

Complementary Funding Opportunities for DRI and NYF Projects

DRI/NYF project sponsors are encouraged to pursue a variety of funding options to help them achieve their project. This can include other sources of State funding. The following is a list of funding opportunities that are most relevant to the types of projects that are usually formed during the DRI/NYF planning process. The following is not a comprehensive overview of all conditions and requirements of each funding opportunity. **If a project sponsor is interested in pursuing one of the funding opportunities, it is essential to review the funding opportunity information in detail.**

More information about many of these programs can be found in the [Available CFA Resources](#) booklet, where more detailed information about 2026 funding opportunities can be found.

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Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY)

New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming (NY SWIMS)

Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

<https://www.dasny.org/SWIMSRound2>

Recognizing that drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1-4 and that climate change will increase extreme heat events, the New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming (NY SWIMS) initiative is a competitive matching grant program to expand access to safe swimming facilities across the State of New York.

Program Highlights:

- Municipalities and prequalified not-for-profit entities providing swimming facilities are eligible to apply.
- NY SWIMS grants may be used for payment of capital costs that include, but are not limited to, acquisition, demolition, design, construction, major renovation, reconstruction, improvement, modernization, or rehabilitation of a swimming facility and related eligible improvements that expand swimming opportunities for New Yorkers.
- Applicants may only submit ONE application for ONE swimming facility at ONE project location. If multiple applications are received from the same applicant, only the first application will be reviewed and scored.
- Site control is required to prove that the applicant has sufficient authorization and control to undertake the project at the project location.
- NY SWIMS project awards shall be between \$250,000 and \$10,000,000.
- Grantees must demonstrate a 20% match toward the project.
- Applicant Webinar: September 3, 2025
- Application Deadline: October 30, 2025

New York Building Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids, and Seniors (NY BRICKS)

Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

<https://www.dasny.org/BRICKS>

Recognizing that community centers help promote physical health, mental well-being, and provide community connections for youth and older adults, the New York Building Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids and Seniors (NY BRICKS) Initiative, is a competitive grant program to facilitate the design, construction, and renovation of community centers in communities across the State of New York.

Program Highlights:

- Municipalities and prequalified not-for-profit entities providing community centers are eligible to apply.
- NY BRICKS grants may be used to fund the acquisition, design, construction, major renovation, and equipping of a community center, along with other related capital costs necessary to effectuate the NY BRICKS Initiative.

- Applicants may only submit ONE application for ONE community center at ONE project location. If multiple applications are received from the same applicant, only the first application will be reviewed and scored.
- Site Control is required to prove that the applicant has sufficient authorization and control to undertake the project at the project location.
- NY BRICKS project awards shall be between \$250,000 and \$15,000,000.
- Grantees must demonstrate a 20% match toward the project.
- Applicant Webinar: June 25, 2025
- Application Deadline: August 15, 2025

New York Places for Learning, Activity, and Youth Socialization (NY PLAYS)

Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

<https://www.dasny.org/PLAYS>

NY PLAYS helps communities expand access to safe, welcoming outdoor spaces that promote physical activity, emotional well-being, and in-person social connection for children and families. NY PLAYS grants can be used to fund the acquisition, design, construction, major renovation, and equipping of a playground, along with other related capital costs necessary to effectuate the NY PLAYS Initiative.

Program Highlights:

- Municipalities and prequalified not-for-profit entities providing playgrounds are eligible to apply
 - Prior to applying, Not-for-profit entities must receive approved Prequalification status. Prequalification requires Not-for-profit organizations to provide information in the Statewide Financial System (SFS) that is used to assess organizational capacity, organizational compliance and organizational integrity. All Not-for-profit entities must register, apply for, and obtain approved Prequalification status in SFS. Please note that the status must be shown as Prequalified. Any other status such as "In Review" will be treated as not prequalified.
- To be eligible to receive a NY PLAYS Grant, the project must be for the acquisition, design, construction, major renovation, and equipping of a playground, along with other related capital costs necessary to effectuate the NY PLAYS Initiative.
- Applicants may submit multiple applications; however, each application must be for a single project location. Applications will be reviewed and scored individually.
- Proceeds will cover no more than 80% of the capital costs for the proposed project. Matching funds must be utilized to pay for capital costs incurred in connection with the project. The applicant must provide evidence of committed funding sources in an amount sufficient to pay at least 20% of the capital costs of the project.
- Application Deadline: June 15, 2026

Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)

New York Main Street Program (NYMS)

NYS Homes and Community Renewal

<https://hcr.ny.gov/new-york-main-street>

NYMS provides financial resources and technical assistance to communities to strengthen the economic vitality of the State's traditional Main Streets and neighborhoods. The grant program provides support to organizations that are committed to revitalizing historic downtowns, mixed-use neighborhood commercial districts, and village centers.

Program Highlights:

- Local governments or an organization incorporated under the NYS Not-for-Profit Corporation Law that has been providing relevant service to the community for at least one year prior to application.
- Mixed-use building renovation including façade renovations, interior commercial and residential building upgrades, and ancillary streetscape enhancements; shovel-ready downtown anchor projects; and technical assistance are eligible activities and must be located in an eligible target area. NYMS funds are not available for building demolition or new construction.
- The NYMS eligible program target area should be an established mixed-use (commercial, civic and residential) “Main Street” or downtown retail district that is pedestrian-oriented and comprised of traditional mixed-use buildings.
- NYMS project awards shall be between \$20,000 and \$500,000.
- Each of the NYMS activities require matching funds, and only funds directly invested in eligible project activities are eligible as the required match. In kind match is not eligible, and costs incurred for ineligible activities or prior to award and contract execution are not eligible.
- Each municipality in which the proposed program or project will function must approve a formal resolution supporting an application for the proposed NYMS program or project. The resolution must be passed prior to the application deadline and attached in the documents section of the application.
- Application Webinar Part I: June 12, 2025
- Application Webinar Part II: June 25, 2025
- Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00pm

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

NYS Homes and Community Renewal

<https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant>

The CDBG Program is a unique source of federal funding to assist low- and moderate-income communities, households, and people. CDBG funding assistance can include everything from drinking water and sanitary sewer projects to grants for home repair, senior and community center improvements to grants to small business for start-up and expansion.

The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income (LMI). An LMI person is defined as being a member of households whose

income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size. A principal benefit to LMI persons requires that at least 51% of the project beneficiaries qualify as LMI.

