



Local Government GRANT GUIDE 2026



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54th District

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Dear Municipal Leaders,

New York State offers a wealth of grant opportunities for local governments. Among these opportunities are programs to improve infrastructure, protect the environment, support local businesses, and advance shared-service agreements that deliver real savings for taxpayers.

As a former Town Supervisor, I understand that navigating these programs can be challenging and time-consuming, and I know how much of a difference grant funding can make in a community. That is why my office created our "Local Government Grant Guide," updated this year to reflect the latest funding opportunities.

This guide is designed to help you and your team identify programs that may benefit our shared communities. While its primary focus is New York State grants, we have included a selection of private programs as well, and I encourage you to reach out to your federal representatives for information on national programs.

Because many grant programs have short application windows, I encourage you to plan projects early, secure cost estimates, identify potential matching funds, and adopt any required resolutions. Taking these steps in advance can help position your municipality to move quickly when funding becomes available.

Should you decide to apply, please let me know if you would like my office to provide a letter of support. In the meantime, I will continue to send regular email updates as new opportunities become available.

As always, thank you for your public service and partnership. It is both a pleasure and a privilege to work with you.

Excelsior!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pam".

Pamela A. Helming
Senator, 54th District

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Funding Opportunities for Municipalities



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NEW YORK STATE GRANTS

Using SFS to find and apply for funding

The Statewide Financial System (SFS) provides a one-stop shop for New York State grant funding. The State recently transitioned from the Grants Gateway system to SFS.

For help navigating the system, scan the following code or email helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov.



SEARCH

Anyone can access the Grant Opportunity Portal to identify funding opportunities. Search using the following criteria: Event ID, whole/partial names, due date range, status, eligibility, funding agency, and service area. You can also sign up to receive notifications for new grant postings.

Scan this code to begin your search:



REGISTER

To compete for a grant, fill out the Grants Management Registration Form. Email your completed form and any accompanying documentation to grantsmanagement@its.ny.gov. You'll be notified by email once registration is complete.

To access the form and detailed instructions, scan this code:



NONPROFIT INFORMATION

Nonprofits must prequalify to compete for State grants.

For more information and to begin this process, scan the following code:



STATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Regional Council Capital Fund Program

Agency: Empire State Development

Funding is for capital-based economic development initiatives intended to create or retain jobs; prevent, reduce or eliminate unemployment and underemployment; and/or increase business activity in a community or region.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2026 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>. Opens June 1 and closes July 31 annually.

Questions: Contact your local Empire State Development Regional Office at (585) 399-7050.

Market New York

Agency: Empire State Development

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.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2026 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit cfaresources.ny.gov/. Opens June 1 and closes July 31 annually.

Questions: Contact New York State Division of Tourism staff at RegionalTourism@esd.ny.gov.

Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies Program

Agency: Empire State Development

Promotes economic development in the State of New York by encouraging economic and employment opportunities and stimulating development of communities and urban areas.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2026 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>. Opens June 1 and closes July 31 annually.

Questions: Contact your local Empire State Development Regional Office at (585) 399-7050.

County Infrastructure Grant Program

Agency: NYS Empire State Development

The program intentionally focuses on smaller-scale infrastructure projects, which may lack standalone funding sources, but nevertheless are priority capital projects for counties. The program is designed to invest in projects that contribute to placemaking, support the creation of housing, and encourage visitation and tourism.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit esd.ny.gov/county-infrastructure-grant-program#overview.

Questions: Contact countygrants@esd.ny.gov.

FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program

Agency: NYS Empire State Development

To prepare and develop sites statewide to jump-start New York's shovel-readiness and increase its attractiveness to large employers.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions: Contact fastny@esd.ny.gov.

NY Forward

Agency: NYS Department of State

NY Forward supports a more equitable downtown recovery for New York's smaller and rural communities, with a focus on hamlets and villages.

Deadline: Typical fall application deadline. Check for exact dates.

Questions: Contact your local Empire State Development Regional Office at NYS-FingerLakes@esd.ny.gov.

Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Agency: NYS Department of State

The Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) transforms downtown neighborhoods into vibrant centers that offer a high quality of life and are magnets for redevelopment, business, job creation, and economic and housing diversity.

Deadline: Typical fall application deadline. Check for exact dates.

Questions: Contact your local Empire State Development Regional Office at NYS-FingerLakes@esd.ny.gov.

Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund

Agency: NYS Education Department

The Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grants program provides funds to help local governments establish records management programs or develop new program components.

Deadline: Typical spring application deadline. To monitor program availability, visit www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/lgrmif-grants.

Questions: Contact archgrants@nysed.gov.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY RENEWAL

Community Development Block Grant

Agency: NYS Office of Homes and Community Renewal

The NYS Community Development Block Grant or CDBG Program is a unique source of federal funding for cities, towns, villages, and counties to assist low- and moderate-income communities, households, and people. CDBG funding assistance can include everything from drinking water and sanitary sewer projects to home repair, senior and community center improvements, and grants for small businesses for start-up and expansion.

Deadline:

CDBG funding opportunities are currently open for the following activities:

Public Facility – *December 31, 2026*

Community Planning/Technical Assistance – *December 31, 2026*

Small Business and Microenterprise – *December 31, 2026*

Imminent Threat – *December 31, 2026*

To monitor program availability, visit hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant.

Questions: Contact OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov.

Access to Home

Agency: NYS Office of Homes and Community Renewal

The NYS Access to Home Program provides financial assistance to make residential units accessible for low- and moderate-income persons with disabilities. Assistance with the cost of adapting homes will enable individuals to safely and comfortably continue or return to live in their residences instead of residing in an institutional setting.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit hcr.ny.gov/access-home.

Questions: Contact OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov.

Access to Home for Heroes

Agency: NYS Office of Homes and Community Renewal

The Access to Home for Heroes/Veterans Program provides financial assistance to make accessibility modifications and emergency home repairs, or address code violations to the primary residences of low- and moderate-income veterans with disabilities. Such activities will enable veterans with disabilities to live in their residences safely and comfortably, rather than in an institutional setting. Eligible veterans may be renters or homeowners with service-related injuries or age- or health-related disabilities.

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline, visit hcr.ny.gov/access-home-heroesveterans.

Questions: Contact OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov.

New York Main Street Program

Agency: NYS Office of Homes and Community Renewal

The New York Main Street Program provides financial resources and technical assistance to communities to strengthen the economic vitality of the State's traditional Main Streets and neighborhoods.

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline, visit

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

Questions: Contact HCR_CFA@hcr.ny.gov.

Access to Home for Medicaid Members

Agency: NYS Office of Homes and Community Renewal

The Access to Home for Medicaid Members program was developed in partnership with the New York State Department of Health (DOH). This program provides financial assistance to make dwelling units accessible for low- and moderate-income persons receiving Medicaid and living with a disability. Assistance with the cost of adapting homes to meet the needs of those with disabilities will enable individuals to live in their residences safely and comfortably, instead of residing in an institutional setting. The Access to Home for Medicaid Members program has a secondary long-term goal of lowering health care costs.

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline, visit

hcr.ny.gov/access-home-medicaid-members.

Questions: Contact OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov.

Residential Emergency Services to Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) Program

Agency: NYS Office of Homes and Community Renewal

The Residential Emergency Services to Offer (Home) Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) program provides financial resources to assist senior citizen homeowners age sixty and over with the cost of addressing emergencies and code violations that pose a threat to their health and safety or affect the livability of their home. Assistance for the cost of these critical repairs will enable seniors to continue to live independently in their homes.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit hcr.ny.gov/restore-program.

Questions: Contact OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov.

NYS HOME Program

Agency: NYS Office of Homes and Community Renewal

The NYS HOME Program funds a variety of activities to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct affordable housing, or to provide assistance to low-income homebuyers or renters through partnerships with counties, towns, cities, villages, private developers, and community-based non-profit housing organizations.

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline, visit hcr.ny.gov/nys-home-program.

Questions: Contact OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov.

