

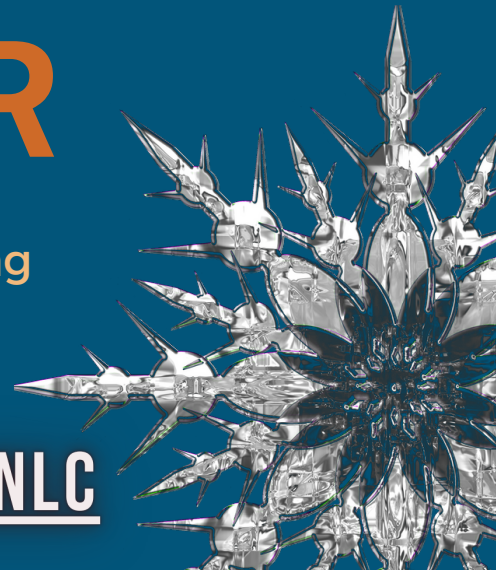
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GRANTS AND COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER

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Open Meetings Law - Update

Open Meetings Law Section 103-a authorizes public bodies to adopt laws allowing a board member to participate and vote in a meeting via videoconference in a non-public location under “extraordinary circumstances,” **provided that a quorum of the public body is present in the public location(s)**, and that written procedures be available on the municipal website.

The Committee on Open Government (<https://opengovernment.ny.gov/>) has more details available including this Q&A, model resolution, and model procedures:

<https://opengovernment.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/05/chapter-56-of-the-laws-of-2022-guidance-document-05-20-22.pdf>

The Committee on Open Government is holding webinars on both the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) and OML on October 4, visit:

https://opengovernment.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/09/coog-virtual-open-government-information-sessions_100422.pdf

Training Opportunities

On Demand Webinars

Minute Taking and Other Essential Duties for Board Clerks and Secretaries

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhctA4ai-Aw>

Enforcement of Zoning and Other Local Laws

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0GA7RanJj0>

Planning Board Overview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKCPClCJoEg>

Zoning Board of Appeals Overview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7XCanTLO-M>

SEQR Basics with New Regs

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9u_w1kc878

Renewable and Alternative Energy Webinars

<https://extension.psu.edu/energy/renewable-and-alternative-energy/see-all-renewable-and-alternative-energy/shopby/webinars?p=2>

Leasing Your Land for Solar Energy

https://psu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/Leasing+Your+Land+for+Solar+DevelopmentA+Webinar+on+7-12-22/1_cgnbf16p

Preserving Historic Barns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jql8H-27Zps>

Lessons on Age-Friendly Communities - NEW!!!

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/age-friendly-training-videos/?cmp=EMC-DSM-NLC-OTH-LC-1307201-1596903-6830874-NA-111622-LivableCommunities-MS1-AgeFriendlyTraining-BTN-CTRL-Community&encparam=ZGNk%2fCzoY71X05PvCMDbDHfKzVrkf%2bZJkrP%2bvnR9FWLZIKNkuwQi4AByTxN2MvYm>

Financial Benchmarking for Small Water and Wastewater Systems- NEW!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zd-KLzqyZ8I>

Be Active and Involved

Please consider completing and sharing the following opportunities as you see fit:

[EPA Seeking Public Input on the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program](#)

The Inflation Reduction Act provides \$1 billion to replace heavy-duty vehicles with zero-emission vehicles, support zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, and train and develop workers. EPA will distribute this \$1 billion to eligible applicants via grants, rebates, and/or contracts to purchase clean, heavy-duty vehicles, with \$400 million allocated to communities in nonattainment areas. **Submit your feedback to cleanhdvehicles@epa.gov!**

Clean Watershed Needs Survey

Does your community have water quality infrastructure that is outdated or in need of repair? The Environmental Facilities Corporation needs your help to ensure we can fund as many water quality infrastructure projects as possible in upcoming years. We need local governments and other eligible recipients to participate in the Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS). Your participation is critical to ensure New York State continues to receive a high level of funding for water quality infrastructure projects.

You can help by submitting your community's needs and cost documentation to EFC. Together with other communities, your participation will help show the need for water quality infrastructure funding to federal lawmakers who decide how much money our state will receive.

