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**CITY OF JAMESTOWN AND PARTNERS AWARDED OVER \$900,000 IN
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL GRANTS**

The City of Jamestown and partner organizations today announced a grant award of \$922,300.00 through the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) and the Office of Community Renewal (OCR) for New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds. The projects selected for award will assist in the recovery of New York State communities by improving the resiliency of businesses and safety of homes and public facilities serving its residents. This includes \$500,000 for an expansion of the Chautauqua Center, \$322,300 for Strong Starts Chautauqua to increase their work in mitigating adverse childhood experiences, toxic stressors, and substance misuse, and \$100,000 for The Chautauqua Health Network to run a coordinated COVID-19 vaccine campaign. The funds will be awarded directly to the City which will then distribute and work with partner organizations on the awarded projects. The City has been awarded nearly \$2.6 million in grant funds since hiring a grant writer shared with Jamestown Community College in 3 months.

A more detailed list of how the money will be used is listed for each project below:

THE CHAUTAUQUA CENTER - As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic our community has experienced a significant increase in behavioral health treatment needs from all ages. The City of Jamestown will partner with The Chautauqua Center to expand their capacity to deliver behavioral health services in Jamestown. The funding will be used to construct a specialized Behavioral Health suite within their established health center. This project will increase the capacity of The

Chautauqua Center to provide access to behavioral health treatment by 50% (3000 to 4500 by 2025).

“We are thrilled to receive support from New York State Homes & Community Renewal for our behavioral health expansion project. This funding allows us to increase our capacity to provide counseling, psychiatric care, and substance use disorder services in Jamestown. As a result, we anticipate the ability to care for many more patients, reduce wait times, and offer a more therapeutic environment for appointments. Everyone at The Chautauqua Center extends special thanks to the members of the Jamestown City Council, Mayor Eddie Sundquist, Director of Development Crystal Surdyk and Grants Coordinator Paula Pichon.” Sarah Gilbert, Director of Fundraising and Community Relations

STRONG STARTS CHAUTAUQUA - With an investment of \$322,300, the City of Jamestown Strong Starts Project will address the dire and immediate need to mitigate adverse childhood experiences, toxic stressors, and substance misuse that predate and have been exacerbated by the COVID -19 pandemic within Jamestown, the largest city in Chautauqua County with 25% of the county population. Left unchecked, the growing mental and behavioral health crisis affecting Jamestown 's young children and their families will impact the well-being and economy of the city, in the coming year and beyond. Through this project, an evidence-based maternal/early childhood Screening, Assessment , Referral and Treatment (SART) initiative will be combined with innovative community education and outreach strategies to strengthen protective factors and resilience of approximately 3,000 children aged birth through 5 and their families/caregivers-preventing further increases in prenatal substance exposure and early childhood trauma related to the pandemic and treating these circumstances when they do occur.

THE CHAUTAUQUA HEALTH NETWORK - The City of Jamestown is partnering with The Chautauqua Health Network to launch a targeted public health campaign.

More information will be forthcoming on each of these awards.

Jamestown Director of Development Crystal Surdyk said in a statement, “We are beyond ecstatic to receive this funding from NYS. These funds will not only help our community recover from the devastating physical and mental health impacts of the pandemic, but set up the organizations that serve our community everyday on the path to a stronger future. These funds will have an impact far beyond the initial reward. I am proud of the work our team at the City and our partner organizations have put in to make these grants successful.”

Jamestown Mayor Eddie Sundquist said, “This is a vital injection of resources into our community at a critical time. All the hard work our Jamestown team put into

this has paid off and this money will allow our community partners to do what they do best, and ensure a healthier future for the City of Jamestown.”

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