills in quantitative and spatial analysis that are typically required for community needs assessments. This webinar guides participants through "short-cuts" in the technical assessment process and demonstrates easy-to-use online tools in statistical analysis, mapping, and real estate market research so that users can create a robust data driven profile of a community's core assets and most salient challenges.

Placemaking Strategies and Early Project Identification

The webinar shows participants how to take the "data" from the visioning process and combine it with the findings from the community needs assessment to begin formulating a coherent placemaking strategy and generate development interest. This webinar shows communities how to harness their fullest economic potential and build momentum regardless of population size, access to major employment hubs, or transportation connections.

Project Development

The webinar helps participants understand how to transform early placemaking concepts into a synergistic set of transformative projects. Key issues addressed include defining a project's purpose and goals; relating the project goals to the community needs assessment; preparing conceptual designs; and developing a feasible project implementation plan.

Implementation of a Revitalization Plan

This webinar focuses on strategies for implementing a revitalization plan and avoiding project delays or cancellations. Key topics included in this webinar are organizing implementation partners; amending the comprehensive plan and zoning code; shepherding a project through approval processes; and leveraging project successes for further revitalization initiatives.

Application Webinar.

An informational webinar focused on the DRI/NY Forward application will be held on **November 5, 2026 at 2:00pm.** This webinar will also be recorded and posted on the program websites listed below. This webinar will provide a detailed overview of the desired attributes of a DRI/NY Forward application and will discuss the application and submission requirements.

You can sign up for the webinar and access additional pre-recorded webinars by visiting either the DRI or NY Forward websites:

- www.ny.gov/programs/downtown-revitalization-initiative
- www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward

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Contact Information.

The REDCs are an important resource throughout the application development phase.

- All questions related to application development should be directed to the relevant REDC.
- Final applications from interested communities ***must be submitted to the REDC through the CFA portal by 4pm on January 8, 2027.***
- The REDCs will then begin evaluating applications and selecting the awarded communities. Please see Section 1 Schedule for a more detailed timeline.
- For New York City only, applications must be submitted via email to the relevant Borough President's office by 4PM on December 30, 2026.

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NYS-CapitalDist@esd.ny.gov

Albany, Columbia, Greene, Saratoga, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Warren, and Washington Counties

Central New York Region

NYS-CentralNY@esd.ny.gov

Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties

Finger Lakes Region

NYS-FingerLakes@esd.ny.gov

Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates Counties

Long Island Region

LIREDC@esd.ny.gov

Nassau and Suffolk Counties

Mid-Hudson Region

NYS-MidHudson@esd.ny.gov

Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester Counties

Mohawk Valley Region

NYS-MohawkVal@esd.ny.gov

Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties

North Country Region

NYS-NorthCountry@esd.ny.gov

Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties

Souther Tier Region

NYS-SouthernTier@esd.ny.gov

Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties

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SECTION 2

Overview of the DRI and NY Forward Programs

What You'll Find in this Section...

The overarching goals of the DRI and NY Forward programs are to revitalize downtowns and reinvigorate local and regional economies. Applicants are encouraged to carefully review this section to better understand how each funding program relates to their communities' needs, circumstances, and capabilities. The following topics are covered in this section:

- Description of the DRI Program, including community characteristics and available funding
- Description of the NY Forward program, including community characteristics and available funding
- A chart comparing and contrasting the DRI and NY Forward programs
- A description of the planning process for both programs
- Potential project types that can be funded through both programs
- Eligible / ineligible activities for both programs

DRI and NY Forward Program Goals.

Create an active downtown with a strong sense of place that reflects the community's heritage and culture.

Attract new businesses that create a robust mix of shopping, entertainment and service options for residents and visitors, and that provide job opportunities for a variety of skills and salaries.

Enhance public spaces for arts and cultural events that serve the existing members of the community but also draw in visitors from around the region.

Cultivate a variety of housing opportunities that help build an inclusive and welcoming community for individuals and families of different income levels and employment opportunities.

Grow local tax revenue.

Provide amenities that support and enhance downtown living and quality of life for people of all ages, abilities, incomes, and backgrounds.

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support investments that are more resilient to future climate change impacts.

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DRI Program Overview.

The DOS administers the Governor's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) in close coordination with Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), Empire State Development (ESD), New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA), and several other agency partners.

The Downtown Revitalization Initiative was launched in 2016 to accelerate revitalization of downtowns in all ten regions of the State so that they serve as centers of activity and catalysts for increased local investment. As a cornerstone of the State's economic development program, the DRI transforms downtown neighborhoods into vibrant centers that offer a high quality of life and become magnets for redevelopment, business growth, job creation, and economic and housing diversity.

Community Characteristics

In general, DRI communities represent larger geographical areas with a regional draw, including major employment centers, tourism attractions, a walkable network of destinations, and relatively dense urban development characterized by diverse land uses. Multi-modal transportation infrastructure is also often available (e.g., mass transit, trails) or has the potential to be made available.

For NYC, DRI communities should include major commercial corridors and community destinations that are a focus of a particular neighborhood and either currently or potentially draw visitors from outside the neighborhood.

Available Funding for the DRI Round 10

The State has allocated over $100 million for DRI Round 10. In regions outside NYC and LI, $10 million will be awarded to one community or a partnership of two to three smaller contiguous communities with a single unified vision. In the New York City REDC region, one $20 million award will be made, and in the Long Island REDC region, two $10 million awards will be made.

NY Forward Program Overview.