Visit the following link to provide the requested documentation for your municipal water infrastructure needs:

<https://efc.ny.gov/documents-and-resources-clean-watersheds-needs-survey>

Non-Grant Opportunities

Green Purchasing Community

Even as we try to reduce and reuse, there are always some products local governments need to purchase to carry out their missions. New York State's NEW Green Purchasing Communities program makes it easy for local governments to buy products and services that have a lower environmental impact. Joining is free and easy; in two short steps, you can lead your community to a greener future and lower your environmental impact.

Additionally, this action gives you points towards the Climate Smart Communities Certification program.

For additional information visit: <https://ogs.ny.gov/apply-now-become-green-purchasing-community>

Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Health (DOH) have announced a new initiative to assist municipalities with assessing and supporting drinking water source protection programs. The Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) is a state-run program created to assist municipalities with proactively protecting their drinking water sources. The goal is to help municipalities develop and implement their own unique drinking water source protection plan for the source(s) of their drinking water.

In order to do so, the State is looking for communities to work with a technical assistance provider (TA provider), free of charge, to develop a DWSP2 Plan for their source of drinking water. TA providers will work with the community every step of the way, using the DWSP2 Framework, to develop a community specific DWSP2 Plan. As a result of this program, participating municipalities can use their newly developed DWSP2 plan to start implementing protection measures.

For additional information visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/115250.html>

New York State Barn Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program

Owners of historic barns may qualify for a New York State tax incentive for qualified rehabilitation work. The Historic Barn Rehabilitation Tax Credit program offers a state income tax credit equal to 25% of the expenditures incurred to rehabilitate a historic barn. The barn must have been built prior to 1946 (National Register listing is not a requirement) and the work must be approved by the Division for Historic Preservation. There is no cap on the amount of credit that may be earned, and taxpayers can begin to claim the credit on their 2022 NYS taxes.

For more information about the qualification criteria and the application process, please review the documents below, or call 518-237-8643 and request to speak to the Division staff member who handles barn credits.

For more information, view the presentation at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqI8H-27Zps>

The Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This new benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an online or mail in application. For additional information visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>

Canva For Non-Profits – Could be FREE

Description: Canva is a design tool that allows an easy way to create high impact social media graphics, logos, branding and marketing materials.

For more information visit: <https://www.canva.com/canva-for-nonprofits/>

Canva for Education – Could be FREE

Description: Whether you are a teacher or student, Canva for Education makes it easy to create, collaborate, and communicate visually in the classroom and beyond. It's 100% free for K-12 teachers and their students.

For additional information visit: <https://www.canva.com/education/>

SOIL Loan Fund

Details: A collaboration between ANCA and [Foodshed Capital](#) — provides flexible, zero-interest financing to small farm and food businesses to help them grow, increase their stability, and strengthen food system security. The SOIL Loan Fund supports food producers who have difficulty accessing financing through conventional loan programs due to challenges and risks inherent in small-scale farming.

Learn more below. Questions may be directed to ANCA's Local Food Systems Program Director Adam Dewbury at localfoodsystems@adirondack.org.

For additional information visit: https://adirondack.org/SOIL_borrowers

New Grant Opportunities

ESD

Restore New York - Round 7

Description: Municipalities, defined as counties, cities, towns, and villages, are invited to submit proposals for projects to demolish, deconstruct, rehabilitate and/or reconstruct vacant, abandoned, condemned and surplus properties. Funds may be used for site development needs related to the project including, but not limited to water, sewer and parking. Projects should be architecturally consistent with nearby and adjacent properties or in a manner consistent with the municipality's local revitalization or urban development plan. Rehabilitation of government buildings and properties for government purposes is not eligible for Restore NY funding. Greenfield development is also ineligible. Minimum 10% local match is required. This program requires an application fee: \$1,000 for cities and villages of 40,000–99,999 people and \$500 for municipalities with populations of 39,999 and under.

Deadline: January 27, 2023

- Must have submitted the Letter of Interest to ESD by November 30th

For additional information visit: <https://esd.ny.gov/restore-new-york>

FEMA

BRIC Grants

Description: FEMA provides federal funds for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program to state, local, tribal and territorial governments for hazard mitigation activities, including capacity and capability activity types and hazard mitigation projects. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, FEMA will distribute up to \$2.295 billion for the BRIC program.