Pro-Housing Supply Funds Program

Agency: New York State Empire State Development

To help finance essential infrastructure projects — such as sewer and water system upgrades — needed to facilitate new housing development in certified Pro-Housing Communities.

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline for next year's round, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>.

Questions: Contact your local Empire State Development Regional Office at NYS-FingerLakes@esd.ny.gov.

PARKS, RECREATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Park & Trail Partnership Grants

Agency: Parks & Trails New York

Open to organizations whose purpose is the preservation, stewardship, interpretation, environmental education, maintenance, and/or promotion of New York State parks, trails, historic sites, or facility/facilities.

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline, visit ptny.memberclicks.net/park-and-trail-partnership-grants.

Questions: Contact Jonathan Duda, Grants Manager at grants@ptny.org or (518) 434-1583 ext. 3.

Trail Town Grants

Agency: Parks & Trails New York

To support a broader initiative aimed at boosting local economies by leveraging visitation to nearby public lands. The grants can be used to promote place-making efforts, improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and implement community-driven projects that prioritize active transportation alternatives for cyclists and pedestrians.

Deadline: Application opens January 2027 and closes April 2027. Please check grant website for exact dates.

<https://www.ptny.org/trail-town-grants/>

Questions: Contact grants@ptny.org.

Municipal Parks & Recreation Grant Program

Agency: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

To fund the development and improvement of municipal parks and recreation sites.

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline, visit parks.ny.gov/grants/default.aspx.

Questions: Contact Kate Badgley, Regional Grants Administrator, at (716) 773-5292 or kate.badgley@parks.ny.gov.

Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage

Agency: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>.

Questions: Contact Kate Badgley, Regional Grants Administrator, at (716) 773-5292 or kate.badgley@parks.ny.gov.

Recreational Trails Program

Agency: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

Provides funds to the State to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability and application deadline for next year's round, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>.

Questions: Contact Kate Badgley, Regional Grants Administrator, at (716) 773-5292 or kate.badgley@parks.ny.gov.

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

Agency: Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

NY BRICKS grants can 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.

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline, visit www.dasny.org/BRICKS.

Questions: Contact (518) 257-3177 or NYBRICKS@dasny.org.

Snowmobile Trail Grant Program

Agency: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

The Snowmobile Trail Grant Program establishes a mechanism for allocating funds to local governmental sponsors that engage in the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails designated as part of the State Snowmobile Trail System.

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline, visit parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/grant-program.aspx.

Questions: Contact (518) 474-0446 or snowmobile.unit@parks.ny.gov.

Zoo, Botanical Garden & Aquaria Grants

Agency: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

Provides eligible local governments and not-for-profit organizations with funding to undertake strategic capital improvements to their facilities to help deliver on their missions, contribute economic benefit to their local areas, and provide their communities with robust educational programs and natural heritage collections in a safe and accessible environment.

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline, visit parks.ny.gov/grants/zbga-capital-program/default.aspx.

Questions: Contact Kate Badgley, Regional Grants Administrator, at (716) 773-5292 or kate.badgley@parks.ny.gov.

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grants

Agency: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

The Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program connects New York's school-aged children (pre-K through grade 12) with nature, outdoor recreation, and history by reimbursing qualifying transportation costs incurred by eligible entities for travel to eligible field trip locations in New York State.

Deadline: Rolling <https://staffportal.parks.ny.gov/environment/connect-kids/grant-program.aspx>

Questions: Contact parksbusgrant@parks.ny.gov.

Connect Kids to Swimming Instruction Grants

Agency: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

Connects New York's school-aged children (pre-K through grade 12) with swimming instruction by reimbursing transportation costs (including parking and vehicle use fees) incurred by eligible entities for travel to facilities in New York State.

Deadline: Rolling [ConnectKidstoSwimmingInstructionTransportationGrantProgramGuidelines2024.pdf](#)

Questions: Contact SWIMTransportationGrant@parks.ny.gov.

NY SWIMS Initiative

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

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.

Deadline: The next round of funding has not been announced. Monitor the DASNY website for updates.

Questions: Contact (518) 257-3177 or NYSWIMS@dasny.org.