NY Forward supports a more equitable downtown recovery for New York's smaller and rural communities, with a focus on hamlets, villages, and neighborhood-scale municipal centers. Through the NY Forward program, these smaller downtowns will attract more businesses, residents, and visitors, while also providing a higher quality of life for residents.

Community Characteristics

In general, NY Forward communities are smaller geographical areas with a concentrated activity node that provides important services to the local community/neighborhood. These areas often feature a distinct sense of place due to the presence of rich cultural, historic, natural, and/or agricultural assets. Development is often less dense than in a DRI community; however, NY Forward communities are still compact and walkable. Examples of a NY Forward community may include villages, hamlets, and residential neighborhood centers nested within a larger municipality.

Available Funding for NY Forward Round 5

The State has allocated up to $100 million for NY Forward Round 5. In regions outside NYC and LI, two communities will each be awarded $4.5 million in each region. In the New York City REDC region, one $20 million award will be made, and in the Long Island REDC region, two $10 million awards will be made. NY Forward funds will also be used to provide robust capacity-building and technical assistance directly to communities throughout each phase of the program.

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Which Funding Program is the Best Fit for Your Community?

The chart below compares and contrasts several elements of the DRI and NY Forward programs to help communities better understand the programs and make an informed decision about which to apply for.

New York municipalities and regions are diverse in terms of scale, socio-demographic characteristics, connectivity, and development type and density. Please note that the descriptions contained in the following charts are intended to be representative and may not fully capture the unique characteristics of every community or region.

Community Characteristics	
DRI	**NY Forward**
Larger, walkable, more dense geographical areas with amenities that serve the regional community	Smaller, walkable, less dense geographical areas with amenities that serve the immediate local community
Multi-modal transportation, including mass transit options	More vehicle dependent; patrons mainly arrive by car
Employment center for the regional economy	Predominantly service-oriented businesses and employment opportunities.
Larger, urban tourist center with more attractions to offer spread out over several blocks of development — walkable between multiple nodes of activities/ attractions	Small-town charm – with heritage, antiques, cottage, agriculture and other niche based tourism.
Availability or potential for rail/bus/ferry public transportation making Transit Oriented Development possible	Vehicle dependent with limited public transportation potential. Residential or rural agricultural centric development
High-density development: most buildings are three or more stories; buildings contain a number of uses and tenants; there is greater square footage of built space per acre	Lower-density development: most buildings are two to four stories; buildings contain fewer uses and tenants; and less square footage of built space per acre
Existing or potential for higher density buildings, multi-story buildings with opportunities for upper story housing	Two to four story buildings with opportunities for upper story housing

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Community Selection and Funding	
DRI	**NY Forward**
$10M in each region except NYC and Long Island — either to one community or a joint application from two to three smaller, contiguous communities with a single unified vision The New York City REDC region will receive one $20M DRI award. The Long Island REDC will recieve two $10M DRI awards.	$10M in each region - two $4.5M awards No NY Forward awards will be made to New York City or Long Island. Instead, New York City will be awarded one $20M DRI award and Long Island will recieve two $10M awards.
A portion of funds from each regional award for professional consulting services through the planning phase	NY Forward funds used toward technical assistance, capacity building webinars, and private consultant teams to facilitate the planning process.
REDCs nominate communities	REDCs nominate communities

Potential Projects	
DRI	**NY Forward**
Larger private, mixed-use projects focused on new construction, adaptive reuse, and redevelopment to generate economic benefit for the downtown	Smaller projects focused more on reducing vacancy building renovation and redevelopment and activation of upper-stories (ex: housing, additional commercial) rather than new construction
Creation or enhancement of public parks, plazas and/or open spaces to support downtown activity and community connection	Placemaking projects that include enhancements to and activation of existing public spaces to support community connection
Projects that elevate urban- and employment-based downtown qualities and enhance the regional draw of the DRI area	Projects that elevate specific cultural, historical qualities that enhance the feeling of small-town charm
Communities must demonstrate at least $12-15M of shovel ready revitalization projects and a high potential in leveraging capital investments in their applications	Communities must demonstrate at least $6-8M in multiple synergistic projects. Final project award funding cannot be used for one sole project.
Wayfinding projects to connect the network of amenities and attractions distributed over several commercial corridors	Signage or markers in small commercial areas that can also highlight and enhance cultural heritage

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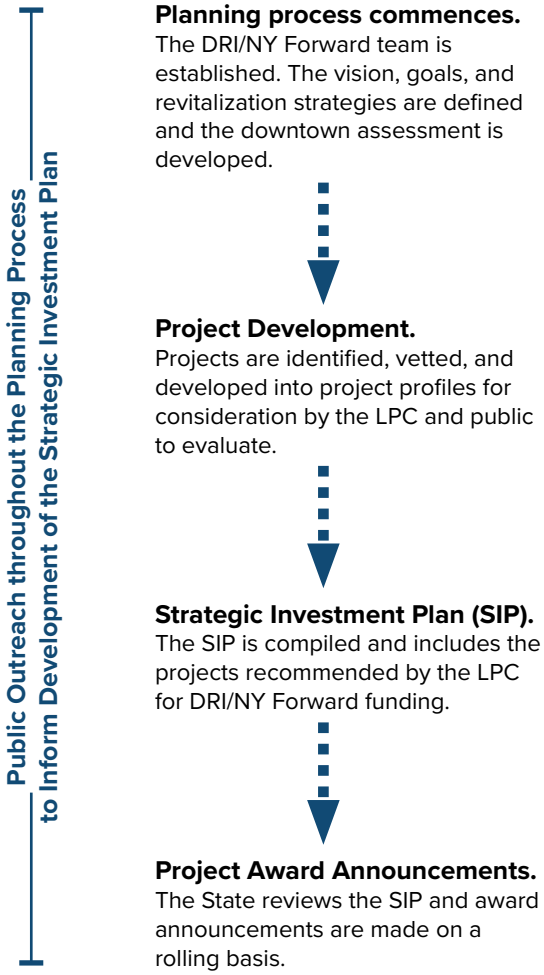
The Planning Process.