Program Highlights:

- Non-entitlement units of local government (villages, cities, towns, or counties) excluding metropolitan cities, urban counties, and Indian Tribes that are designated entitlement communities. Non-entitlement areas are defined as cities, towns, and villages with populations less than 50,000, except those designated principal cities of a Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties with populations less than 200,000.
- The NYS CDBG program does not provide direct financial assistance to businesses.
- Pre-application requirements: Applicants must comply with citizen participation requirements including providing one public hearing held prior to the submission of an application and making the application available for public inspection.
- Public Infrastructure – Public or private water source development, storage, and distribution; sanitary sewage collection treatment; flood control and storm water drainage; municipal utilities; ancillary public works components such as sidewalks, streets, parking and open spaces
 - Counties, towns, cities or villages: \$1,500,000 Maximum
 - *With NYS Co-Funding Initiative: \$2,000,000 Maximum
 - *Co-funded projects are those projects that include State and/or Federal sources. To qualify, co-funded sources must be in place at the time of application AND at least 20% of project costs must be from co-funding sources.
 - Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00pm
- Public Facility – Eligible activities include the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities, including but not limited to senior centers; accessibility modifications for removal of architectural barriers; neighborhood facilities (libraries, childcare centers, recreational facilities, parks, playground, etc.); facilities for person with special needs such as homeless or domestic violence shelters, nursing homes, or group homes for the disabled; infrastructure improvements including construction of streets, curbs, lighting, and broadband; fire stations and equipment
 - \$1,000,000 Maximum
 - Application Deadline: Open Round / December 31, 2025
- Community Planning – Community Needs Assessments include income surveys, housing needs assessments, market analysis or similar assessments; Project Specific Planning to increase project readiness including preliminary architectural and engineering design, and cost estimates
 - \$50,000 Maximum
 - Application Deadline: Open Round / December 31, 2025
- Economic Development – These funds may be used to assist a specific, standalone business or assist a community to establish a microenterprise assistance program to assist multiple businesses.
 - Standalone Business Assistance: \$25,000 minimum; \$750,000 maximum
 - Microenterprise: \$100,000 minimum; \$300,000 maximum
 - Application Deadline: Open Round / December 31, 2025
- Imminent Threat – Funds may be requested to alleviate conditions that have a blighting influence or pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of a community. Eligible activities may include repairs or improvements to water/sewer systems, storm sewer

drainage, flood walls, roads, sidewalks and culverts; demolition and/or clearance of damaged structures; public services required as a result of disaster

- \$1,000,000 Maximum
- Application Deadline: Open Round / December 31, 2025

New York State Housing Programs

NYS Homes and Community Renewal

The following programs support the development of housing opportunities for primarily low-income households. Each program has different requirements for eligible activities, entities, and funding and match requirements, and the programs adjust each funding round and/or may not be offered on a consistent basis. The following are some of the housing programs that HCR offers or has offered in recent years.

- Community Controlled Affordable Housing Program
 - <https://hcr.ny.gov/community-controlled-affordable-housing-ccah-program>
- Housing Trust Fund Program
 - <https://hcr.ny.gov/htf>
- Housing Development Fund Corporation
 - <https://hcr.ny.gov/housing-development-fund-corporation-hdfc>
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) 4%
 - <https://hcr.ny.gov/low-income-housing-tax-credit-program-4pctRFP>
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) 9%
 - <https://hcr.ny.gov/2025-multifamily-finance-9-lihtc>
 - Note that the link is specific to 2025, future funding opportunities under this program may have different information.
- HOME Program
 - <https://hcr.ny.gov/nys-home-program>
- Rural and Urban Community Investment Fund Program
 - <https://hcr.ny.gov/rural-urban-community-investment-fund-cif>
 - <https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2025/07/2025-hcr-rural-and-urban-community-investment-fund-term-sheet.pdf>
 - Note that the link is specific to 2025, future funding opportunities under this program may have different information.

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)

Historic Preservation Tax Credits

NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

<https://parks.ny.gov/shpo/tax-credit-programs/>

Preservation-based tax incentive programs are available in New York State for the rehabilitation of historic income-producing properties, owner-occupied residences, and barns.

Program Highlights:

- Income-producing historic buildings include commercial, office, industrial, and residential rentals. The buildings must be considered depreciable under the Internal Revenue Code, such as in a business, commercial, or other income-producing use.
- Owners of income-producing historic properties that have been approved to receive the 20% federal historic rehabilitation tax credit incentives could be eligible for an additional state tax credit.
- Must be listed or in the process of being listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Those buildings in the process of being listed must become listed within 30 months of the historic building being placed in service.
- For NYS eligibility, the property must be located in a qualifying census tract or on NY State parkland. Eligible census tract data is updated April 1 of each year. Once a project is submitted and found to meet the census tract eligibility requirements, the project remains eligible in the program until project completion.
- Owners can receive an additional state credit of 20% or 30% of the Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditure (QRE) resulting in credits not to exceed \$5,000,000. To qualify for the 30% state credit: the placed-in-service date must be after January 1, 2022, and the total QREs cannot exceed \$2.5 million.
- There is no application form for the New York State credit. Applicants need to meet the New York State program requirements defined above, comply with OPRHP's media agreement, and submit the applicable state review fees (between \$0 and \$6,500). After Part 3 of the federal application is approved by the National Park Service - and the state fees are paid - OPRHP will issue a certification allowing owners to claim the New York State credit.
- Current New York State legislation has the availability of the State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program until December 31, 2029.

Environmental Protection Fund Grants for Parks, Preservation, and Heritage (EPF)

NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

<https://parks.ny.gov/grants/environmental-protection-fund>

EPF Parks, Preservation and Heritage grant funding is available for the acquisition, planning, development, and improvement of parks, historic properties, and heritage areas located within the physical boundaries of the State of New York.

Program Highlights:

- Municipalities, state agencies, public benefit Corporations, public authorities, and pre-qualified Not-for-profit Corporations are eligible to apply.

- Applicants must have an ownership interest in the project property and provide documentation of their ownership interest.
- Grants can fund up to 50% of the total eligible project cost or up to 75% if the project is located in a high-poverty area in the program guidelines. Grant awards are capped at \$675,000.
- Parks Program – Funding is available for the acquisition, development or planning of parks and recreational facilities open to the public to preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structure for park, recreation, or conservation purposes and for structural assessments and/or planning for such projects. Examples of eligible projects include playgrounds, courts, rinks, community gardens, and facilities for swimming, boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, camping or other recreational activities.
- Historic Preservation Program – Funding is available to acquire, improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate, or restore properties listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places and for structural assessments and/or planning for such projects.
 - All work must conform to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and professional qualifications as defined in “Historic Preservation Terms and Professional Qualifications”.
 - To apply for funding, the historic property must be either listed on the State and/or National Registers, approved for nomination at the March 12, 2025 State Board for Historic Preservation meeting, or on the agenda for nomination review at the June 11, 2025, or September 10, 2025, meeting. Properties must be listed prior to receiving a grant award.
- Heritage Area Program – Funding is available to acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, or restore lands, waters or structures identified in the approved management plans for Heritage Areas designated under section 35.03 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation 59 Law, and for structural assessments or planning for such projects where an active management entity has endorsed the project.
- Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00pm

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

<https://parks.ny.gov/grants/recreational-trails-program>

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal program, administered by OPRHP, that provides funding for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized (e.g., pedestrian, equestrian, biking), motorized, and diverse use (primarily intended for one mode of use but can accommodate both motorized and nonmotorized uses like a snowmobile and equestrian trail) recreational trail uses.