WATERFRONT, LAND & BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

Agency: NYS Department of State

The Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program provides matching grants on a competitive basis to eligible villages, towns, and cities located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways, or counties or regional planning councils, for planning, design, and construction projects to revitalize communities and waterfronts. This program helps communities breathe new life into their waterfronts and underused assets in ways that ensure successful and sustainable revitalization.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>.

Questions: Email LWRP@dos.ny.gov.

Brownfield Opportunity Area Program

Agency: NYS Department of State

The Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program provides communities with grant funding and technical assistance to develop area-wide, community-based plans to effectively redevelop brownfields and other vacant and abandoned sites, transforming them into catalytic properties that facilitate community investment and improvement.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>.

Questions: Call the Brownfield Regional Contact at (716) 847-7114.

Smart Growth Community Planning Program

Agency: NYS Department of State

The program awards funding to communities to develop or update local and countywide comprehensive plans, area plans or zoning codes that emphasize and integrate Smart Growth principles.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit <https://dos.ny.gov/smart-growth-community-planning>.

Questions: Email opd@dos.ny.gov.

Canal System Tourism Infrastructure and Amenity Support Grant

Agency: NYS Canal Corporation

This program supports capital improvement projects and purchases of equipment that enhance recreational amenities and tourism along the NYS Canal System (canal waterways and canalway trails).

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>.

Questions: Contact Mary Abbruzzese, Program Manager, at (518) 237-7000, ext. 201 or Mary_Abbuzzese@eriecanalway.org.

Canal System Tourism Event Support Grant

Agency: NYS Canal Corporation

This program supports public events and festivals that encourage exploration and enjoyment of the wealth of cultural, heritage, nature and recreational offerings within New York State's canal corridor.

Deadline: To monitor program availability and application deadline, visit eriecanalway.org/resources/grants/event-support.

Questions: Contact Mary Abbruzzese, Program Manager, at (518) 237-7000, ext. 201 or Mary_Abbuzzese@eriecanalway.org.

Canalway Grant Program

Agency: NYS Canal Corporation

The Canalway Grant Program awards up to \$1 million annually in competitive grants for canal-related capital projects across the NYS Canal System.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit cfaresources.ny.gov/.

Questions: Contact Andy Marzo, Canals Program Manager, at Andrew.Marzo@NYPA.gov.

CLEAN ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

Building Cleaner Communities Competition

Agency: NYS Energy Research and Development Authority

The program will support regionally significant, zero-emissions, all electric, carbon neutral, and resilient projects in NYS.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>.

Questions: Email BCCC@nyserda.ny.gov.

Clean Energy Communities

Agency: NYS Energy Research and Development Authority

The Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program provides the tools and resources you need to take your community to the next level, with new high-impact action items and increased access to grant funding. You can customize your participation in the program to best fit the needs and resources of your community and bring energy savings and economic opportunities to your community.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions: Contact Rob Richardson, Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, at (585) 666-9308 or rrichardson@gflrpc.org.

WATER, WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Municipal Waste Reduction & Recycling Program

Agency: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

State assistance for projects that further the primary strategy of the NYS solid waste management hierarchy and enhance the municipal recycling infrastructure.

Deadline: The current grant opportunity is open from November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2027.

*Please be advised that this grant program is operating under a multi-year waitlist. Awards will be issued upon availability of funding on an ongoing first-come, first-served basis.

Questions: Contact the Division of Materials Management, Bureau of Solid Waste Management at (518) 402-8678 or RecyclingGrants@dec.ny.gov.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program

Agency: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

To provide grants for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection programs in order to provide a safe alternative for recycling or disposal of household hazardous materials.

Deadline: Application acceptance period is January and February of each year.

Questions: Contact the Division of Materials Management, Bureau of Solid Waste Management at (518) 402-8678 or RecyclingGrants@dec.ny.gov.

Solid Waste Municipal Landfill Closure Program

Agency: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is authorized to provide grants for municipalities that own inactive solid waste landfills or landfills that will be inactive within 18 months of application and with eligible closure costs incurred after April 1, 1993.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions: Contact the Division of Materials Management, Bureau of Solid Waste Management at (518) 402-8678 or RecyclingGrants@dec.ny.gov.

