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County Executive McMahon Announces Alliance for Economic Inclusion Technical Assistance Meeting

Meeting to take place May 16th at SUNY E.O.C.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon announced that Onondaga County will host a technical assistance meeting on Thursday, May 16th, 2019 in preparation for the 2nd round of the Alliance for Economic Inclusion (AEI) funding initiative.

Onondaga County will partner with the Syracuse Educational Opportunity Center to host this session at 5PM at 100 New Street, Syracuse. In 2017, the Alliance released a request for proposals to the five-county region and received a total of 92 responses. 22 projects were ultimately awarded funding in the 1st round.

County Executive McMahon said, “As County Executive, my team has been working tirelessly to address poverty across Onondaga County and embracing new comprehensive approaches to eradicating poverty in our community.” McMahon continued, “Through our five county collaboration we can continue the positive momentum we are experiencing and expand opportunities for those most in need to have the opportunity to achieve.”

This technical assistance meeting will be an opportunity for Onondaga County service providers and community members to hear directly from the Alliance’s administrative team in preparation for the release of the second Request for Proposals in the coming months. Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to:

- Establishment of the Alliance for Economic Inclusion and initial activities
- The 2018 Request for Proposal process and outcomes
- Efforts to measure outcomes and support grantees from the first round of awards
- Information on the tentative schedule and process for the second round of proposals

The AEI is being funded through the successful CNY Rising Upstate Revitalization Initiative plan submitted by the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council, which was tasked with addressing poverty in Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Oswego and Onondaga Counties. Estimates based on 2016 population data show 14.9% or 112,020 of Central New York residents live in poverty. The poverty rate is significantly higher in more populated centers such as the City of Syracuse.

The previous awarded projects cover a broad range of issues and can be broken into six categories:

- Post-Secondary Education
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Access to Startup Funding
- Early-Childhood Education
- Transportation
- Workforce Development

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