Program Highlights:

- Municipalities and pre-qualified not-for-profit corporations are eligible to apply.
- All project activities must progress by project phase (Preliminary Design, Final Design, Right-of-way, Construction) and only as authorized.
- All applicants must link their proposed project to one, or more, of the following categories:
 - Maintenance and restoration of existing trails
 - Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages
 - Purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment
 - Construction of new recreational trails
 - Acquisition of easements and/or fee simple title to real property

- Assessment of trail conditions for accessibility and maintenance
- RTP grants provide federal funding of up to 80% of the total project cost with a minimum 20% matching share.
 - Minimum grant request for maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation, development, construction, acquisition, and assessment projects: \$25,000 (\$31,250 minimum total project cost)
 - Minimum grant request for equipment purchase-only projects: \$5,000 (\$6,250 minimum for total project cost)
 - Maximum grant request: \$300,000 (\$375,000 minimum total project cost)
- Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00pm

Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant (MPR)

NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

<https://parks.ny.gov/grants/municipal-parks-recreation-grant>

The Municipal Parks and Recreation (MPR) grant program funds the development and improvement of municipal parks and recreation sites. MPR funding is available for the construction of recreational facilities and other improvements to municipally owned recreational sites and parks including playgrounds, courts, playing fields, and facilities for swimming, biking, boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, camping or other recreational activities.

Program Highlights:

- Counties, cities, towns, and villages that own the property where the proposed project is sited are eligible to apply.
- Grants will primarily fund construction costs.
 - Preconstruction activities, such as developing plans and design specifications may be included in the project budget, but MPR cannot fund projects that are solely for planning and design without a construction component.
- Only one location per application.
- MPR can fund up to 90% of the total eligible project costs, with a matching share requirement of 10%.
- The maximum grant award is \$900,000.
- Application Deadline: February 9, 2026

Empire State Development (ESD)

Restore New York Communities Initiative (Restore NY)

Empire State Development

<https://esd.ny.gov/restore-new-york#objective>

The Restore New York Communities Initiative (Restore NY) provides municipalities with financial assistance for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties. The program encourages community development and neighborhood growth through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures.

Project Highlights:

- Counties, cities, towns, and villages are eligible
 - Cities over one million, and counties therein, may only apply in distressed communities
- Projects involving the demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or reconstruction of vacant, abandoned, condemned, and surplus properties
- Total project cost varies based on the size of the municipality and the proposed activities
 - All projects require no less than 10% of the aggregated award or awards amount in matching contributions
- Intent to Apply Form Due: October 23, 2024 by 5:00pm
- Application Deadline: December 20, 2024 by 5:00pm

Regional Council Capital Funds (formerly ESD Grant Funds)

Empire State Development

<https://esd.ny.gov/regional-council-capital-fund-program>

This program provides capital grant funding for economic development projects intended to create or retain jobs; prevent, reduce, or eliminate unemployment and underemployment; increase business or economic activity in a community or Region; and/or expand, construct, restore or renovate New York State tourism destinations and attractions.

Program Highlights:

- Eligible Applicants (including but not limited to): for-profit businesses, not-for-profit corporations, business improvement districts, local development corporations, public benefit corporations (including industrial development agencies), economic development organizations, research and academic institutions, incubators, technology parks, municipalities, counties, regional planning councils, tourist attractions, and community facilities.
 - City, town, and village applicants must be certified by NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) as a pro-housing community prior to receiving an award.
- Funding assistance generally falls within the following categories:
 - Business Investment – Capital expenditures that facilitate an employer's ability to create new jobs in New York State or retain jobs that are otherwise in jeopardy.
 - Economic Growth – Investments that foster economic growth through cultural activity, higher education activity, agribusiness initiatives, other local or regional initiatives, improvements to facilities in distressed areas, commercial revitalization activities in central business districts or commercial strips, or other types of projects that may not have direct job creation goals but do foster economic development within the area the project will occur.

- Tourism – Projects in the Tourism category will support the tourism industry with strategic investments to expand, construct, restore or renovate New York State tourism destinations and attractions
- Strategic Focus Areas – Emphasis will be placed on projects that encompass one or more of the strategic focus areas determined as part of the Consolidated Funding Application. For 2025, those focus areas include Childcare Projects, Projects located in a Distressed Area, and Innovative Public-Private Partnerships
- Only minimum grant requests of \$100,000 or more will be reviewed.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to reach out to their ESD Regional Office to discuss their project prior to submitting an application.
- Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00pm

Market New York (tourism marketing projects only)

Empire State Development

<https://esd.ny.gov/market-new-york-tourism-grant-program>

Market New York is a grant program established to strengthen tourism and attract visitors to New York State by promoting destinations, attractions, and special events.

Program Highlights:

- Municipalities, not-for-profit corporations, Tourism Promotional Agencies (TPAs), public benefit corporations, and for-profit companies are eligible to apply.
 - Businesses must be certified in New York State. Not-for-profit corporations are subject to New York State's Not-For-Profit Corporation Law and must have proof of incorporation (or equivalent document) from the NYS Department of State or NYS Board of Regents, a charities registration number from the NYS Office of the Attorney General and proof of tax-exempt status under the IRS code.
- Funding is available for tourism marketing initiatives, the recruitment and/or execution of special events, festivals, expos, agritourism/craft beverage events and athletic tournaments, and the recruitment of business events like meetings, conferences, conventions and trade shows.
- 50% match is required for working capital/marketing projects, with a \$50,000 minimum request.
 - An actual cash match of at least 50% of the total project cost is required. In-kind matches and/or staff time are not eligible for the match requirement. Additionally, funds from any state agency (including I LOVE NY Tourism Matching Funds, EDA Subaward and the ESD Fund) are ineligible to be used for the match.
- Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00pm

Pro-Housing Supply Funds Program

Empire State Development / Homes and Community Renewal

<https://esd.ny.gov/pro-housing-community-supply-funds-program>

This program helps finance essential infrastructure projects, such as water and sewer system upgrades that are needed to facilitate new housing development in Pro-Housing Communities.

Program Highlights:

- City, town, or village that has been certified as a Pro-Housing Community before receiving an award.

- Counties and municipally designated non-profit economic development organizations are also eligible to apply; so long as the project occurs within a pro-housing certified municipality.
 - Limit of two grant awards per Pro Housing Community.
- Eligible Applicants must be able to demonstrate ownership of the site or provide proof of site control/permission from the entity that does own it.
- Funds must be used for infrastructure projects that directly support the creation of new housing units. Eligible uses include:
 - Installation, extension, or reconstruction of road, water, sewer, electrical, or other utilities
 - Design, permitting, or engineering costs directly related to the infrastructure project (limited to 20% of total project cost)
 - Acquisition of machinery and equipment required for the ongoing operational use of the infrastructure project
 - Site preparation or demolition directly related to the infrastructure project
 - Other capital uses as determined by ESD
- Projects will be eligible to receive up to fifty percent (50%) of the eligible total project cost with a minimum award amount of \$2.5 million dollars and a maximum award amount of \$10 million dollars.
- Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00pm

ConnectALL

ConnectALL Deployment Program

ConnectALL

<https://broadband.ny.gov/connectall-deployment-program>

The ConnectALL Deployment Program will support the deployment of broadband to unserved and underserved locations statewide.

