



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER

Jacob Burns Film Center to Receive \$506,500 in Funding from the Regional Economic Development Council Initiative

Pleasantville, NY— December 18, 2018 — Today, Governor Cuomo announced that **\$87.1 million** in economic and community development funding has been awarded through the Regional Economic Development Council initiative to the Mid-Hudson region. Included in this announcement is the awarding of **\$506,500** to the **Jacob Burns Film Center** (Pleasantville, NY), a nonprofit five-screen cinema and education center and one of the most successful suburban art houses in the country.

“On behalf of the Jacob Burns Film Center’s Board of Directors, I want to thank Governor Cuomo, members of the Mid-Hudson Regional Council, all the elected officials, and business and community leaders who recognized an investment made in the Jacob Burns Film Center is a powerful accelerant for keeping a vital economic engine running in Westchester County, if not the entire region. These funds will fuel a host of necessary capital improvements to keep the Center’s infrastructure current in a highly competitive environment, as well as help fulfill the Council’s desire to promote the area as a model ‘LIVE-WORK-PLAY’ community. We look forward to continue providing the highest-quality programming, educational opportunities and artistic support to the hundreds-of-thousands of individuals we serve every year,” said JBFC Executive Director **Edie Demas**.

The **Regional Economic Development Council** initiative (REDC) is a key component of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s transformative approach to State investment and economic development. In 2011, Governor Cuomo established 10 Regional Councils to develop long-term strategic plans for economic growth for their regions. The Councils are public-private partnerships made up of local experts and stakeholders from business, academia, local government, and non-governmental organizations.

For more information on the **Jacob Burns Film Center**, click [here](#).

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