Both the DRI and NY Forward programs employ an innovative "plan-then-act" strategy that couples strategic planning with immediate implementation. Winning communities are paired with a consultant team and a project manager from the DOS who will guide communities through a targeted planning process focused on the development of a Strategic Investment Plan (SIP), which defines the community's vision, goals, and strategies for revitalizing their downtown and identifies a suite of complementary and transformative projects to help the community achieve their vision for downtown revitalization.

In each community selected to participate in DRI or NY Forward, a Local Planning Committee (LPC) comprised of local stakeholders will be convened to oversee the planning process and the development of the SIP.

Over the course of an approximately nine-month planning process, the LPC — with significant support from State agency partners and a consultant team — will work closely with the local community to:

- Review and refine the vision statement included in the DRI/NY Forward application
- Develop a clear and concise downtown assessment to articulate the story of the region and the downtown, identify key challenges and opportunities, and provide the logical basis for project identification
- Establish goals and strategies to achieve the community's downtown vision
- Based on an Open Call for Projects, identify, vet, and develop projects that advance the community's vision, goals, and strategies for revitalization



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- Develop detailed project profiles for each project that the LPC recommends for DRI/NY Forward funding (the LPC will identify a final slate of projects in excess of the available DRI/NY Forward funding)
- Undertake broad public engagement throughout the entire planning process to solicit input, shape the community's vision for downtown, identify projects, and build support for plan implementation

A consultant team will compile the SIP, which will be submitted to the State for review. Each project recommended for DRI/NY Forward funding will be evaluated by a State agency team, and a subset of recommended projects will be awarded funding based on rank order until available funds have been fully distributed.

Project awards will be announced in the spring of 2028. Immediately following award announcements, project contracts will be negotiated and executed between project sponsors and relevant State agencies / authorities. The contracts will be administered by a variety of agencies and authorities, with the majority held by the Department of State, Empire State Development, and Homes and Community Renewal.

Examples of Past SIPs.

Are you interested in seeing what a final SIP looks like? You can review SIPs from the past eight rounds of the DRI and three rounds of NY Forward by visiting:

https://www.ny.gov/programs/downtown-revitalization-initiative

https://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward

Reviewing past SIPs will provide several examples of strong vision statements, an overview of the different types of public engagement conducted throughout the planning process, and a better sense of the level to which projects are developed that are being recommended for funding. Remember, the SIPs are a product of teamwork and represent significant contributions from the LPC, the public, project sponsors, State agencies, and the consultant team.

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Eligible Project Types.

During the DRI/NY Forward application process, communities are asked to describe a range of transformative projects and opportunities to demonstrate that the community is ready to move forward with thoughtful and catalytic projects that will benefit a growing downtown. These projects are not guaranteed funding when a community is selected. If a community is selected to receive DRI or NY Forward funding, all projects submitted in the application will be further vetted by the Local Planning Committee and the State during an open, community-based planning process. Awarded communities will also hold an Open Call for Projects, designed to solicit additional projects that may not have been identified in the application. This planning process is designed to encourage creative and innovative approaches to downtown revitalization, and will result in a list of potential projects, including some that were contemplated in the initial application and others that arose during the process.

It is expected that the majority of DRI/NY Forward funds will be used for capital projects that will transform the physical environment of the downtown in ways that will benefit current residents and future generations. However, certain non-capital projects will also be considered to the extent that they will contribute to the revitalization of the downtown and are consistent with the community's vision and goals. Projects will generally fall into the following categories:

Public Improvement Projects

This category may include projects such as streetscape and transportation improvements, recreational trails, wayfinding signage, new and upgraded parks and plazas, public art, green infrastructure, communications connectivity, and other public realm projects that will contribute to revitalization of the downtown.

New Development and/or Rehabilitation of Existing Downtown Buildings

Projects in this category may include development or redevelopment of real property for mixed-use, commercial, or public uses. They should have a visible and functional impact on the downtown, serving as anchor, catalytic or transformative projects that will provide employment opportunities, housing choices, and/or services for the community. Proposals to construct or rehabilitate parking facilities will only be considered if they directly support new development in the downtown area.

Small Project Fund

A locally managed fund may be proposed to undertake a range of smaller downtown projects such as façade improvements, building renovations to commercial or mixed-use spaces, business assistance (e.g., permanent equipment), or public art. Funds are capped at $600,000 for DRI communities and $300,000 for NY Forward communities. However, a NY Forward community can receive up to $600,000 if there is substantial demand demonstrated for a Small Project Fund. Projects that are significant, such as new construction, should not be proposed for a Fund and instead should be proposed as their own standalone project.

Branding and Marketing

Projects in this category may include downtown branding and marketing projects that target residents, investors, developers, tourists, and/or visitors. The costs eligible under this category must be one-time expenses, such as those to develop materials and signage. Ongoing operational costs, such as to fund a downtown manager or maintain a website, are not eligible for funding.

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Project Requirements.

