

Village of Albion

Grant Writing, Administration, Municipal Consulting July 2022-July 2023 Report

G&G Municipal Consulting and Grant Writing (G&G) was hired by the Village of Albion in July of 2022 to assist the village with grant writing, grant administration, and general municipal consulting.

G&G is proud to present this yearly report to Village Mayor Angel Javier and the board of trustees. Their spirit of cooperation in conjunction with other Village staff has led to a successful and productive year.

Grant Writing

G&G submitted several grants on behalf of the village and assisted the village's engineering firm with another application.

G&G assisted Wendel Engineering with a successful NY HCR CDBG application for public water enhancement that resulted in a **\$1,250,000 award** for the village.

An application for police department with the Gary Sinise Foundation resulted in an award of **\$23,000** for upgraded, life saving body armor.

Another application for electric vehicle (EV) chargers with the NYS Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grant program was successful in the amount of **\$10,500**.

The village applied for a Restore NY grant for downtown redevelopment in January for approximately \$2,500,000. The village and G&G held multiple community meetings during the application process. While the village has not received an acceptance or denial letter, it is likely from communications with NY State ESD, that the application was not successful. Unofficially, the application received good reviews and it was recommended that the village reapply in the next round (anticipated fall 2023) with either a slightly scaled down application or a much larger scale. The mayor has requested an official debrief with ESD.

The village has also applied for a Northern Borders Regional Commission grant in the amount of \$500,000 for its water system and is awaiting the result of that application.

Another application was submitted for \$345,000 on behalf of the fire department through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for SCBA equipment and we are awaiting the results of that application. We are also awaiting results for the FEMA SAFER grant

application that is for recruitment and retention funding in the amount of \$21,500. We also applied to the Gary Sinise Foundation for \$50,000 in SCBA equipment and are awaiting the results of that application.

G&G also submitted an unsuccessful Congressional Funding FY24 request in the amount of \$250,000 for water system enhancements to its Congressional representative.

NYS CFA WQIP grant was submitted on behalf of the village for a new salt storage barn, and we are awaiting the results of that application. A CFA NYSERDA Flex grant for an efficiency study at the village hall was also submitted.

G&G is currently working on several grants for the village. In progress is an application with USDA RD for DPW equipment funding, a NY Forward downtown revitalization grant (\$4,500,000), and a T-Mobile Parks grant (\$50,000).

We are awaiting the opening of the NYS DOT TAP-CMAQ grant for village sidewalks, Mt. Albion Cemetery Arboretum roof replacement, police/fire grants, sewer cyber security and the revised submittal for Restore NY.

Grant Administration

G&G is currently administering the complicated highly technical \$1,250,000 NY HCR CDBG award. We are also administering the close out of the LGRMIF (NYSED) grant along with the 2020 FEMA AFG award. G&G completed past reports due to FEMA as well as current FEMA reporting obligations. We were also able to recover **\$23,707** that had not been reimbursed to the village from this grant.

G&G has also consulted with the village on the previous grant writer's lack of input on their Main Street Grant monitoring/closeout.

Municipal Consulting

G&G has assisted the village with general municipal consulting actions. In conjunction with village clerk Tracy Van Skiver, we were able to rectify the extremely difficult federal SAM.gov registration. This requirement is necessary for the village to directly receive federal funds. We were also able to correct and update the SAM registration for the police department.

G&G staff has worked closely with clerk VanSkiver on several other general municipal issues. We look forward to continuing our close working relationship with her.

For the police department, we were able to assist with the set-up of multiple registrations and authorizations to apply for future funding.

G&G has met with all village department heads. They have been upfront, helpful and highly professional. We look forward to these continued partnerships.

Multiple planning sessions have taken place with Mayor Javier and the village board. Their insight, vision, and assistance have been crucial to our successful endeavors.

We look forward to continued success with the Village of Albion which recently extended our contract for another year.