Program Highlights:

- Applicant may be a corporation; a local unit of government, including counties, cities, towns, villages; Tribal Nations; a regional planning board formed under the provisions of New York State General Municipal Law; a local development corporation or a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation; or a new entity created by the collaborators.
- Eligible uses for program funding are capital expenses directly related to the deployment of a qualified broadband project including deploying and/or upgrading broadband network facilities in connection with deploying service to unserved or underserved locations; deploying and/or upgrading broadband network facilities to provide or improve service to an eligible Community Anchor Institution; data collection, broadband mapping, and planning to facilitate the goals and deliverables of the BEAD Program; installing Internet and Wi-Fi infrastructure within a multi-family residential building.
- Application Deadline: July 30, 2025, 11:59pm

Municipal Infrastructure Program

ConnectALL

<https://broadband.ny.gov/municipal-infrastructure-program>

ConnectALL's Municipal Infrastructure Program supports municipalities, state and local authorities, non-profits, and other entities established pursuant to Section 99-y of the New York State General Municipal Law to construct open access municipal broadband networks in their communities across the state.

Program Highlights:

- Eligible Public Applicants: public entities, municipal utilities, and utility cooperatives as described in the RFA
 - Public Entities: Municipalities (cities, counties, towns, villages); Tribal Nations; state and local authorities; entities established pursuant to Section 99-y of the NYS General Municipal Law; not-for-profit entities; and regional planning boards formed under the provisions of NYS General Municipal Law.
 - Municipal Utilities: Local government entities, including those established by a municipality as nonprofit Utility Cooperatives
- Eligible private partner applicants: Internet Service Providers (ISPs), Managed Service Providers (MSPs), Broadband Infrastructure Builders and Owners
- Program funding may include construction of new infrastructure or acquisition of existing infrastructure under the following categories:
 - Last mile fiber connections to address – Last mile infrastructure: the cabling, wires, necessary pole replacements and make-ready and/or radios that ISPs use to distribute the internet from local Internet Exchanges to network and/or customer endpoints; Drops to a building: the cabling or wires necessary to make the connection from passing fiber or cable on a street pole or in-street conduit into a building structure.
 - Fiber connections to Internet Exchange Points or Data Centers – Middle mile fiber: the fiber to transport internet services to a local Data Center where an Applicant is connecting or facilitating its last mile infrastructure; Networking equipment: the routers, switches, and other equipment necessary to interconnect networks in a Data Center; Connections to Regional Infrastructure: the fiber and equipment to connect networks to each other or to regional infrastructure to increase resilience and maximize long-term operational efficiency and scalability.
 - Acquisition of existing infrastructure assets and related agreements - The purchase of network assets from a public or private entity for incorporation by an Applicant into a Project Area, and related legal agreements.
- Broadband infrastructure funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Program will be owned by a public entity or publicly controlled.
- \$30 million maximum per award
 - Applicants are encouraged to break larger projects into components to be under the \$30 million threshold.
 - Individual grant awards for Phase 4 projects are anticipated to be under \$10 million.
- Request for Applications Issued: March 27, 2025
- Request for Applications Information Session: April 3, 2025
- Application Deadline: April 25, 2025, 11:59PM

Affordable Housing Connectivity Program

ConnectALL

<https://broadband.ny.gov/affordable-housing-connectivity-program>

The Affordable Housing Connectivity Program is improving broadband access in regulated affordable rental units across New York State by providing upgrades to in-unit broadband infrastructure for low-income, affordable housing residents that currently have unreliable, unaffordable, or nonexistent internet service options in their homes, at no cost to property owners.

Program Highlights:

- Internet Service Providers and Regulated Affordable Housing Properties are eligible to apply.
- Grant Size: \$500 - \$1,000 per unit
- Applications will be submitted in a two-step process.
 - Section One applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.
 - Once applicants are notified that their application to Section One is approved, they may submit applications for Section Two as often as ConnectALL publishes eligible Property Portfolios. Section Two applications for each Portfolio of Properties will have a deadline and will not be reviewed on a rolling basis.
- 2024 through 2026: Grantee and Property Matching; Awarding Grants; New Infrastructure Deployed, Digital Inclusion Resources Offered

Department of State (DOS)

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)

NYS Department of State

<https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program>

This program provides matching grants on a competitive basis for planning, design, and construction projects to revitalize communities and waterfronts. This program helps communities breathe new life into their waterfront and underused assets in ways that ensure successful and sustainable revitalization.

Program Highlights:

- Village, town, or city located along NY's coasts or inland waterways designated pursuant to Executive Law, Article 42 are eligible to apply
 - County or regional planning council with written consent and acting on behalf of one or more eligible villages, towns, or cities
 - List of coastal waterbodies and designated inland waterways as defined in NYS Executive Law, Article 42, Section 911: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/EXC/911>
- For projects which include any design and/or construction work, the applicant must identify the current legal owner(s) for all properties where improvements will be implemented. Applicants must provide proof with the application that all final design and construction work will be performed on public property or where a permanent public interest has been established prior to the grant application due date.
- LWRP grant funding is available to advance the preparation or implementation of strategies for community and waterfront revitalization through the following grant categories:
 - Preparing or updating a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, including updating an LWRP to be more resilient to climate risks

- Preparing an LWRP component, including a Watershed Management Plan
 - Implementing an LWRP or a completed LWRP component
- The minimum grant request for EPF LWRP funding per grant application is \$50,000 and the maximum grant request is \$2 million.
- State assistance awarded and paid shall not exceed 75% of the total eligible project costs. Projects in an Environmental Justice or Disadvantaged Community that receive State assistance shall not exceed 85% of the total eligible project costs.
- Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00pm

NYS Canal Corporation

Canalway Grant Program

NYS Canal Corporation

<https://www.canals.ny.gov/Doing-Business/Grants/Canalway-Grant-Program>

The program provides competitive grants to eligible entities for canal-related capital projects located along the NYS canal system.