The DRI and NY Forward programs are designed to fund shovel-ready, transformational projects that have the potential to create an immediate, positive effect on a community's downtown. Projects identified in a DRI and/or NY Forward application should meet the following criteria:

Project Sponsors

DRI/NY Forward funding awards may be awarded to public, not-for-profit, and private entities to implement projects selected for funding. Project sponsors must have the capacity and legal authority to undertake the proposed project. Additionally, the project sponsor must have site control or be in the process of obtaining site control.

Project Size and Scale

Projects must be large enough to be truly transformative for the downtown area. Standalone DRI/NY Forward projects should be at least $100,000 in total project cost.

Timing

Projects must be able to begin and/or break ground within two years or sooner of receiving a DRI/NY Forward award and be completed within five years of contracting with the State.

Matching Funds

For projects with a private sponsor, there is a minimum match requirement of 25% of the total project cost. There is no minimum match requirement for projects with public or non-profit sponsors. However, the LPC may impose higher match requirements as part of the planning process.

Decarbonization

Projects including new construction 5,000 SF or greater or substantial renovation projects (5,000 SF or greater and meeting at least two other renovation criteria) will be required to comply with one of the three compliance paths: achieve not less than 110 percent of the applicable minimum energy credit requirements in the ECCCNYS or 2025 NYS ASHRAE; obtain an Energy Star score of 90 or greater; or obtain a certification from an approved third-party organization such as LEED). Energy consultants will be available to support project sponsors in meeting this requirement.

Ineligible Activities

There are few restrictions on the use of DRI/NY Forward funds other than the requirement that proposed projects can be implemented quickly and, as a whole, will have a transformational impact on the downtown. However, a few specific activities have been identified as ineligible for funds and should not be included in projects proposed for funding. These ineligible activities include:

- **Planning activities.** Following the preparation of the Strategic Investment Plan, all DRI/NY Forward funds must be used for projects that directly implement the plan.
- **Operations and maintenance.** DRI/NY Forward funds cannot be used for on-going or routine expenses, such as staff salaries and wages, rent, utilities, and property up-keep.
- **Pre-award costs.** Reimbursement for costs incurred before the Strategic Investment Plan is complete and before funding awards are announced is not permitted.
- **Property acquisition.** The cost of property acquisition can be included in the overall project budget, but the acquisition must be funded by another funding source.
- **Training and other program expenses.** The DRI and NY Forward programs are a one-time infusion of funds and cannot be used to cover continuous costs, such as training costs and expenses related to existing programs.

SECTION 3

Intent to Apply

Intent to Apply.

Communities intending to apply to DRI Round 10 and/or NY Forward Round 5 are strongly encouraged to submit an Intent to Apply no later than December 21, 2026. NYC communities should express their interest to apply with their respective Borough President's Office prior to submitting the Intent to Apply via the Microsoft Form.

Information provided in the Intent to Apply will be considered preliminary and is not binding. It is expected that communities may refine, add to, or alter the area of focus and/or the list of key stakeholders and interested parties as final applications are developed.

Completed Intent to Apply forms can be submitted directly into the Microsoft Form.

Technical Assistance for Communities Preparing a DRI or NY Forward Application.

Once DRI or NY Forward applicants submit their Intent to Apply, they will be eligible to participate in office hours with technical experts who can provide advice and guidance on application development. Intent to Apply submissions received after December 21, 2026, will not be guaranteed access to the office hours. NYC communities must include their respective Borough President representative in any meeting for technical assistance.

Registration information for office hours will be provided upon receipt of a completed Intent to Apply form.

SECTION 4

Application Tips and Best Practices

How to Prepare the Best Application Possible.

This section provides tips and best practices to help applicants meet REDC and State expectations and prepare the most competitive application possible. Please review this section prior to preparing your application and refer back to this section throughout application development.

Applicants are also strongly encouraged to participate in the capacity building webinars described in Section 1 and to submit their Intent to Apply form in order to receive technical assistance with their application development.

Traits of Winning Applications

- Responses to each application requirement are complete, concise, and thoughtfully considered
- Applications are informed by robust community engagement
- Applications present a compelling, community-based vision for revitalization
- Proposed projects are well-aligned with the community vision
- Proposed projects are feasible and have been developed in coordination with project sponsors / property owners
- Proposed DRI or NY Forward areas are well-defined, walkable, and have a mix of commercial, residential, and recreational uses. These are areas where a concentration of public and private investment can accelerate and sustain revitalization.

Conduct Meaningful Community Outreach to Build Support for the Application.

A minimum of one public event must be held during the development of the DRI/NY Forward application. The public event should provide an opportunity for the community to:

- Contribute to the development of the downtown vision
- Identify needs, opportunities, and potential projects — such as improved public transportation, increased access to affordable childcare, or new retail spaces to diversify the downtown's current offerings
- Review the preliminary list of projects to be included in the application and propose additional ideas

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In order to maximize participation at the public event, applicants should:

- Advertise the event at least two weeks in advance through a variety of different media (e.g., local press, municipal website, social media, hard copies of flyers posted in prominent public locations)
- Host the event in an ADA-accessible location and make translation and/or interpretation services available upon request to ensure the meeting is accessible to all members of the community
- Consider hosting the public event in tandem with another standing community event that typically draws a large local crowd (e.g., farmer's market, summer concert series, etc.)

If possible, communities should also consider providing multiple opportunities for the public to provide feedback during application development. Potential additional engagement strategies include:

- **Create an Open Call for Project Proposals to solicit project ideas from the community.** It's helpful to provide digital and hard copies of the Open Call and make sure applicants are given sufficient time to respond (two weeks or more).
- **Create a website or webpage dedicated to the municipality's DRI and/or NY Forward application.** This digital resource can provide a centralized location for the community to access information related to the municipality's application, learn about upcoming events, host an online survey, and/or submit questions/comments.
- **Go to them!** Tabling at local events or attending standing community meetings can be a great way to engage and solicit input from community members without requiring them to attend another, separate meeting.

