



**FRENCH CREEK YORKER MUSEUM**  
**Cnr PARK AND CHURCH STREETS, SHERMAN ,NY 14781**

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Ms. Karen Utz, Regional Director  
Regional Economic Development Council  
95 Perry St., Ste. 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203

RE: NY FORWARD GRANT APPLICATION, ROUND 3 - VILLAGE OF SHERMAN

Dear Ms. Utz,

The Sherman Yorker Museum Complex is located on the Village Green at 116 Church Street in the Village of Sherman. The museum comprises of 6 relocated buildings, essentially creating a village with a village, filled with authentic furniture and memorabilia for visitors to experience and imagine life long ago. The initial hard work was done by students from the Sherman Central School in 1950, and it is our desire to ensure that it remains in good condition for everyone to enjoy. Over the past ten years, SHS has been grateful to have been the recipient of grant money to preserve this unusual and unique attraction.

The museum complex is open for tours on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00pm-4:00pm during June, July, and August. Additional tours are scheduled during the week and every year school classes from Sherman Central School, and other schools, groups, and organizations who wish to visit the complex are given tours to learn about Sherman's history and see how people lived in the 1800 and 1900's. SHS has hosted many senior citizens, historical, and church groups, as well as, given tours to individuals and groups of family and friends. The museum is unique to this area and is an asset to everyone in the Western New York area.

On September 26th, 2024, the Village of Sherman hosted "Night at the Museum", a community event held to inform all stakeholders of the NY Forward opportunity, to present the proposed projects, and to solicit input. Roughly 50 people experienced Sherman's French Creek York Museum 'under a new light', demonstrating the possibilities for the future of the museum and the community. This sparked new interest in hosting more regular events and music evenings at the museum because it is a beautiful community venue.

The Sherman Historical Society is thrilled to support the Village of Sherman's application to the NY Forward program to further revitalize our business and downtown district, while ensuring the continued preservation of our historic assets for the benefit of this community and its surrounding areas. Thank you for your commitment to the betterment of rural communities across New York, and for considering the Village of Sherman. This award would be transformative to us!!

Sincerely,  
Roberta Tenpas  
President of the Sherman Historical Society  
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