Program Highlights:

- Counties, towns, villages, and other units of local government, federally recognized Native American tribes, not-for-profit corporations are eligible to apply.
 - Not-for-profit corporations must have proof of incorporation (or equivalent document) from the NYS Department of State or NYS Board of Regents, a charities registration number from the NYS Office of the Attorney General, and proof of tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue code)
- Eligible canal capital project expenses include, but are not limited to:
 - Constructing new boat launches, buildings, trail sections, trail connections or structures
 - Creative placemaking, wayfinding, and signage concepts
 - Substantial renovations or preservation of existing buildings, trail segments, or other structures, including reconfigurations (removal or construction of walls, ceilings and flooring, windows, window frames, hulls)
 - Site preparation and improvements associated with a project (excavation, demolition, roadways, sidewalks, exterior lighting, sprinkler systems, utility hook-ups)
 - Acquisition of furnishings, fixtures, machinery and equipment with a useful life in excess of five years including signs and interpretive exhibits, constructing or rehabilitating docks or bulkheads for the purpose of public access to and from the Canal System
 - Hazardous waste clean-up associated with a project
 - Restoration of floodways, stream embankments or other improvements
- The minimum grant request amount is \$25,000. The maximum grant request is \$150,000.
- 50% grant match requirement by awardees.
- Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00pm

NYS Canal System Grants: Tourism Infrastructure & Amenity Support

NYS Canal Corporation

<https://eriecanalway.org/resources/grants/tourism-infrastructure-amenity-support>

This program supports capital improvement projects and purchase of equipment that enhance recreational amenities and tourism, along the NYS Canal System (Canal waterways and Canalway Trails).

Program Highlights:

- Counties, municipalities, units of local government, not-for-profit organizations and federally recognized Native American tribes located within the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor are eligible to apply. Applications for infrastructure projects located on land owned by the New York State Canal Corporation are open only to federal/state/local governments, unless a not-for-profit applicant is currently named as a permittee on an existing Canal Corporation Use and Occupancy Permit.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate project site control.
- Program activities include:
 - Enhancements which include new or restoration of existing waterway and trail features; including trail construction, trail resurfacing, parking areas, access sites and crosswalks.
 - Construction and/or improvements to the condition of recreational and visitor amenities. Improvements may include the construction or restoration of pocket parks, boat launches, docks, storage facilities, rest stops, and other amenities (e.g., plazas, gardens, or amphitheaters, visitor centers and canal-related tourism sites). Universal design principles should be incorporated with special attention to ADA standards.
 - Purchase, installation, and maintenance of equipment, machinery and materials designed to create or enhance visitor experiences such as grounds maintenance equipment, bike racks, potable water, restrooms, porta-johns, showers, benches, WIFI, and security upgrades.
 - Purchase and installation of wayfinding signage. Requests for wayfinding signage on NYS Canal Corporation property must follow Canal Corporation branding guidelines and receive written approval by the Grantor during the design stage. (Requests for site furnishings on NYS Canal Corporation property must follow Canal Corporation amenity guidelines and receive written approval(s) by the Grantor during the design stage.)
 - Purchase and installation of wayfinding signage. (Requests for wayfinding signage on NYS Canal Corporation property must follow Canal Corporation branding guidelines and receive written approval(s) by the Grantor during the design stage.)
 - Preservation, conservation, or enhancement of canal-specific historic, cultural or natural resources.
 - Enhancements that improve access and connection to the NYS Canal System. These improvements should feature universal design principles.
 - Contracted services including garbage removal, porta-johns, bike and paddle craft rental services (third party rental services on NYS Canal Corp. property isn't permitted at this time), and maintenance crews.
- Awards range from \$5,000 to \$24,000.
- The requested grant amount must be at least equally matched by the applicant and clearly demonstrated in the project budget. Sources of matching funds may include:
 - Cash Match: Private or public sector grants (except NYSCC CFA grants), private contributions, or income from fees or services.
 - In-Kind Match: Donated goods and services to the proposed project including staff and volunteer time. Staff time may only be used as match if the applicant is not requesting staff time (up to 10% of grant request) as part of the grant award. The current estimated value of volunteer time may be found here: [Value of Volunteer Time — Independent Sector](#).
- Application Deadline: November 21, 2025

Hudson River Valley Greenway

Greenway Conservancy Trail Grants

NYS Hudson River Valley Greenway

<https://hudsongreenway.ny.gov/grants-funding>

Greenway Conservancy Trail grants facilitate and support the creation of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail System, which consists of both land and water trails. Funding helps communities and trail groups establish a system of trails that link cultural and historic sites, parks, open spaces, and community centers as well as providing public access to the Hudson River.

Program Highlights:

- Municipalities and not-for-profit corporations located within the geographic area of the Greenway, as defined by Article 44 of the Environmental Conservation Law, may apply.
 - The legislatively defined Greenway area includes all of the municipalities within these counties: Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Ulster, Washington, Westchester, municipalities in Greene County completely or partially outside of the Catskill Park, and those portions of New York and Bronx counties adjacent to the Hudson River and within the city's waterfront revitalization program area pursuant to Executive Law Article 42.
 - Eligibility Requirements: Launch, campsite and day use site owners located along the Hudson River and Champlain Canal, within the designated Greenway Area, and who are, or wish to become, a part of the water trail system are eligible to participate in the program. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:
 - Creation of new launches, campsites, or amenities
 - Additional parking and restroom facilities at some boat launches
 - Potable water
 - Standardized on-site kayak storage racks (plans available on request)
- Funding categories include:
 - Trail Construction – Projects to construct land trail segments/water trail sites or trail links that further the goals of the Greenway Trail Program.
 - Trail Planning or Design – Projects to complete feasibility studies, design or plan trail segments/water trail sites or trail links that further the goals of the Greenway Trail Program.
 - Trail Rehabilitation or Improvement – Rehabilitation/Improvement projects, including trail amenities, signs and kiosks, to improve trails/trail segments/water trail sites that further the goals of the Greenway Trail Program.
 - Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction – Projects to repair trail damage from catastrophic events such as flooding.
- Awards range from \$10,000 up to \$250,000 depending on funding category limits.
- Matching 1:1 Grants – All Greenway grants must be matched dollar for dollar, and Greenway funding cannot exceed 50% of the project cost
 - Match can be cash or in-kind:
 - In-kind: Staff time, volunteer hours (current estimated value of volunteer: [Value of Volunteer Time — Independent Sector](#)), non-monetary contributions such as materials or services
 - Grants may not be matched with other New York State funds

- Applications deadline: August 7, 2026

Greenway Community and Compact Planning Grants

NYS Hudson River Valley Greenway

<https://hudsongreenway.ny.gov/grants-funding>

The Greenway's Community and Compact Planning Grant Program is designed to help Greenway Communities and participating Greenway Compact Communities achieve preservation, enhancement, and development of the world-renowned scenic, natural, historic, cultural, and recreational resources of the Hudson River Valley by supporting projects consistent with economic development goals and the tradition of municipal home rule.