For further information visit: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/fy2022-nofo>

Deadline: January 27, 2023

FEMA

Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

Description: FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program provides funds to state, local, tribal and territorial governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, FEMA will distribute up to \$800 million.

For additional information visit: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/fy2022-nofo>

Deadline: January 27, 2023

USDA RD

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program

Description: The DLT program helps fund real-time, interactive distance learning and telemedicine services in rural and tribal areas to increase access to education, training and health care resources that are otherwise limited or unavailable. This effort is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's goal that every American has access to affordable, reliable, high-speed internet. Digital equity is an important component of that mission. For instance, the DLT program gives students the opportunity to participate in classes that may be in places that are too far to access. DLT funds can also help connect rural people virtually to medical professionals without leaving their home. USDA plans to make \$64 million available in fiscal year 2023. Of this amount, \$12 million is intended for projects that provide substance use disorder treatment services to people in rural areas.

Deadline: January 30, 2023

For additional information visit: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>

FEMA

Assistance to Firefighters Grants

Description: The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations.

Deadline: February 10, 2023 at 5 PM

For additional information visit:

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants/documents>

Arts Council for Wyoming County

Rural and Traditional Arts Fellowship

Description: Fellowships will provide a 10-month process to develop a work integrated with and in response to the artist's rural community. The project must demonstrate a deep commitment and place-based engagement with the artist's rural community. Fellows must propose an actionable idea that responds to, is inspired by, and/or engages with the land through their artistic practice. Fellows may choose to work with a farm, a park or arboretum, a significant parcel of land, or another rural-based entity that is meaningful to the artist and their community.

Deadline: February 16, 2023 at 4 PM

For more information visit: <https://artswyco.org/rural-and-traditional-arts-fellowship.html>

DOT

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

Description: The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Previously known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants, Congress has dedicated nearly \$12.1 billion for fourteen rounds of National Infrastructure Investments to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact.

Deadline: February 28, 2023, 11:59 PM EST

For more information visit: <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/about>

NYS Archives

Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grants

Description: The Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) provides grants to local governments. These grants assist local governments to establish records management programs or develop new program components. It is a competitive program, awarding grants based on the merits of applications.

Deadline: March 1, 2023

Visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/lgrmif-grants>

Preservation League of NYS

[Preserve New York](#)

Description: Preserve New York (PNY) grants provides support to eligible 501(c)3 not-for-profit organizations and municipalities in New York State for projects that identify, document, and preserve New York's cultural and historic buildings, structures, and landscapes. Now in its 30th year, PNY helps fund preservation planning projects: historic structure reports, condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys. This program funds consulting reports only and will not fund capital repairs or construction costs, architectural plans and specifications, schematic designs, or construction documents.

Deadline: March 31, 2023 at 5PM

For more information visit: <https://www.preservenys.org/preserve-new-york>

ESD

FAST NY

Description: Under New York's FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program, Empire State Development will provide up to \$200 million in grants to prepare and develop sites statewide to jumpstart New York's shovel-readiness and increase its attractiveness to large employers, including high-tech manufacturing, particularly semiconductor manufacturing, interstate distribution and logistics businesses. The program will help diversify New York State's economy while propelling new investments for businesses, communities and job creation.

For additional information visit: <https://esd.ny.gov/fast-ny>

Deadline: Rolling, until funding is exhausted.

Humanities New York

Action Grants

Description: Action Grants offer up to \$10,000 to implement humanities projects that encourage public audiences to reflect on their values, explore new ideas, and engage with others in their community. All subjects and themes relevant to the communities served are welcome. These grants aim to: Connect audiences more deeply to the communities where they live and work; Solidify community partnerships and diversify audiences; Creatively employ the tools of the humanities to respond to issues and ideas capturing the imagination and passion of New Yorkers.

