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Press Release:

Supervisor Aguiar Announces Award of Two Suffolk County Downtown Grant Totaling \$93,000

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Supervisor Yvette Aguiar announced the award of two Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization grants totaling \$93,000 today.

The Downtown Revitalization Round 19 will update and enhance the lighting in the alleyway that connects the First Street Parking Lot and Route 25 Downtown Main Street located in between the Suffolk Theater on the west and the Woolworth Building to the east with a new artistic themed light design. Aguiar said, “The project will be a significant safety and aesthetic upgrade over the current lighting which is poor and not capable of satisfactorily lighting the alleyway. Ensuring public safety during the evening is a priority for the Town Board. Safer pedestrian passage through our Downtown will keep our residents and visitors continuing to come to Downtown Riverhead to experience all of the different events and amenities our town has to offer”

The total cost of this project is \$50,000, according to Community Development Director Dawn Thomas. The \$25,000 grant will be matched by \$20,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and \$5,000 from the Business Improvement District Management Association (BIDMA).

The Downtown Revitalization Round 18 will update and enhance the electrical system and upgrade the existing light fixtures with replacement LED lamp heads at Grangebel Park, a public park located on the Peconic River in downtown Riverhead. Aguiar said, “The Town and the BID will be able to better utilize the park for events, such as Reflexions - Art in the Park, as a result of these significant upgrades. New and brighter LED lighting will also make the park safer and more energy efficient.”

The total cost of this project is \$98,000. The \$68,000 grant will be matched \$16,000 from CDBG funds and \$14,000 from the BIDMA.

“I want to congratulate the Community Development Department and the Business Improvement District for their work in obtaining and administering these grants to the benefit of our residents and visitors,” Aguiar said. “I also want to express my appreciation to Suffolk County for their continued strong support of our downtown revitalization efforts.”