Municipal Landfill Gas Management

Agency: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is authorized to provide grants to municipal landfill gas management projects that promote improved air quality at solid waste landfills, capture greenhouse gases, and encourage energy recovery from landfill gas.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions: Contact the Division of Materials Management, Bureau of Solid Waste Management at (518) 402-8678 or RecyclingGrants@dec.ny.gov.

Food Scraps Recycling Initiatives Program

Agency: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

The goal of this funding program is to assist municipalities in starting or expanding municipal food scraps recycling programs.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit environmentalbondact.ny.gov/pages/funding-opportunities.

Questions: Contact the Division of Materials Management, Organics Reduction and Recycling Section at (518) 402-8706 or organicsgrants@dec.gov.

Water Quality Improvement Project Program

Agency: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

The Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program is a competitive, statewide reimbursement grant program that funds projects that directly improve water quality or habitat, promote flood risk reduction or restoration and enhanced flood and climate resiliency, or protect a drinking water source.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2026 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>. Round 23 applications to open Spring 2027.

Questions: Contact (518) 402-8179 or DOWgrants@dec.ny.gov.

Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant

Agency: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

The Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant (NPG) is a competitive reimbursement grant program that funds planning reports for nonpoint source water quality improvement projects and mapping of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s).

Deadline: This program was included in the 2026 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>. Round 23 applications to open Spring 2027.

Questions: Email DOWgrants@dec.ny.gov with "NPG Grant Question" in the subject line.

Climate Smart Communities Grants

Agency: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

This is a competitive grant program for municipalities to implement projects focused on climate change adaptation and greenhouse gas mitigation.

Deadline: This program was included in the 2026 Consolidated Funding Application. To monitor program availability for next year's round, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>. Round 11 applications to open Spring 2027.

Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant

Agency: NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

Planning grants help communities prepare to apply for financing through EFC's Clean Water State Revolving Fund. They fund the development of an engineering report, which is required to be eligible for financing. This program helps ensure fiscally sound and well-designed projects are advancing to construction.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit efc.ny.gov/epg.

Questions: Contact EFC Community Assistance Team at (518) 402-7081 or Contact.dl.CommunityAssistance@efc.ny.gov.

Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Program

Agency: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

The Municipal ZEV Program was established in 2016 to provide rebates to cities, towns, villages, and counties of the State of New York to encourage and enable ZEV adoption by municipalities for fleet use, as well as to install electric vehicle charging and hydrogen fuel filling station components primarily for public use.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit environmentalbondact.ny.gov/pages/funding-opportunities.

Questions: Contact Myra Fedyniak, Climate Policy Analyst, Office of Climate Change, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation at (518) 402-8448 or cscgrants@dec.ny.gov.

Community Forest Conservation Grant Program

Agency: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

This grant program funds municipal land acquisition for community forests.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit environmentalbondact.ny.gov/pages/funding-opportunities.

Questions: Contact the Division of Lands and Forests at dlfgrants@dec.ny.gov.

Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA)

Agency: NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

The Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) program provides competitive grants to help municipalities affordably undertake critical wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit efc.ny.gov/wiia.

Questions: Contact EFC Community Assistance Team at (518) 402-7081 or Contact.dl.CommunityAssistance@efc.ny.gov.

Green Resiliency Grants

Agency: NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

This is a competitive grant program designed to support flood-prone communities in implementing transformative green infrastructure projects that combat the effects of extreme weather.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit efc.ny.gov/grg.

Questions: Contact EFC Community Assistance Team at (518) 402-7081 or Contact.dl.CommunityAssistance@efc.ny.gov.

Green Innovation Grant Program

Agency: NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

The Green Innovation Grant Program supports projects across New York State that utilize unique EPA-designated green stormwater infrastructure design and create cutting-edge green technologies.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit efc.ny.gov/gigp.

Questions: Contact EFC Community Assistance Team at (518) 402-7081 or Contact.dl.CommunityAssistance@efc.ny.gov.