Deadline: April 1, 2023 for projects starting July 1, 2023 or later

For more information visit: <https://humanitiesny.org/our-work/action-grants/>

Ongoing Grant Opportunities

Humanities New York

Vision Grants

Description: Vision Grants offer up to \$1,500 in support of brainstorming, researching, and professional development for organizations working collaboratively to develop new ideas and strategies for public-facing humanities projects. These grants aim to: Support emerging and established partnerships between different groups on a shared project that may develop into public-facing activities; Infuse program design with humanities themes and methodologies from the start; Encourage experimentation in program design; and Build community input into program design.

For additional information visit: <https://humanitiesny.org/our-work/vision-grants/>

Deadline: Rolling

FFAR

Rapid Outcomes from Agricultural Research

Description: The Rapid Outcomes from Agricultural Research (ROAR) program deploys urgent funding to support research and outreach in response to emerging or unanticipated threats to the nation’s food supply or agricultural systems.

For additional information visit:

<https://foundationfar.org/grants-funding/opportunities/rapid-outcomes-from-agricultural-research/>

Deadline: The ROAR program is open year-round to eligible applicants

National Grid

Project C

Adopt a Park - With Adopt a Park, we will provide funding to support the revitalization of overgrown, underdeveloped or abandoned parks. This includes assistance for gathering spaces, seating and tables that use or incorporate reclaimed or sustainable materials. Our program also provides funds for items such as paint, brushes, brooms, lightbulbs, and even plywood.

Neighborhood Investment - With this initiative, we are helping revitalize our New York communities by providing financial assistance for projects focused on energy, education, and community development. The Neighborhood Investment Program welcomes all projects that promote the use of sustainable and energy-efficient materials or equipment. Nonprofit and faith-based organizations, cultural institutions and recreation centers are encouraged to apply — and may be provided with funds to help enhance our community.

SMB Technical Assistance Grant - The Small Business Technical Assistance Support Grants will provide funding for the essential resources that our economic development partners need, so they can continue to serve and support local businesses in our New York service territory.

For more information visit the following website:

<https://www.nationalgridus.com/project-c/Default>

Humanities New York

Quick Grants

Description: Quick Grants are \$500 implementation grants for in-person public humanities projects that encourage audiences to reflect on their values, explore new ideas, and engage with others in their community. Available to organizations whose total yearly operating expenses are \$250,000 or less. These grants aim to: Support smaller organizations in offering engaging public programming; Promote equity in access to the humanities, ensuring that New Yorkers of all backgrounds and from all regions may engage in cultural programming.

For additional information visit: <https://humanitiesny.org/our-work/quick-grants/>

Deadline: Rolling

FFAR

Proposing a Research Concept

Description: We fund food and agriculture science that addresses large-scale challenges to develop actionable knowledge and solutions. We fund research focusing on our cross-cutting Challenge Areas.

For more information visit:

<https://foundationfar.org/grants-funding/opportunities/submit-a-research-concept/>

Deadline: Rolling

New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program

Description: Field Trips to state parks, nature centers and historic sites offer unlimited adventure! A Connect Kids grant will fund transportation AND fees for organized programs and activities, camping, entry to historic sites and much more!

For more information visit:

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

Deadline: Ongoing, must apply at least 2 weeks before the scheduled date of the field trip and receive confirmation paperwork of approval.

New York State

Citizens Re-organization and Empowerment Grant

Description: The CREG program can assist local governments with the dissolution or consolidation of a local government entity in accordance with General Municipal Law or the establishment of a new coterminous town-village, that operates principally as either a town or a village.

For additional information visit: <https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/11/final-2020-2022-creg-rfa-on-line-application.pdf>

Deadline: Due dates are the first Wednesday of every month by 4:00 PM. Review of applications will occur each month.

Adirondack Foundation

Small Grants for Small Children

Description: Small Grants for Small Children at Adirondack Foundation makes grants available to NYS licensed childcare centers and in-home family care providers to support the highest standards of care for children in our region. It helps to advance key goals of

the Adirondack Birth to Three Alliance, which works to ensure that our children are healthy, learning, and thriving in families that are well supported through essential services and resources. Grants from this fund are typically between \$100 - \$500.

For more information visit: <https://www.adirondackfoundation.org/granting/apply-grant/small-grants-small-children>

Deadline: Rolling application deadline

Adirondack Foundation

Special and Urgent Needs Fund

Description: The Adirondack Foundation Special and Urgent Needs Fund provides grants for nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and schools in Adirondack communities.

