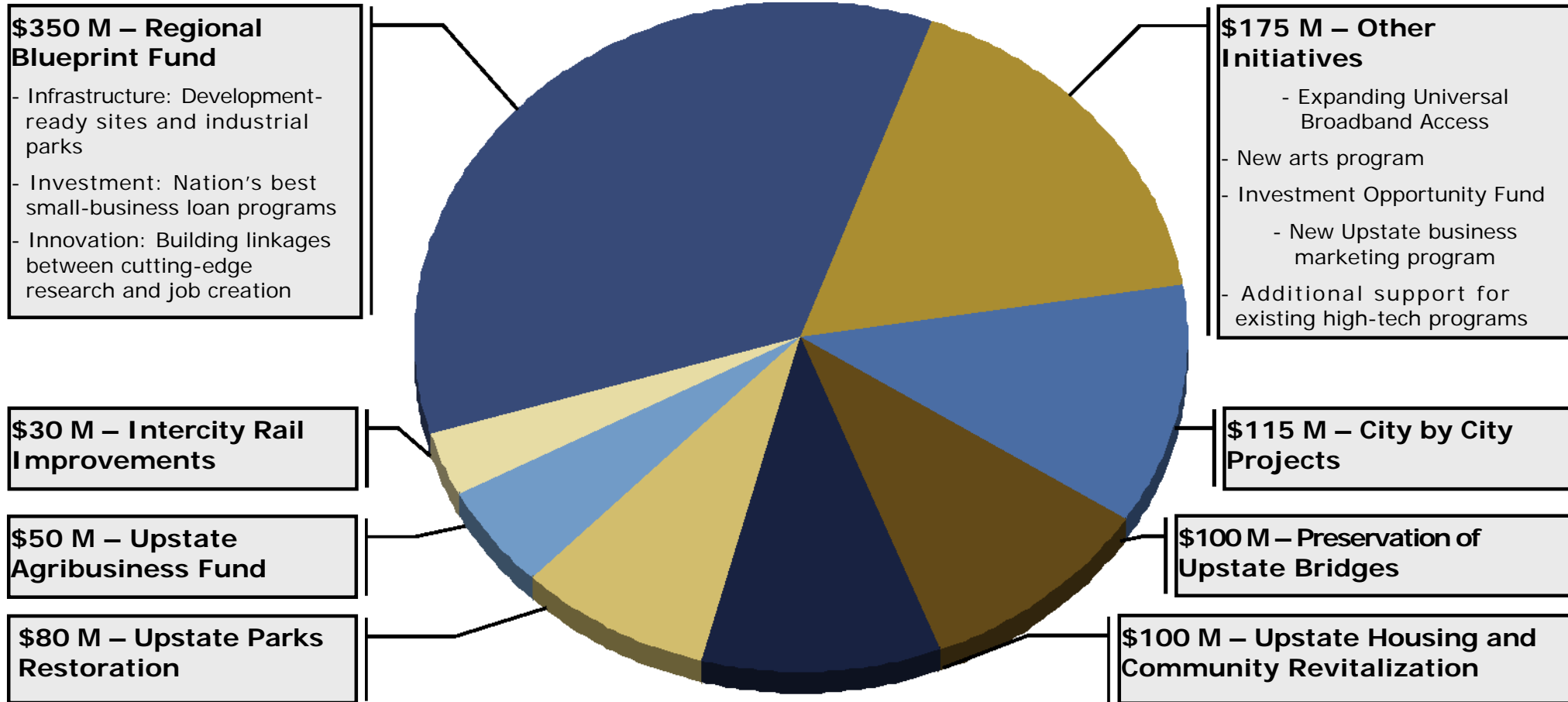


# Revitalizing the Upstate Economy

## *\$1 Billion Upstate Revitalization Fund*



*• Will be funded by 60% bonded capital, 40% pay-as-you-go; first time an economic development fund has not been 100% bonded capital in over a decade*

# **Upstate Revitalization Fund**

## **Revitalizing New York's Economy**

### **OVERVIEW**

One of the Governor's top priorities in the 2008-09 Executive Budget is to transform the upstate economy through strategic investments that create high-quality jobs and stimulate economic vitality, and address the need for infrastructure improvements and affordable housing. The Executive Budget includes \$1 billion to drive substantial and immediate investments in the upstate economy.