Sample Vision Statements

The following vision statements are from DRI and NY Forward communities in previous rounds:

Ticonderoga (DRI Round 6)
Set against the scenic backdrop of the LaChute River, Lake George and Lake Champlain, Ticonderoga is a hub for Adirondack and Champlain Valley recreational opportunities and experiences. The downtown is a vibrant, regional business and cultural hub that looks to the future while recognizing its identity as a historic community. At the heart of the downtown is Montcalm Street, a pedestrian-friendly corridor that features charming specialty shops and restaurants, a mix of heritage tourism and pop culture venues, arts and entertainment attractions, and contemporary services. The corridor is surrounded by natural beauty and public open spaces that offer visitors and residents an opportunity to experience a variety of outdoor activities within walking distance of downtown.

Sleepy Hollow (NY Forward Round 1)
Downtown Sleepy Hollow will be a vibrant, welcoming, and easily accessible community in the Mid-Hudson region that showcases its legendary history, celebrates its cultural diversity, and offers a model for sustainable living. Made famous by Washington Irving's short story, the Village of Sleepy Hollow will become a year-round destination for residents and visitors alike by building upon its strengths—a charming and walkable mixed-use district located near to public transit, thriving immigrant-owned small businesses, and the beautiful Hudson River waterfront. In doing so, the Village will cultivate a downtown that expands opportunities for all.

SECTION 4 APPLICATION TIPS AND BEST PRACTICES

Craft a Strong, Community-Supported Vision Statement.

Developing a community-driven vision statement for downtown revitalization is an important part of the application process. This vision statement must be compelling, cohesive, and inclusive, and it should be clearly related to the potential projects identified in the community's application.

For winning communities, this vision statement will be refined through the planning process with additional input from the LPC and public. The final vision statement will serve as an important compass for identifying, evaluating, and determining which projects will be included in the final Strategic Investment Plan.

As you begin to craft your vision statement for the DRI/NY Forward application, it's helpful to start by engaging the public. Potential questions to ask the community include:

- In your opinion, what is downtown's greatest asset? What is it's greatest challenge?
- How would you describe downtown today?
- How would you like to describe downtown ten years from now?

Identify Transformative Project Opportunities that are Poised for Implementation.

As part of the DRI/NY Forward application, applicants are required to describe a range of transformative projects and opportunities that could become part of the community's Strategic Investment Plan. Although these projects are not guaranteed DRI or NY Forward funding, the preliminary identification of a robust, feasible slate of projects is critical to assembling a competitive application.

As you identify potential projects to include in your DRI/NY Forward application, please make sure each proposed project:

- Meets the project requirements specified in Section 2 (see page 15)
- Has been coordinated with property owners and/or project sponsors
- Is aligned with the community's vision for downtown revitalization
- Is aligned with the State's program goals defined in Section 2 (see page 8)
- Is aligned with the REDC's goals from its Regional Strategic Plan
- Is publicly supported
- Is implementation-ready and aligned with project timeframe of awarded funding, if selected (middle of 2028)
- Demonstrates benefits to the broader community, not just the project sponsor
- Leverages other funding sources to the greatest extent possible
- Is led by a project sponsor with the ability to implement and sustain the proposed project and administer a State grant

Case Studies of Successful DRI Projects.

You can check out several of the projects that have been built using DRI funding by visiting: https://www.ny.gov/downtown-revitalization-initiative/dri-focus-case-studies-successful-dri-communities-projects#brownfield_redevelopment

Reviewing these case studies should give you a better sense of what a successful DRI or NY Forward project might look like. Successful projects often build on other related planning efforts, create new destinations with regional draw, implement decarbonization strategies, expand services for the local community, and preserve and amplify a community's character and unique sense of place.

SECTION 5

Evaluation Criteria

What You'll Find in this Section...

This section describes the desired attributes of a DRI/NY Forward application. These desired attributes represent the criteria that the REDC will use as they evaluate each DRI/NY Forward application. Please review this section carefully and refer back to it frequently as you develop your application.

Each REDC will consider the extent to which applications describe a downtown that meets the following list of desired attributes for participation in the DRI and/or NY Forward:

1. Eligible Applicants

City, town, and village applicants must either have submitted a letter of intent or be certified as a Pro-Housing Community* prior to submitting an application for DRI and/or NY Forward funding

OR

City, town, and village applicants must apply to NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) to become a certified Pro-Housing Community when applying for DRI and/or NY Forward funds and must be approved for certification prior to award announcements.

Applicants must be certified as a Pro-Housing Community prior to award announcement.

**The Pro-Housing Communities Program was created to reward local governments that are committed to addressing New York's housing crisis and is administered by NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR). HCR will review and certify municipalities who have taken steps and are committed to addressing housing growth. Once certified, these municipalities will then be eligible for DRI and/or NY Forward funding.*

Evaluation Criteria for DRI and NY Forward Applications.

- Eligible Applicants
- Well-Defined Boundaries
- Past Investments, Future Potential
- Recent or Impending Job Growth
- Quality of Life
- Supportive Local Policies
- Public Support
- Transformative Project Opportunities and Readiness
- Administrative Capacity

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2. Well-Defined Boundaries

The downtown should be compact, with well-defined boundaries. There is no minimum or maximum size for a downtown, but it must be a concentrated, defined area and should be easily walkable. A downtown can range from a corridor or few block(s) of a neighborhood to the municipality's traditional central business district. Core neighborhoods beyond the central business district are also eligible. For example, an arts or entertainment district could be the focus of the DRI/NY Forward if it is shown that investments in these areas complement an existing downtown.

