

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Pendragon Theatre Project Funding

DATE: 12-27-2022

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Mayor Williams

BILL # 183-2022

DATE SUBMITTED: 12-21-2022

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED

AMOUNT
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

Resolution authorizing submission of Pendragon Theatre Project for Restore NY Funding

MOVED BY: Catillaz SECONDED BY: Scollin

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

recused

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

yes

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF PENDRAGON THEATRE PROJECT FOR
RESTORE NEW YORK FUNDING**

WHEREAS, funding is available through Empire State Development to provide municipalities with financial assistance for revitalization of commercial and residential properties; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity invites municipalities to submit a Request for Funding Proposal for projects to demolish, deconstruct, rehabilitate and/or reconstruct vacant, abandoned, condemned and surplus properties; and

WHEREAS, Pendragon Theatre would like to request \$2,000,000 from Restore New York for the theatre relocation project; and

WHEREAS, the Pendragon Theatre Project involves the rehabilitation and renovation of a vacant building at 56 Woodruff Street to create a new theatre performance facility; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of Pendragon Theatre to the Woodruff Street location is a priority project listed in Saranac Lake's Downtown Revitalization Initiative Strategic Investment Plan and is a key project for the revitalization of Woodruff and Church Streets; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that, upon completion, the Pendragon Theatre Project will attract individuals, families, and commercial enterprises to the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the proposed financing is appropriate for the specific project; and

WHEREAS, the Pendragon Theatre Project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and

WHEREAS, the Pendragon Theatre Project enhances infrastructure in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment opportunities in the village; and

WHEREAS, applications for Restore New York funding must be initiated by municipalities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the submission of a grant application for the Pendragon Theatre Project if the following criteria are met: 1) the project meets all eligibility requirements, 2) Pendragon Theatre pays the application fee and 3) Pendragon Theatre provides all items outlined in the Application Checklist (attached) to the Community Development Director no later than January 24, 2023.



15 Brandy Brook Ave.
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

December 21, 2022

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Capital Campaign Committee at Pendragon Theatre:

The organization humbly requests support from the Village of Saranac Lake in order to seek funding of \$2,000,000 from the Restore NY Grant Program.

The Expansion and Relocation of Pendragon Theatre proposes an adaptive reuse project focused on creating a state-of-the-art Theatre facility on an underutilized site at 56 Woodruff Street in downtown Saranac Lake.

Pendragon Theatre, a well established nonprofit organization with an over 40-year history of performing arts in Saranac Lake, is dedicated to preserving the vitality and enhancing the quality of professional theatre through year-round performance and educational programs. The building expansion will accommodate a larger Theatre with variable seating for 125-150 people, a gallery and lobby area to showcase local artists, updated and accessible dressing areas, bathrooms, office and rehearsal space which could also be used for events and meetings. The project is adjacent to other significant development projects including the Nori's Landscape/ Streetscape and Riverwalk Access project, the Woodruff Street Streetscape Improvements Project, The new Early Dawn Bakery, and the new RiverTrail Beerworks brewery.

Together, these projects will transform this area of downtown and create a significant attraction to draw visitors and support for surrounding businesses. The existing building, a former paint store, is a 10,375 square- foot, single-story commercial building on a 0.85-acre parcel. The vacant building will transform into a vibrant cultural hub, reinforcing the downtown redevelopment and streetscape improvement efforts.

Pendragon has a long history in Saranac Lake. This new facility will allow the organization to continue to grow, thrive and contribute to the cultural life and economic development of the community.

Thank you for your consideration and all the best,

Michael Aguirre
Managing Director
Pendragon Theatre



Application Checklist: Restore NY Communities Initiative

Municipal Name		
Item	Yes	N/A
Application fee payable to Empire State Development Corporation		
A true and complete copy of the Municipal Resolution		
Property Assessment List		
Proof of Publication of Property Assessment List		
Proof of Publication of Public Hearing Notice		
Individual Property Packet for all properties		
Up to 2 Façade Photos for all properties		
Letters from local planning/zoning officials stating project compliance		
Project Site Map		
Certification of Completeness		
Written commitment(s) for project financing		
Non-municipal entity Project Proposal		
Third Party Project Estimates		
Credentials of individuals and/or lead entities involved in project*		
Five years operating pro forma*		
SEQR Environmental Assessment Form (EAF)*		
SEQR Negative Declaration*		
EIS Findings Statement*		
SHPO Review Materials*		

*These items are not considered required documents, but will help to demonstrate project readiness

Certification of Completeness

By entering your name below, you certify that you are authorized on behalf of the applicant and its governing body to submit this application. You further certify that all of the information contained in the Application and all statements, data, and supporting documents which have been made or furnished for the purpose of receiving assistance for the project described in the application, are true, correct, and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief. You acknowledge that offering a written instrument knowing that the written instrument contains a false statement or false information, with the intent to defraud the State or any political subdivision, public authority or public benefit corporation of the State, with the knowledge or belief that it will be filed with or recorded by the State or any political subdivision, public authority or public benefit corporation of the State, constitutes a crime under New York State Law.

Chief Elected Official Signature			
Title		Date	