**Proposal:** \$1 billion investment of capital and local assistance funding to support infrastructure and other investments to help revitalize the Upstate Region.

**Purpose and Rationale of the Program:** In order to help reverse the economic decline of Upstate, the State will use targeted investments to stimulate growth and generate high-quality jobs.

**Fiscal Commitment:** \$942 million in new capital spending and over \$58 million in new local assistance spending.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

**Regional Blueprint Fund:** This \$350 million program will continue the momentum of the regional blueprint initiative, enabling the Empire State Development corporation (ESDC) to invest in the construction and enhancement of development-ready sites and industrial parks; provide small business loans for machinery, equipment, real estate, and other needs; and fund programs, tools and facilities needed to link idea creation and job creation.

**Transportation and Mass Transit:** \$100 million of new funding will be dedicated to preserve the network of State and local bridges that are a vital link in our economic infrastructure. In addition, \$30 million will be provided to improve the speed and reliability of rail connections between Upstate and New York City.

**City-by-City:** \$115 million in new funding will support the Governor's historic 2007 commitment to break gridlock on critical economic development projects throughout Upstate's cities. In addition, funding will be available for a second round of City-by-City projects in Upstate's larger cities, and new plans for smaller cities, which play a central role in our economic future.

**Housing Opportunity Fund:** \$100 million will be dedicated to the development and rehabilitation of affordable, supportive and workforce housing initiatives across Upstate.

**Agribusiness Fund:** \$50 million will support the continued growth of the food and agricultural industry by investing in new and expanded food processing centers, access to markets and development of parks and recreational facilities which will help draw tourists and new residents to the state;

**Parks Capital Investments:** \$80 million, as part of the \$100 million statewide initiative, will support preservation and development of parks and recreational facilities which will help draw tourists and new residents to the state;

**Other Investments:** \$175 million will be invested in Upstate from other initiatives, including: a new Investment Opportunity Fund (\$100 million); a new arts and cultural program (\$12 million); expanding Universal Broadband Access (4& million); a new business marketing program targeting Upstate (\$3.5 million); venture capital investments (\$3 million); enhancements to existing State programs supporting the development of high technology (\$12 million); and other Empire State Development Corporation job and investment programs (\$38 million).

## FINANCING

This \$1 billion Upstate Revitalization Fund will be financed with a prudent mix of “pay as you go” spending and debt financing. Specific components of the financing include: \$612 million of Personal Income Tax (PIT) bonds; and \$388 million of pay as you go financing that includes \$130 million from surplus State property sale proceeds, \$100 million from Mortgage Insurance Fund reserves, \$100 million from annual auto insurance surcharge revenues, and \$58 million of General Fund dollars.

## SUSTAINING DOWNSTATE

The Executive Budget will support initiatives to ensure continued economic growth and quality of life improvements for residents and visitors of Downstate. These programs include:

**Housing Opportunity Fund:** Economic growth can be undermined if increase housing costs make it too expensive for workers to live close to their jobs. A new investment of \$300 million will be dedicated to downstate housing needs, including supportive, affordable and workforce housing.

**Downstate Revitalization Fund:** Despite the New York City metropolitan area’s recent economic success, significant pockets of people and places have been left behind. This \$200 million program will encourage business and community development in distressed communities in the Downstate region.

**Commuter Transportation Improvements:** Future growth can be stalled by the inability to transport our products and workforce efficiently. The Executive Budget addresses this concern by making resources available for vital transit improvements such as Moynihan Station.

**Waterfront Access and Opportunities:** The New York City waterfront has the potential to offer residents and visitors world-class open space and recreational opportunities, while enhancing the City’s reputation as “the” location for international business investment. The Executive Budget commits \$45 million toward completion of the Hudson Rive Park and to transform Governor’s Island into on of the world’s great urban parks.

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