For NYC communities, the proposed DRI boundaries should center on key commercial corridor(s) and destinations that serve the local neighborhood, attract visitors to that community, and/or function as one of the City's central business districts. There is no need to include an entire residential population of a neighborhood or adhere to political or other (zip code, census tracts, etc.) boundaries. Rather the focus of a DRI boundary should be the neighborhood's local 'downtown' and investments that will improve that downtown area.

Communities that have received a previous DRI or NY Forward award are eligible to apply to the DRI and/or NY Forward programs. The proposed DRI or NY Forward area may be a different geographic area or a geographic area that encompasses previously awarded areas of the previous DRI or NY Forward boundary. For applications with boundaries that overlap with previous awards, the REDC, in consultation with the Department of State, will determine if the previously awarded projects are substantially complete and there remains local administrative capacity to undertake a planning process and complete existing and new or expanded projects outlined in the new DRI or NY Forward application

If your application includes a project location that received funding from DRI or NY Forward previously, it must be for a project scope that leads to new or expanded uses/activities.

3. Past Investments, Future Potential

The downtown should be able and ready to capitalize on prior public and private investment or catalyze future investments in the neighborhood and its surrounding areas as evidenced by:

- The presence of nearby investments planned or undertaken through the REDC or with other public or private funding;
- Continuity with the REDC's previously articulated vision for the area/region and consistency with recent planning efforts for the area;
- The existence of developable properties within the downtown, including properties that can be utilized for varying levels of housing affordability and mixed uses;
- The growth potential and community involvement of anchor institutions in or near the downtown;
- The municipality's current investment commitment to the downtown, as demonstrated by business improvement districts, actively engaged industrial development agencies, and land banks, or partnerships with non-profits;
- The ability of existing infrastructure to support development of the downtown, and the potential to maximize recent infrastructure upgrades;
- Application of Smart Growth principles;
- Potential for development of energy-efficient projects and opportunities for green jobs; and
- Investments in arts and cultural institutions and activities.

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3. Recent or Impending Job Growth

A crucial characteristic is recent or impending job growth within or near the downtown, which may be a result of REDC commitments or other public and private investments. The attraction of a diverse workforce and population in the downtown will support redevelopment and make growth sustainable in the long-term. Job growth should also be accompanied by:

- The presence of major job-creating projects and initiatives near the downtown;
- The existence of new and expanding employers;
- Accessibility of new and existing jobs from the downtown by foot or public transportation; and
- Diversity in area job opportunities, with different salaries and entry levels and the potential for mobility between jobs.

4. Quality of Life

The downtown should have the potential to be an attractive, livable, accessible, and inclusive community for diverse populations of varying ages, incomes, abilities, mobilities, and cultural backgrounds. The following characteristics are examples of desirable qualities:

- Housing at different levels of affordability and type;
- Commercial and retail main street businesses;
- An assortment of food choices, including restaurants, healthy and affordable food markets, and farmers' markets;
- Multi-modal transportation to and from employment centers, other downtowns, and/or regional attractions;
- Decarbonized buildings that provide improved living and working environments;
- Walkability and bikeability within the downtown and connecting the downtown to surrounding open space networks and regional destinations;
- Accessible recreational amenities, waterfront trails, parks and gathering spaces;
- Access to health care facilities;
- Community spaces, institutions and events that reflect the ethnic, cultural, and religious diversity of the population of the state;
- Academic, cultural and entertainment amenities;
- Broadband accessibility; and
- Community design and/or housing that caters to all ages.

5. Supportive Local Policies

The municipality should already embrace or be able to create and implement policies that increase livability and quality of life for all New Yorkers, including:

- Planning and implementation documents that may include but are not limited to economic development, brownfield cleanup and redevelopment, community development, housing affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and civic engagement;
- Use of modern zoning codes and development standards that promote Smart Growth principles such as a mix of uses, compact development, transit-oriented development, shared parking, and walkability;
- Adaptive re-use policies, program, incentives or laws;
- Strategies and actions that cut energy use, reduce emissions, and adapt to climate change such as those required for certification as a Climate Smart Community or Clean Energy Community;

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- Existence of a management structure, such as a downtown manager or downtown business improvement district;
- Application of Complete Streets principles that add to the enjoyment of amenities by all abilities and ages;
- Presence of expansive non-discrimination laws and/or other protections of diverse populations;
- Application of Smart Cities innovation technology; and
- Policies that would make the community eligible for Age-Friendly Community Certification from AARP/WHO.

6. Public Support

The municipality has conducted an open and robust community engagement process in support of the application. This outreach should result in a vision for downtown revitalization and a preliminary list of projects and initiatives that may be included in a Strategic Investment Plan. Evidence of the community's commitment to work together to advance revitalization efforts is demonstrated.