Critical areas of need in response to COVID-19 include: food insecurity, access to child care, assistance for low wage workers and elderly residents and disparities heightened by the pandemic.

Applications related to the costs of reopening to the public will be considered. Priority will be given to organizations providing the following essential services: child or elder care, education, healthcare, and emergency services.

For additional information visit: <https://www.adirondackfoundation.org/granting/apply-grant/special-urgent-needs>

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

MLB - MLBPA

Youth Development Foundation Grants

Description: Major League Baseball (MLB) and the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA) joined together to form a charitable foundation with a shared goal of increasing participation in and expanding access to youth baseball and softball. The MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation (YDF) has awarded millions of dollars in grants to community-based projects that encourage and empower youth through baseball and softball in underserved communities. In response to the rising costs to access youth sports and protect children's rights in sports, YDF funds capital projects, programming, and education initiatives in the United States and internationally to ensure that all youth have an opportunity to play and learn through baseball and softball. Organizations applying for funding must have a strong sense of mission, proven track record of increasing access to affordable youth baseball and/or softball, committed leadership and a dedicated staff, and understanding and knowledge of the community and population served.

Interested applicants must submit an initial Letter of Inquiry (LOI) with proof of secured or projected funding to be considered for an application. Proposals are accepted year-round and grant decisions are made on a quarterly basis.

For more information visit: <http://www.mlbpa.org/programs>

Deadline: Rolling. Applications are accepted throughout the year, and grant decisions are made by its Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

USDA Rural Development

Community Facilities Programs

Description: Community Facilities Programs offer direct loans, loan guarantees and grants to develop or improve essential public services and facilities in communities across rural America. Public bodies, non-profit organizations and federally recognized American Indian Tribes can use the funds to construct, expand or improve facilities that provide health care, education, public safety, and public services. Projects include fire and rescue stations, village and town halls, healthcare clinics, hospitals, adult and childcare centers, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, public buildings, schools, libraries, and many other community-based initiatives. Financing may also cover the costs for land acquisition, professional fees, and purchase of equipment.

For additional information visit:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities>

Deadline: Rolling application deadline

Gary Sinise Foundation

First Responder Grant

Description: Grant funds limited to equipment and training only for: Law Enforcement Departments, Fire Departments, and Paramedic or EMS Departments, with priority for volunteer, low, and underfunded departments.

For more information visit:

<https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/first-responders-outreach/>

Deadline: Rolling application deadline

Orton Family Foundation

Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant

Description: The Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program is designed for small cities and towns (population 2,500-30,000) provides \$10,000 in funding for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns to start the Community Heart & Soul model. Grant funding requires a \$10,000 cash match from the participating municipality or a partnering organization. Community Heart & Soul is a four-phase, step-by-step process that brings residents together to chart a course forward that recognizes and honors the unique character of their town and the emotional connection of the people who live there.

For additional information visit:

<https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/>

Deadline: Rolling application deadline

Joint Utilities of New York

EV Make-Ready Program

Description: The goal is to support the development of electric infrastructure and equipment necessary to accommodate an increased deployment of EVs within New York State by reducing the upfront costs of building charging stations for EVs. Through this EV Make-Ready Program, entities seeking to install or participate in the installation of Level 2 ("L2") and/or Direct Current Fast Charging ("DCFC") chargers can earn incentives that will offset a large portion of, or in some cases, all the infrastructure costs associated with preparing a site for EV charger installation.

For more information visit: <https://jointutilitiesofny.org/ev/make-ready>

Deadline: Rolling application deadline

NYSERDA

Clean Energy Communities Grants

1. Clean Energy Communities Designation Grants: \$5,000 (no match)

- A one-time grant of \$5,000 is available to any community that completes any 4 of 13 possible high-impact actions. (Please see list of high-impact actions below).