Clean Vessel Assistance Program

Agency: NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

The Clean Vessel Assistance Program (CVAP) provides three types of grants (Construction and Upgrade Grant, Operation and Maintenance Grant, and Information and Education Grant) to marinas for the installation, renovation, and replacement of pumpout stations for the removal and disposal of recreational boater septic waste.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions: Contact EFC Community Assistance Team at (518) 402-7081 or Contact.dl.CommunityAssistance@efc.ny.gov.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Agency: NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund empowers local governments and public authorities to undertake critical sewer and wastewater projects.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions: Contact EFC Community Assistance Team at (518) 402-7081 or Contact.dl.CommunityAssistance@efc.ny.gov.

Emergency Financial Assistance

Agency: NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

Emergency financial assistance is available to municipalities for wastewater and drinking water system issues that pose hazards to public health, public welfare or the environment.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions:

Contact Edward Hampston, P.E. Director, Bureau of Water Compliance Division of Water, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at (518) 402-9660 or edward.hampston@dec.ny.gov.

Contact David Phillips, P.E. Chief, Design Section Bureau of Water Supply Protection, NYS Department of Health at (518) 402-7650 or bpwsp@health.ny.gov.

AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

Urban Farms & Community Gardens Program

Agency: NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

Funding is available to support the development and expansion of community gardens, school gardens, and urban farms across the State.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities.

Questions: Contact Megan Haggerty at megan.haggerty@agriculture.ny.gov.

FreshConnect CSA for SNAP Program

Agency: NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

The FreshConnect CSA for SNAP Program will provide funding to eligible organizations to partially subsidize the cost of CSA shares to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities.

Questions: Contact (518) 457-7076 or Ag.Dev@agriculture.ny.gov.

Farmland Protection Implementation Grants

Agency: NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

The Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) Program provides financial assistance to counties, municipalities, soil and water conservation districts, and land trusts to enable them to implement farmland protection activities consistent with local agricultural and farmland protection plans, including those created through the Farmland Protection Planning Grants Program.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities.

Questions: Contact David Behm, Program Manager, at (518) 485-7729 or David.Behm@agriculture.ny.gov.

Farmland Protection Planning Grants

Agency: NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

The Farmland Protection Planning Grants (FPPG) Program helps county and local governments plan for the future of agriculture in their areas and develop farmland protection plans. These plans recommend policies and projects to maintain the economic viability of the State's agricultural industry and its supporting land base.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions: Contact Jeffrey Kehoe, Program Manager, at Jeffrey.Kehoe@agriculture.ny.gov.

Farmers' Market Resiliency Program

Agency: NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

The program aims to provide the opportunity to build long-term food system resiliency through New York State's farmers' markets.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities.

Questions: Contact Olivia Weeden at farmersmarkets@agriculture.ny.gov.

Source Water Buffer Program

Agency: NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

The goal of the Source Water Buffer Program is to protect active sources of public drinking water and to support, expand, or enhance water quality protection through the purchase of conservation easements on agricultural lands.

Deadline: To monitor program availability, visit agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities.

Questions: Contact (518) 457-2713 or Bethany.Bzduch@agriculture.ny.gov.

PUBLIC SAFETY, CYBER, AND HOMELAND SECURITY

State Programs for Emergency Management

Agency: NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services:

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) administers federal and State-funded grant programs designed to enhance local preparedness, cybersecurity, emergency communications, and infrastructure resilience—including Homeland Security, Interoperable Communications, and specialized public safety grants—to help communities plan, equip, train, and recover from natural disasters, technological hazards, and targeted security threats.

Statewide Programs Include: <https://www.dhses.ny.gov/state-programs>

- Inoperable Communications (SICG-Formula)
- Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)
- Next Generation 911 (NG911)
- Volunteer Fire Infrastructure and Response (V-FIRE)
- Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention
- Domestic Terrorism Prevention

Federal Programs Include: <https://www.dhses.ny.gov/federal-programs>

- Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP)
- New York State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)
- Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
- Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)
- Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Deadline: To monitor program availability and deadlines, visit <https://www.dhses.ny.gov/grants>.