7. Transformative Project Opportunities and Readiness

The community is prepared for near-term implementation of projects that will advance downtown revitalization. The application may include proposed projects that meet the project requirements specified in Section 2 and that fall into the following categories:

- Projects that will be ready for implementation with an infusion of DRI/NY Forward funds within the first one to two years (depending on the scope and complexity of the project) and that may leverage DRI/NY Forward funding with private investment or other funds. Examples of the ways project readiness may be demonstrated include, but are not limited to, completion of feasibility and market studies, preliminary site design, site control of key properties by willing partners, funding commitments, and/or expression of interest by developers and investors.
- Other transformative opportunities that may be explored during the planning process, such as reuse of vacant and developable properties and underutilized buildings; projects to address unmet needs in the downtown, including housing, retail, and community services; and activities that will build upon regional strengths and trends.
- A Small Project Fund to undertake smaller projects that, collectively, will create a more vibrant and active downtown. If a Small Project Fund is proposed, the municipality or other entity should have the capacity to manage the Fund. In the instance where a municipality or other entity does not have the capacity to administer it themselves as determined by HCR, then administrative funds are eligible to be a part of the Small Project Fund total.

8. Administrative Capacity

The community has the local capacity to manage the planning process and implementation of projects, including the ability to oversee contracts for awarded municipal projects. This includes demonstrating the ability to undertake a planning process while implementing previously awarded projects as well as potential new projects for communities that previously received a DRI and/or NY Forward award. Please indicate if the municipality has completed or substantially completed a previous DRI or NY Forward round and the municipality's ability to manage and implement a future award.

In NYC, Borough Presidents are expected to have relationships with the appropriate City of New York agencies that can facilitate municipal projects.

SECTION 6

DRI/NY Forward Application

What You'll Find in this Section...

This section includes the application requirements for both DRI Round 10 and NY Forward Round 5.

Please review this section carefully, as the REDCs will review each application based on the evaluation criteria specified in Section 5. All applications should be as complete and succinct as possible. The topics covered in this section include:

- General requirements
- Application requirements

General Requirements.

Application Length

Applications shall be limited to 20 pages, inclusive of all maps and graphics. The cover page and letters of support do not count toward the page limit.

Application Format

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF document and should not exceed 30MB in size through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal. A standalone map, as a separate PDF document, is a requirement of submittal via the CFA portal.

If You Plan to Apply to Both the DRI and NY Forward Programs

If applying to both the DRI and NY Forward programs, one application may be submitted if the NY Forward area is the same as or a subarea of the DRI area. If the NY Forward area is not fully contained within the DRI area, please submit separate applications (one for the NY Forward area and one for the DRI area).

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1. Application Cover Page

The cover page of each application must include the following information:

- REDC region
- Program to which you are applying (DRI Round 10, NY Forward Round 5, or both)
- Municipality name (if a DRI joint application, please list all municipalities)
- Downtown name or names, if applicable. NYC communities should be specific in identifying the portion of a neighborhood in which the DRI would focus
- County name
- Applicant contact(s) name, title, and email address (if a DRI joint application, please identify a primary contact)
- Pro-Housing Community Status (whether the community is certified or the date that your application for certification was submitted)

2. Geographic Area and Justification.

Clearly define the proposed DRI and/or NY Forward area and explain why the area is ready for the DRI/NY Forward investment and how that investment would serve as a catalyst for revitalization.

Please describe the DRI and/or NY Forward area's defining characteristics and reasons for its selection. Please note that the boundary(ies) may be slightly adjusted during the planning process; however, once finalized, only projects located within the boundary(ies) will be eligible for DRI/NY Forward funding. The following are also required:

- A map that shows the proposed DRI and/or NY Forward area. The DRI and/or NY Forward boundary should follow roadways and parcel lines to the greatest extent possible
- If submitting a joint application to DRI Round 10 of two to three contiguous communities in the same REDC region, please make sure the DRI area map clearly shows municipal boundaries.

3. Vision Statement

Provide a brief statement of the municipality's vision for downtown revitalization.

This vision statement should be reflective of the unique nature of the downtown and the aspirations of the community for the future. If this application is for both funding programs, please make sure the vision statement is applicable to both the DRI and NY Forward areas.

See Section 4 for guidance related to developing a strong, community-based vision.

4. Past Investment and Future Potential.

Describe how the DRI or NY Forward area will leverage prior private and public investment and catalyze future investments.

Please describe recent and ongoing planning efforts that support public and private investment in the DRI or NY Forward area. To the extent possible, please describe and quantify recent investments in and around the DRI/NY Forward area (please focus on investments made in the past 10 years). Examples include

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public infrastructure improvements (e.g., water infrastructure upgrades), new development projects, redevelopment of vacant or underutilized spaces, streetscape enhancements to increase walkability, recent expansions of anchor employers, and the addition of new or expansion of existing community services (e.g., child care).

If applying to both funding programs, please respond to this question based on the DRI area (which should be the same as or should fully encompass the NY Forward area).

5. Recent and Impending Job Growth.

Describe how recent job growth will leverage the DRI or NY Forward investment.

Please describe any recent (past five years) and impending job growth in or near the DRI or NY Forward area and how this growth will attract a diverse workforce and population, support redevelopment efforts, and make growth sustainable in the long-term. For example, if an existing company recently expanded, please specify how many new jobs were created.

If applying to both funding programs, please respond to this question based on the DRI area (which should be the same as or should fully encompass the NY Forward area).

6. Quality of Life.

Describe the defining characteristics of the DRI or NY Forward area that make it a desirable place to live, work, and visit.

Please identify the key attributes of the DRI or NY Forward area that contribute to (or could contribute to if enhanced) the attractiveness and livability of the downtown for a diverse population of varying ages, income, gender identity, ability, mobility, and cultural background.

Applicants to the DRI may want to consider, for example, the presence of developable mixed-use spaces, varied housing types at different levels of affordability, multi-modal transportation options, healthy and affordable food markets, and public parks and gathering spaces.