Program Highlights:

- Greenway Community Grants are open to Greenway Communities.
 - Municipalities that are within the designated Greenway area and have adopted a local board resolution to become a designated "Greenway Community."
- Greenway Compact Grants are open to participating Greenway Compact Communities.
 - Communities that have adopted an approved Greenway Compact Plan are eligible for increased grant funding under this program. In addition to the requirements for the Greenway Community Grant Program, municipalities must be a participating community in a Greenway Compact Plan.
- Applicants are encouraged to contact the Greenway prior to applying to discuss proposed projects.
- Greenway Communities can undertake a variety of projects under this program that are consistent with the Greenway criteria or advance the Greenway compact. The following list is intended to provide general guidance: Comprehensive/Master Planning; Zoning Ordinances; Natural Resource Inventory/Preservation; Open Space Inventory/Preservation; Cultural Resource Inventory/Protection; Recreational/Trail; Waterfront Revitalization; Training/Education; Capital Improvements.
- Awards range from \$10,000 up to \$100,000 depending on funding category limits.
- Matching 1:1 Grants – All Greenway grants must be matched dollar for dollar, and Greenway funding cannot exceed 50% of the project cost
 - Eligible Local Match shall include:
 - Contractual and professional consulting services
 - Equipment, supplies, and materials
 - Construction costs
 - Land acquisition
 - In-Kind services and volunteer hours: Non-professional volunteer hours (current estimated value of volunteer: [Value of Volunteer Time — Independent Sector](#)), Professional in-kind services include licensed professionals such as engineers, architects, graphic designers, researchers, contractors, etc. Individuals must be currently active in their fields. Retired service professionals must use the non-professional rate above.
 - Federal funds are eligible to be used as match, state funds are not.
- Applications deadline: November 6, 2026

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

Climate Smart Communities (CSC)

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/climate-change/resources-for-local-governments/grants-for-climate-action>

The CSC grant program provides funding for municipalities to perform climate change mitigation, adaptation, and planning and assessment projects that advance their ability to address greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation and climate change adaptation at the local level and become certified Climate Smart Communities.

Program Highlights:

- All municipalities, defined as a county, city, town, village, or borough are eligible to apply.
 - Political subdivisions such as municipal corporations, school districts, district corporations, boards of cooperative educational services, fire districts, public benefit corporations, industrial development authorities, and similar organizations are *not* eligible to apply, however, may apply in *partnership* with an eligible lead municipality
 - Municipalities need not be registered or certified as a Climate Smart Community to apply for a grant, but registered and certified CSCs will receive additional points as part of the competitive scoring
 - Applicant municipalities must be registered in the New York Statewide Financial System (SFS) Grants Management System
- Projects are divided into two categories:
 - Implementation Projects
 - Greenhouse Gas Mitigation – non-power sector, e.g., from transportation and food waste
 - Climate Adaptation – reducing risks to residents, infrastructure, and/or natural resources from changing climate hazards
 - Engineering Feasibility Studies – flood risk reduction and climate friendly HVAC and refrigeration equipment replacement
 - Certification Projects – inventories, assessments, and planning projects that move municipalities toward designation as certified Climate Smart Communities
- Implementation project funding:
 - Award amounts will be between \$50,000 up to \$2,000,000
 - A local match of 20% of total project costs is required under at least one of the following circumstances:
 - All project components are located in and take place in a disadvantaged community census tract
 - Municipal applicant appears on the NYS Office of the State Comptrollers environmental stress score list with a designation of “Significant Environmental Stress,” “Moderate Environmental Stress,” or “Susceptible Environmental Stress”
 - Municipal applicant has a 2019-2023 median household income less than or equal to \$67,662 per census table B19013
 - A local match of 50% of total project cost is required under the following circumstances:
 - All project components or some project components are located outside/take place outside of a disadvantaged community census tract
 - The applicant municipality has a 2019-2023 median household income greater than \$67,662 per census table B19013

- Certification project funding:
 - Award amounts will be between \$10,000 up to \$200,000
 - A local match of 20% of total project costs is required under one of the following circumstances:
 - Municipal applicant appears on the NYS Office of the State Comptrollers environmental stress score list with a designation of “Significant Environmental Stress,” “Moderate Environmental Stress,” or “Susceptible Environmental Stress” (see Attachment E)
 - Municipal applicant has a 2019-2023 MHI less than or equal to \$67,662 per census table B19013
 - A local match of 50% of total project costs is required under the following circumstances:
 - The applicant municipality has a 2019-2023 MHI greater than \$67,662 per census table B19013
- Applicant Webinars: June 9, 2025 and June 9, 2025 (Registration Required)
- Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00pm

Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP)

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

The goal of the Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) is to encourage private-sector cleanup of brownfields and to promote their redevelopment as a means to revitalize economically blighted communities. The BCP is an alternative to greenfield development and is intended to remove some of the barriers to, and provide tax incentives for, the redevelopment of urban brownfields.

Program Highlights:

- Brownfield sites are any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by the DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property with some exceptions.
- Prior to applying, applicants should contact the Point of Contact for the DEC region in which the project is located to schedule a pre-application meeting.
 - Pre-Application Meeting: Complete and submit a pre-application worksheet to the Regional Point of Contact before a pre-application meeting, so that any issues that may potentially delay DEC's approval of the application can be identified and resolved.
- For additional information regarding eligible entities and funding, please refer to the Department of Environmental Conservation's [website](#).

Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)

Green Resiliency Grants

Environmental Facilities Corporation

<https://efc.ny.gov/grg>

The Green Resiliency program is designed to support flood-prone communities in implementing transformative green infrastructure projects that combat the effects of extreme weather. Funded projects will use nature-based solutions to better manage stormwater, reduce pressure on wastewater systems, and protect neighborhoods from the increasingly severe effects of storms.

Program Highlights:

- Green infrastructure projects commonly provide for:
 - Safer, more resilient communities: Managing stormwater to mitigate flooding and better protect our homes and businesses.
 - Cleaner water and air: Reducing and treating stormwater at the source.
 - Cooler cities: Reducing urban heat island effect to create a more comfortable environment.
 - Thriving ecosystems: Restoring habitats to bring nature back to communities.
 - Vibrant communities: Encouraging economic development, revitalizing neighborhoods, and enhancing recreational opportunities.
- Application Deadline: August 15, 2025

New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) Grant Programs

Small and Midsized Capital Improvement Grants for Arts and Culture

NYS Council on the Arts

<https://arts.ny.gov/nysca-grant-opportunities>

This opportunity funds projects and nonprofit arts and culture organizations of any size that prioritize accessibility, artistry, cultural development, sustainability, health and safety, and structural and historical improvements.

