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Griffo: Communities in 53rd Senate District to receive Restore New York funding

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New York State Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-C-Rome, announced today that several communities in the 53rd Senate District will be receiving funding from the latest round of the Restore New York Communities Initiative.

The Restore NY program, administered by Empire State Development, provides municipalities with financial assistance for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties. The program encourages community development and neighborhood growth through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures.

The following Restore NY grants in Sen. Griffo's district were announced Thursday:

- **City of Rome – \$3.5 million - Special Project:** This project will repair, rehabilitate, and modernize two tornado-damaged vacant properties at 220 South Madison St. and 522 Henry St. The EF-2 tornado that swept through region on July 16, 2024, extensively damaged the 180,000 square-foot facility, collapsing portions of the roof, shattering windows, blowing out entire exterior walls, and damaging critical electrical infrastructure. One building will be developed for mixed use with first floor commercial and event space, and the other will become the largest available industrial space in the Utica-Rome

metropolitan statistical area.

- **Village of Boonville – \$1 million:** The Boone Building at 133, 135, and 139 Main St. suffered a devastating fire in 2020, hollowing out the core of the village's downtown. Reconstruction is planned that will create three first-floor commercial spaces to house a sporting goods store, artisanal meat market, and jewelry store/boutique gift shop. The two upper floors will be ten residential one- and two-bedroom units.
- **City of Oneida – \$1 million:** This project involves the partial demolition and rehabilitation of two vacant and severely dilapidated structures at 136 and 138 Madison St. The buildings will retain their historic character, with each accessible to the other via a common elevator and stairwell, and new spaces added on the upper floors. Parking will be constructed to service the project. The redevelopment will include 15 live/work units and is across the street from a previous Restore New York project at 155 Madison Street.

“I am pleased that the latest round of Restore New York grants will benefit communities in the Mohawk Valley and Central New York,” **Sen. Griffo said.** “A key factor in revitalizing our communities is to help local municipalities foster the kind of economic development that can attract commercial investment, create jobs and encourage residential growth. I thank Empire State Development for supporting the strategies of our local governments to eliminate blight and rehabilitate their urban centers and neighborhoods.”

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