



**New York State  
Parks, Recreation and  
Historic Preservation**

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Honorable Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
Mayor  
City of Mount Vernon  
One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550-2060

Dear Mayor Patterson-Howard:

Thank you for your application under the Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF) through the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) and the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Round 14 Initiative.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is proud to have contributed over \$26 million to this year's CFA. I am pleased to inform you that a matching grant of up to \$675,000 has been reserved from the EPF for the Revitalization of Fourth Street Park project.

OPRHP recognizes the vital role this project will play in enhancing the parks, environment, character, quality of life, and economic vitality of your community, and we are delighted to be able to provide a grant award for the project. OPRHP is grateful to the Governor and state legislators for their commitment to funding this program year after year.

Our agency will contact you in the near future to clarify specific details about the project, including those elements of the proposed scope and budget that have been accepted for funding. The future communication will describe grantee next steps, reimbursement terms, employment requirements, environmental and historic preservation review requirements, and other terms and conditions. I urge you to work closely with our program staff and caution you to not begin work on your project until all appropriate contract conditions have been satisfied.

If you applied for funding from other programs or other State agencies, you will receive information from those programs/agencies separately.

Our Grants Office looks forward to working in partnership with you to successfully advance your project.

Congratulations,

Randy Simons  
Commissioner Pro Tempore