Program Highlights:

- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts and culture organization
 - Applicants must be a nonprofit organization with a primary mission to support arts and culture, either incorporated in or registered to do business in New York State, with a location in New York State, and recognized as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code as a 501(c)(3)
 - Applicants must be prequalified to do business with New York State in the Statewide Financial System (SFS)
- Types of Capital Support:
 - Construction and renovation elements of capital projects
 - New construction, renovation, expansion, or refurbishment projects for eligible buildings
 - Purchase and installation of capital equipment systems

- Purchase of capitably eligible equipment systems that are essential to the production and/or presentation of the organization's arts and cultural mission, and which will be permanently installed in the organization's facility
- \$10,000–\$99,000 NO-MATCH grants:
 - Applicants may request funding between \$10,000 and \$99,000
 - Can fund up to 100% of project costs
 - Available ONLY to organizations with annual operating expenses of \$2 million OR LESS on their IRS Form 990 in any fiscal year ending on or after January 1, 2022
 - Total project cost can be greater than the amount requested
- \$50,000–\$2 million MATCHING grants:
 - Applicant requests a specific amount between \$50,000 and \$2 million, supported by application documentation
 - Award amount may not exceed 50% of total project cost, and no more than 50% of total project may be funded by NYS sources, including what is requested from NYSCA at the time of application
 - No operating budget size restriction—ORGANIZATIONS OF ANY SIZE MAY APPLY (including those with budgets of \$2 million or less)
 - Applicants may not request an amount lower than \$50,000
- Application Deadline: January 13, 2026 by 5:00pm

Large Capital Improvement Grants for Arts and Culture

NYS Council on the Arts

<https://arts.ny.gov/nysca-grant-opportunities>

This opportunity will support arts and cultural nonprofits across the state that are undertaking impactful, large-scale capital improvements. This funding will support investments that allow organizations to thrive by expanding cultural programming, reaching new and diverse audiences, and promoting accessibility. These grants will also help advance the State's goals around economic development and will require all applicants to commit to social equity initiatives and access plans that serve all New Yorkers.

Program Highlights:

- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts and culture organization
 - Applicants must be a nonprofit organization with a primary mission to support arts and culture, either incorporated in or registered to do business in New York State, with a location in New York State, and recognized as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code as a 501(c)(3)
 - Applicants must be prequalified to do business with New York State in the Statewide Financial System (SFS)
- Types of Capital Support:
 - Construction and renovation elements of capital projects
 - New construction, renovation, expansion, or refurbishment projects for eligible buildings
 - Purchase and installation of capital equipment systems
 - Purchase of capitably eligible equipment systems that are essential to the production and/or presentation of the organization's arts and cultural mission, and which will be permanently installed in the organization's facility

- Awards between \$2 million up to \$10 million
 - Applicants request a specific amount within this range and must support their request with documentation in the application
 - Award amount may not exceed 50% of total project cost, and no more than 50% of total project may be funded by NYS sources, including what is requested from NYSCA at the time of application
 - No operating budget size restriction—ORGANIZATIONS OF ANY SIZE MAY APPLY (including those with budgets of \$2 million or less)
 - Applicant may not request an amount lower than \$2 million
 - Minimum Total Project Cost: \$4 million
 - Applicants must propose a project in advanced stages of development (defined as ready to commence construction within 12 months) with an estimated total cost of at least \$4 million.
- Eligible Matching Costs:
 - Project-related capital expenses incurred prior to the grant period start date of July 1, 2026, including architecture and engineering fees
 - Soft costs that exceed 15% of the request amount
 - Additional contingency that exceeds 10% of the request amount (as appropriate for the project and industry standards)
 - Acquisition of the real property that is proposed for the capital improvement (including purchases made prior to the grant period start date)
- Application Deadline: January 13, 2026 by 5:00pm

Capital Design Grants for Arts and Culture

NYS Council on the Arts

<https://arts.ny.gov/nysca-grant-opportunities>

This grant opportunity is for mid-stage and advanced design documents including the development of schematics, design development, and construction documents for facilities only. Proposed design must result in plans for a capitably eligible project.

Program Highlights:

- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts and culture organization
 - Applicants must be a nonprofit organization with a primary mission to support arts and culture, either incorporated in or registered to do business in New York State, with a location in New York State, and recognized as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code as a 501(c)(3)
 - Applicants must be prequalified to do business with New York State in the Statewide Financial System (SFS)
- Funding supports: mid-to-late design phase of a capitably eligible project, including development of schematic design, design development, construction documents
 - Conceptual design and earlier stages of planning are not eligible
 - Proposed design must result in plans for a capitably eligible project:
 - Capital construction: renovation, expansion, or refurbishment projects for eligible buildings, as well as new construction projects

- Capital equipment systems: the purchase and installation of major capital equipment systems that are essential to the production and/or presentation of the organization's arts and cultural mission
- \$10,000–\$99,000 NO MATCH grants:
 - Applicants may request funding between \$10,000 and \$99,000
 - Can fund up to 100% of project costs
 - Available ONLY to organizations with annual operating expenses of \$2 million OR LESS on their IRS Form 990 in any fiscal year ending on or after January 1, 2022
 - Total project cost can be greater than the amount requested
- \$50,000–\$500,000 MATCHING grants:
 - Applicants request a specific amount between \$50,000 and \$500,000, supported by relevant application documentation
 - Award amount may not exceed 50% of total project cost, and no more than 50% of total project may be funded by NYS sources including NYSCA
 - Available ONLY to organizations with annual operating expenses of \$10 million OR LESS on their IRS Form 990 in any fiscal year ending on or after January 1, 2022
 - Applicants may not request an amount lower than \$50,000
- Application Deadline: January 13, 2026 by 5:00pm

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

NYS Department of Transportation

<https://www.dot.ny.gov/TAP-CMAQ>

TAP funding helps communities deliver safe, transformative, and innovative transportation projects which expand, enhance, and modernize walking and biking options and connections to transit. These programs and projects are alternatives to single occupancy vehicle transportation and contribute to the revitalization of local and regional economies. Projects are expected to improve mobility, accessibility, and the community's transportation character such that the street network is more vibrant, walkable, and safer for all transportation mode users, which includes pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and drivers.

Project Highlights:

- Local governments (counties, towns, cities and villages), transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies (NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, local fish and game or wildlife agencies), Tribal Governments, local or regional governmental transportation or recreational trail entity are eligible to apply
 - The following entities may be eligible in partnership with entities listed above: school districts, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (serves an urbanized area with population of 200,000 or fewer), regional transportation authorities, non-governmental organizations
- TAP funds a variety of transportation-related projects which increase options for non-vehicular transportation, including:
 - Planning, design, and construction of infrastructure-related projects to improve non-driver safety and access to public transportation and enhanced mobility
 - Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas
 - Safe routes to school (enables and encourages children to walk or bike to school)

- Planning, design, and construction of on-road and off-road facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and non-motorized transportation users
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and non-motorized transportation users
- Planning, design, and construction of boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways
- Community improvement activities (inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising, preserve historic transportation facilities, vegetation management practices, and archeological activities).
- Environmental mitigation activities
- Minimum federal share for each project is \$500,000: the match is \$125,000, resulting in a minimum total project cost of \$625,000
- Maximum federal share for each project is \$7 million: the minimum required match is \$1.75 million, resulting in a total project cost of at least \$8.75 million
- Eligible sponsors must attend a TAP Informational Workshop
- Application pre-review must be submitted by January 15, 2026
- Application Deadline: March 12, 2026

New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Community (CEC) (Sister program to [Climate Smart Community](#))

NYSERDA

<https://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities>

The Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program provides clear guidance, grants, direct technical support to communities, and recognition to local governments that demonstrate leadership in the area of clean energy. To enter the CEC program, municipalities should consult with a regional CEC coordinator.