Questions: Email Grant.Info@dh ses.ny.gov.

FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USDA Communities Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions: Contact Brenda Smith, Program Director, at (315) 477-6465 or brenda.smith@ny.usda.gov.

For additional funding opportunities available, please contact your federal representatives:

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-24)

Canandaigua, NY: (585) 869-2060

Washington, D.C.: (202) 225-3665

U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer

Rochester, NY: (585) 263-5866

Washington, D.C.: (202) 224-6542

Congressman Joseph Morelle (NY-25)

Rochester, NY: (585) 232-4850

Washington, D.C.: (202) 225-3615

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Rochester, NY: (585) 263-6250

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NONGOVERNMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

T-Mobile Hometown Grants

T-Mobile is committing up to \$25 million through 2026 to support small towns, villages, and territories across America by funding community projects.

Deadline: Applications will be open on a quarterly basis with the following schedule:

- Spring: Applications open January–March
- Summer: Applications open April–June
- Fall: Applications open July–September
- Winter: Applications open October–December

The portal will close on the last day of each quarter and reopen for the new quarter on the first of the month.

*All Hometown Grants applicants will be notified 30–60 days after the end of each quarter on the status of the submission.

Buffalo Bills Foundation

The Buffalo Bills Foundation supports organizations that align with its mission and focus within the food justice space.

Deadline: Rolling

Costco Wholesale Charitable Contributions

Costco Wholesale's primary charitable efforts specifically focus on programs supporting children, education, and health and human services in the communities where they do business.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions: Contact the Grant Applications/Community Relations Department at CommunityRelations@costco.com.

Farm Credit East

Grants and other incentives available in the Northeast states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont, serviced by Farm Credit East. The listings include grant programs, tax incentives and loan programs from various funding sources available to agricultural producers and other entities involved in agriculture or related industries.

Nextdoor Foundation

The Nextdoor Foundation was founded to support local initiatives driven by trusted nonprofits and leaders directly making a big, positive impact in their communities. Through collaborations with partners and other 501(c)(3) organizations, it identifies and supports deserving initiatives that help build and strengthen community amongst neighbors.

Northern Border Regional Commission Catalyst Program

The Catalyst Program is designed to stimulate economic growth and inspire partnerships that improve rural economic vitality across the four-state Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) region. NBRC encourages projects that take a creative approach to addressing an economic need or opportunity in the region, alleviate economic distress, and contribute to economic growth.

Deadline: 2026 fall and spring rounds TBD

Questions: Contact Kyle Wilber, State Program Manager, at Kyle.Wilber@dos.ny.gov.

Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation has four key areas of focused investment:

Active Lifestyles: By supporting access to safe spaces and programs that get kids physically active and moving, the Foundation aims to introduce lifelong healthy habits through its Youth Sports & Recreation grantmaking. Spanning all generations, the Foundation's investments in Parks, Trails & Green Design look to connect people and communities to each other, nature and recreation.

Preparing for Success: Strong work ethic, confidence and a desire to learn are attributes that can be instilled at a young age and carried through adulthood. The Preparing for Success focus area is centered on providing the communication, teamwork and critical-thinking skills people need to grow and adapt throughout their life and career.

Caregivers: There are more than 40 million family members - spouses, daughters, sons, grandchildren - and friends in the United States caring for older adults, a number that will grow dramatically in the coming years. The Foundation aims to elevate caregivers' critical roles by highlighting the often hidden value and contributions they make to families and communities every day.

Entrepreneurship and Economic Development: Several years into recovery after a decades-long economic slide in both Southeast Michigan and Western New York, the Foundation's investments in Entrepreneurship and Economic Development look to leverage this momentum by spurring small business growth, place-based community and economic development, and talent attraction and retention.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions: Contact (313) 885-1895 or info@ralphcwilsonjrfoundation.org.

Rochester Area Community Foundation

The Community Foundation promotes two broad grantmaking goals that align with its vision for community change: 1) creating an equitable community and 2) strengthening the region's vitality.

Deadline: Rolling

Questions: Contact the Community Foundation at (585) 271-4100.

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