Applicants to NY Forward may want to consider, for example, the presence of developable vacant and/or underutilized spaces, opportunities for upper-story housing, local service-oriented retail, niche-based tourism, walkability in the downtown center, recreational amenities, cultural heritage, and public parks and gathering spaces.

If applying to both funding programs, please respond to this question based on the DRI area (which should be the same as or should fully encompass the NY Forward area).

7. Supportive Local Policies.

Describe any local policies in place that increase quality of life.

Examples include the use of local land banks, modern zoning codes, comprehensive plans, agricultural and farmland preservation plans, Clean Energy and/or Climate Smart Communities designations, complete streets policies, transit-oriented development, non-discrimination laws, age-friendly policies, a downtown management structure, or policies that advance the State's decarbonization goals. If policies that support livability and quality of life in downtown are not currently in place, describe near-term efforts by the municipality to create and implement such policies.

If applying to both funding programs, please respond to this question based on the DRI area (which should be the same as or should fully encompass the NY Forward area).

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8. Public Support.

Describe public participation in the development of the DRI or NY Forward application and recent past engagement, including how these engagement efforts shaped the downtown vision statement and the project list.

Applicants must clearly describe each public engagement event conducted in support of their application and the number of participants engaged. Applicants are required to hold a **minimum of one public event** (in-person or virtual) and, if possible, are encouraged to hold multiple engagement events to expand participation. Applicants should describe outreach efforts that are inclusive of individuals from hard-to-reach communities.

Public engagement activities should focus on gathering feedback from the community to develop the vision statement and to solicit project proposals. See Section 4 for suggested public outreach strategies and additional guidance.

Applicants should also describe any recent engagement efforts focused on downtown revitalization that have also contributed to the community's vision and project identification. Applicants that can demonstrate consistent, broad community engagement and outreach will be more competitive.

If applying to both funding programs, one public event can be held for both the DRI and NY Forward areas. If the event is in-person, it should be held in a convenient and central location relative to the DRI and NY Forward areas.

9. Transformative Project Opportunities.

Identify and describe project opportunities that build on the community's strengths and needs and have the potential to be transformative in the DRI or NY Forward area.

Please describe a complementary set of potential projects or opportunities in the DRI or NY Forward area that have strong public support, are poised for implementation, and when considered together, would have a transformative effect on the community's downtown. Projects may be developed to varying degrees and applicants are also encouraged to include transformative opportunities that could be explored further during the planning process. In describing the proposed projects or opportunities, please consider the following information:

- Projects should be realistic, feasible, and have been coordinated with property owners / project sponsors
- Projects may be sponsored by public, non-profit, or private entities and may address economic development, transportation, housing, and community development needs
- Projects should be ready for implementation with an infusion of DRI / NY Forward funds within the first one or two years (depending on the scope and complexity of the project)
- Project descriptions should include the location, identification of a project sponsor, a tentative timeline for implementation, and a proposed cost and identification of potential funding sources

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While DRI and NY Forward funding awards may be used to cover a portion of costs for both public and private projects, leveraged investment from other funding sources (private or public) will stretch the DRI/NY Forward award, allowing more projects to benefit. This, in turn, will broaden the impact to the community by funding a more inclusive and representative slate of projects leading to increased community revitalization, economic activity, community amenities, and quality of life.

Please note that if your community is selected to participate in DRI or NY Forward, projects identified in this application are not guaranteed funding. These projects, along with any others that may arise during the planning process, will ultimately be vetted by the LPC and the State to determine which projects receive DRI/NY Forward funding awards.

If applying to both funding programs, please clearly indicate which projects are located in the NY Forward area and which are located in the DRI area.

10. Administrative Capacity.

Describe the municipality's capacity to oversee implementation and ensure the long-term success of all program projects.

Please describe the local administrative capacity to manage the DRI/NY Forward planning process and project implementation, including the ability to oversee contracts for awarded municipal projects using existing staff and resources and the ability to successfully maintain and operate projects once constructed. If the community has received a previous DRI or NY Forward award, this section should address the local capacity to undertake a planning process while advancing the previously awarded projects, as well as discuss the capacity to implement potential new projects.

11. Letters of Support [optional].

Document the support of local leaders, stakeholders, and organizations.

Applicants are encouraged to submit letters of support demonstrating the commitment among local leaders and stakeholders to advancing the community's vision, participating in the DRI/NY Forward planning process, and supporting the implementation of the DRI/NY Forward grant program.

SECTION 7

Submission Requirements

APPLICATIONS NOW SUBMITTED THROUGH THE CFA PORTAL
CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION PORTAL

How to Submit Your Application.

Applications for the DRI Round 10 and NY Forward Round 5 must be submitted to the REDC through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal by **4:00 PM on January 8, 2027.**

In New York City, the Offices of the Borough Presidents are the official applicants to the REDC for the DRI program. Each Borough President may submit a maximum of two DRI applications to the REDC for DRI Round 10.

Organizations interested in proposing an area for DRI funding should coordinate with their respective Office of the Borough President early in the application process (see Section 1 for contact information). Communities must submit their full proposal to the Borough President by email no later than 4:00 PM on **December 30, 2026** to be considered for submission.

The subject heading on the email must be "Downtown Revitalization Round 10"

Application Deadline*.

All DRI and NY Forward applications must be submitted to the REDC through the CFA portal by:

4PM on Friday, January 8, 2027

**In New York City, applications must be submitted to the office of the Borough President no later than 4PM on December 30, 2026.*

Thank you for taking the time to submit an application to the DRI Round 10 and/or NY Forward Round 5

All questions related to this application should be directed to the appropriate REDC (see Section 1 for contact information).