Program Highlights:

- Eligible entities include county, city, town, or village governments.
- Two types of grants are available in the Clean Energy Communities Round 3.0. Each requires a separate agreement with NYSERDA.
 - Designation Grants: Municipalities collect points by completing high-impact actions. Each high-impact action has a certain number of points assigned to it. Once a municipality collects enough points, they can move on to a different point threshold and designation level and earn more grant funding for higher point levels.
 - Action Grants: Action Grants are available for completing Community Campaigns. Once a community completes the stated requirements, NYSERDA will send an email to the community contact with details and instructions on how to proceed.

Just Transition

NYSERDA

<https://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/All-Programs/Just-Transition-Site-Reuse-Planning-Program>

The Just Transition Site Reuse Planning Program is designed to provide communities with planning and technical support services to inform future decision making at the local level to help mitigate any negative impacts of pending or future fossil fuel power plant closures. This includes supporting activities

associated with site reuse planning to help communities spur diversified economic development and thrive in the move to a clean energy economy. This program does not play a role in the identification of specific power plant closures, but rather aims to provide communities, at no cost to them, with resources related to pending or future power plant closures.

Program Highlights:

- Applicant must be county, city, town, or village that is home to a grid-connected fossil-fuel power plant that:
 - has been decommissioned after August 3, 2016,
 - is currently being decommissioned,
 - has confirmed its plans to retire and deactivate, or
 - is currently operating.
- Applicants should be the level of government with land use/regulatory authority of the power plant site, or a partnership between levels of government with vested interests in the site reuse (land use/regulatory authority may include property ownership or regulatory controls, such as the ability to implement zoning and land use regulations specific to the power plant site).
- The scope of services to be provided by NYSERDA and its contractors in developing the applicant's Site Reuse Planning Study may include:
 - Evaluation of Existing Site
 - Economic Analysis
 - Stakeholder Input
 - Alternative Reuse Plans
 - Demolition and Abatement
 - Public Health Impacts
- For applicants who have completed these baseline planning tasks, technical assistance is available to support further pre-development work to assist the applicant in achieving more advanced community revitalization goals. Examples of pre-development activities include:
 - Detailed Infrastructure Assessment
 - Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment
 - Development of Marketing Collateral
 - Site Planning
 - Workforce Development Strategies
 - Non-Site-Specific Community Revitalization Strategies
 - Tailored Public Engagement Methods
- Each eligible municipality will receive up to \$150,000 of Site Reuse Planning Technical Assistance. Applicants may be eligible for Disadvantaged Community (DAC) community support adder of up to \$10,000 to advance planning efforts critical to addressing community needs.

Building Cleaner Communities Competition

NYSERDA

<https://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/All-Programs/Building-Cleaner-Communities-Competition>

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) offers incentives available to support regionally significant, zero emissions, carbon neutral, and resilient new construction and existing building renovation projects across New York State. All projects must demonstrate that the project will achieve all electric, carbon neutral, or net zero energy performance.

Program Highlights:

- Eligible Applicants include, but are not limited to: Industrial and manufacturing facilities, commercial facilities, warehouses and distribution centers, restaurants, breweries, vineyards, and distilleries, retail (must show alignment with Regional Priorities), food processing facilities, colleges and universities, healthcare facilities, agricultural facilities, municipalities (local government), state agencies & other state government, not-for-profit corporations, private developers, mixed use facilities, decarbonization of an existing central plant
- The financial support for projects in both Category A and Category B will be capped at \$2,000,000
 - Category A: Funding can be comprised of both a dollar per square foot amount and flat incentive amounts for various project elements
 - \$45 per square foot for projects owned by a 501(c)(3) entity
 - \$35 per square for all other projects
 - \$300,000 for projects committed to designing and certifying to the Passive House standard
 - \$300,000 for projects committed to installing Ground Source Heat Pumps
 - \$150,000 for projects committed to installing a battery storage system
 - \$100,000 for projects committed to installing a solar photovoltaic system
 - Category A Eligible Activities:
 - Planning, Design, Energy Modeling, and Integrated Project Delivery
 - Energy Efficiency Improvements
 - High performance building envelopes
 - Upgrades and Appliances Necessary for Electrification
 - On-site Renewable Energy Systems (photovoltaics, wind, or solar thermal), less applicable program incentives
 - Ground Source or Air Source Heat Pumps
 - On-site Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, less applicable program incentives
 - Battery and Thermal Storage Systems, less applicable program incentives
 - Advanced Controls to Enable Building-Grid Interactivity
 - Resiliency measures
 - Passive and active survivability measures
 - Certification fees for third-party building performance standards (Passive House, WELL, LEED)
 - Commissioning
 - Decarbonization of Central Plants
 - Or other efficiency or renewable energy technologies, as determined by NYSERDA
 - Category B: Funding will be 75% of the incremental cost to plan and design a community, campus, or large real estate portfolio project to carbon neutral or net zero energy performance status
 - Category B Eligible Activities:
 - Master/Comprehensive/Site Plan as it pertains to design and energy performance
 - Design as it pertains to energy performance or other work necessary to achieve a carbon neutral site

- Energy Modeling, Benchmarking, Technical Analysis
- Development of Zoning Ordinances
- Creation of Bid Documents
- Technical Guidance & Training for overseeing the installation of energy efficiency measures, renewable energy, energy storage, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Case Studies
- Application Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00pm

Environmental Bond Act

Environmental Bond Act (Bond Act)

<https://environmentalbondact.ny.gov/>

The Bond Act funding supports new and expanded projects across the State to safeguard drinking water sources, reduce pollution, and protect communities and natural resources from climate change. Bond Act investments protect water quality, help communities adapt to climate change, improve resiliency, and create green jobs.

Program Highlights:

- Eligible applicants and activities vary based on each funding opportunity available
- Bond Act funding categories:
 - Climate Change Mitigation
 - Restoration and Flood Risk Reduction
 - Water Quality Improvement and Resilient Infrastructure
 - Open Space Land Conservation and Recreation

Federal Funding Opportunities

There are also numerous federal funding opportunities that could support the implementation of DRI/NYF as well as other projects to support community revitalization. The following websites provide a list of various federal grant opportunities:

Grants.gov <https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) <https://www.epa.gov/grants>

Housing & Urban Development (HUD) https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/cfo/gmomgmt/grantsinfo

US Department of Transportation (USDOT) <https://www.transportation.gov/grants>

<https://www.transportation.gov/infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act/library-select-programs>

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) <https://www.arts.gov/grants>

Economic Development Administration (EDA) <https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities>

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) <https://www.doi.gov/lwcf>

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) <https://www.arc.gov/grants-and-opportunities/>

Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/program-areas>