2. Point-Based Grants: \$10,000-\$100,000 (no match)

- Earn points for each high-impact action completed (200-2,000 points per action).
- Collect enough points to cross certain point thresholds to become eligible for larger grant amounts before they are all claimed.

| Total Points | Total Awards in North Country | Grant Amount |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 3,000 | 40 | \$10,000 |
| 4,000 | 10 | \$20,000 |
| 5,000 | 4 | \$70,000 |

3. Action Grants: \$5,000 per eligible action completed (no match)

- Implement NYStretch Energy Code (applicable if you enforce the Uniform Code for private buildings)

| Municipality Size by Population | Action Grant Amount | Number of Awards |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 0-39,999 | \$5,000 | 100 |

- Community Campaigns: Complete any of the following campaign types, but no more than one campaign per campaign type, to earn credit for this action. A single campaign may cover more than one technology.

| Campaign Type | Required # of Participants | Grant Amount | Number of Awards |
|--|----------------------------|--------------|---|
| Community Solar | 10 | \$5,000 | 100 campaigns statewide for municipalities with population 0-39,999 |
| Electric Vehicles | 10 | \$5,000 | |
| Clean Heating, Cooling & Energy Efficiency | 3 | \$5,000 | |
| Demand Response | 10 | \$5,000 | |

High-Impact Action Items:

1. **Unified Solar Permit:** 200 points
2. **Energy Code Enforcement Training:** 200 points
3. **Benchmarking:** 100-300 points (municipalities w/population 0-39,999)
4. **Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing:** 200-500 points
5. **Clean Energy Upgrades:** 500 points
6. **Clean Heating and Cooling Demo:** 500 points
7. **100% Renewable Electricity:** 500 points
8. **Community Campaigns:** 200-800 points
9. **Climate Smart Communities Certification:** 600-800 points
10. **LED Street Lights:** 200-900 points
11. **Clean Fleets:** 200-1,000 points
12. **NYStretch Energy Code:** 1,200 points
13. **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA):** 1,500-2,000 points

***More information on the program visit:

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

Funding Available: For municipalities with population under 40,000

Deadline: NYSERDA will accept applications on a rolling basis until December 31, 2025, or until funds are exhausted.

**Lewis County Chamber of Commerce
Community Mural Initiative**

Description: Murals are a great way to beautify blank spaces and showcase a community’s identity and history. Interested towns and villages can reach out to the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce for more information or visit <https://adirondackstughill.com>

Contact: Kristen Aucter at (315) 376-2213 or e-mail: kristen@lewiscountychamber.org



Mural at Harrisville Free Library

to

National Grid

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Program

Description: Partner with National Grid to install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at little or no cost. Our programs offer incentives and opportunities to install EV charging stations, save on electricity costs for DC fast-charging stations, and convert fleet vehicles to EVs.

- [Electric Vehicle Charging Station Make-Ready Program](#)
Partner with us to install EV charging stations at little or no cost and attract customers to your business.
- [Fleet Advisory Services and Make-Ready Program](#)
Partner with us to create a plan for converting your fleet vehicles to electric alternatives and access funding to install chargers.
- [DCFC Per Plug Incentive Program](#)
Take advantage of the annual discount to save electricity cost for DC fast-charging stations.

Funding Available: 50%-100% Cost Based on Established Project Criteria

For additional information visit: <https://www.nationalgridus.com/upstate-ny-business/Energy-Saving-Programs/Electric-Vehicle-Charging-Station-Program.aspx#ev>

Deadline: Rolling application

New York State

NYS Septic System Replacement Fund Program

Description: The **New York State Septic System Replacement Fund Program** provides funding to replace cesspools and septic systems in New York State. This grant program's goal is to reduce the environmental and public-health impacts associated with the discharge from cesspools and septic systems to improve water quality. The program targets cesspools and septic systems near priority waterbodies. Failing systems along the **Beaver River, Lower, and tributaries** could be eligible for this funding. The state is providing Lewis County with funds to work with local property owners. Lewis County will provide grants to reimburse the property owner for up to 50% of the costs (up to a maximum of \$10,000) of their eligible septic system project, include:

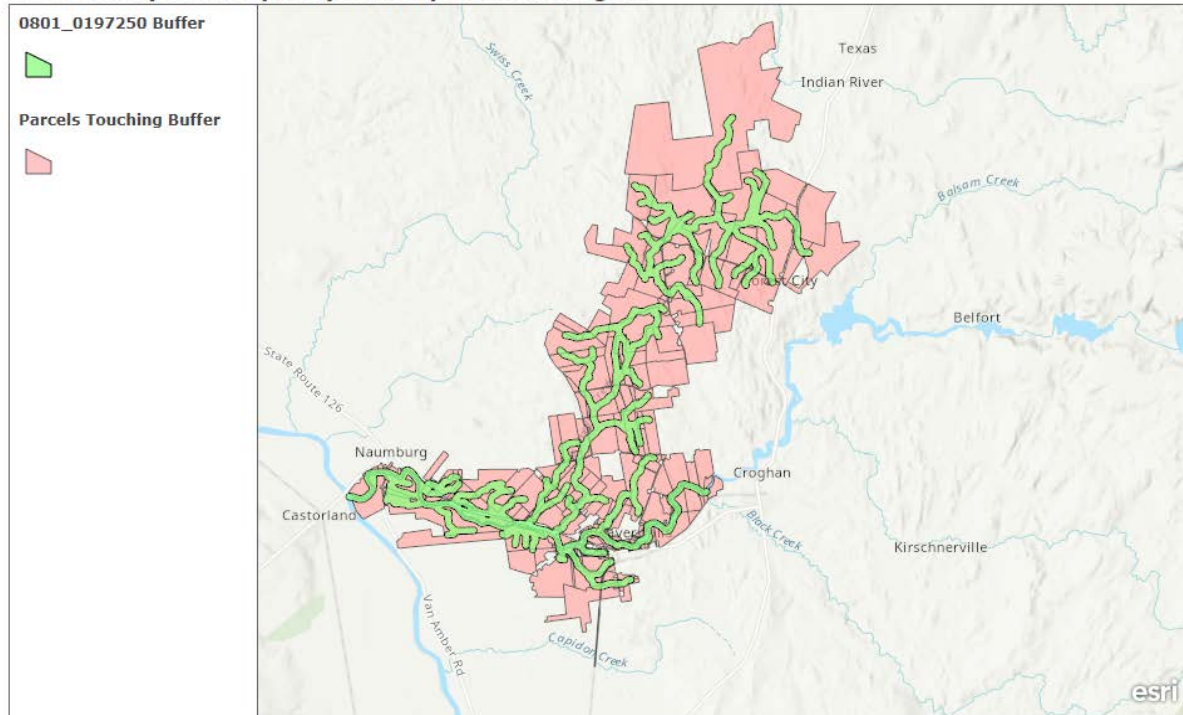
- replacement of a cesspool with a septic system; or
- installation, replacement or upgrade of a septic system or septic system components;
- installation of enhanced treatment technologies, including an advanced nitrogen removal system.

For more information visit:

<https://www.lewiscounty.org/departments/planning/septicfund>

Deadline: Rolling application

Lewis County State Septic System Replacement Program



Beaver River, Lower, and tribs septic replacement map

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Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Naturally Lewis

Vacant Property Revitalization Program

Description: Lewis County is targeting vacant and potentially unsafe or blighted properties within downtown areas to turn them into usable spaces for business development opportunities. The Vacant Property Revitalization Program will have immediate effects on our downtowns, enhancing our communities, driving business development, and bringing residents and tourists into down areas. By focusing on bringing these buildings back to life, the community will see an increase in the property tax base, the creation of local construction jobs, future employment within businesses, and an enhanced quality of life.

Deadline: TBA

For additional information visit: <https://naturallylewis.com/growing-opportunities/vpr>

Iroquois Pipeline

Iroquois Community Grant

Description: If your organization is developing a community or environmental initiative designed to provide long-term, lasting benefits, we invite you to contact us for possible funding under Iroquois' Community Grant Program. This competitive-based program, with grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000, is reserved exclusively for communities where Iroquois facilities are located. Priority is given to those proposals that meet established criteria and rank high with the program's intent.

For more information visit:

<https://www.iroquois.com/corporate-responsibility/community-partners/>

Application available: 2023

NYSDEC

Regenerate NY Forestry Cost Share

Description: Through Regenerate NY, landowners can apply for financial assistance for projects on their land that support the establishment and renewal of healthy forests. This is a cost share reimbursement program, so all costs must be incurred by the landowner or fiscal sponsor before they can be reimbursed.

For more information visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/119950.html>

Application available: Spring 2023

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