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GRANTS AND COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Training Opportunities

Empowering Young Leaders

On **May 16th at Noon**, Northern Forest Center is leading a discussion meant to amplify stories, practices, and lessons from rural community development in the Northern Forest. Intended for community leaders, funders, and policymakers, it will provide inspiration and practical guidance for fostering thriving rural communities. To register for the webinar visit:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0KWanlRCRt-MF0RnW_M26w#/registration

2023 Highway School

Registration is now open for the Association of Towns of the State of New York and the NYS LTAP Center - Cornell Local Roads Program's annual highway school. The early registration fee, on or before **May 19**, is \$125. After May 19 attendees must register on-site at a fee rate of \$165. This year's topics include road drainage; drug testing; purchasing; legal panel; alternative vehicles; managing employees; pavement preservation; and funding opportunities. The event will take place at Ithaca College on **June 5-7th**.

Stay up to date with current information about the Highway School on the web at: [Association of Towns](#) or the NYS LTAP Center - [Cornell Local Roads Program](#).

[Lagoon Wastewater Treatment Systems](#)

Wichita State University Environmental Finance Center will discuss lagoon wastewater treatment in a way you may have never heard of or seen. Topics that will be covered include: What lagoon treatment systems are (and are not), Where and why lagoon treatment is used, How they work, Treatment performance, Do lagoons have a future? Good O&M practices. **Webinar online at 1 PM on May 24th**, register at the following link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4980759517293684062>.

Be Active and Involved

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

2023 Career Awareness Survey

The following is from a group member participating in the 2023 Leadership Academy Cohort:

I am a part of the 2023 Lewis Leadership Academy, a collaborative learning and leadership development experience of about 20 individuals who work and are engaged with the Lewis County community. A part of our learning experience is to identify a need and gather data that can inform possible solutions.

Our group is exploring the needs related to career awareness in the areas of Ag, Food and Natural Resources in Lewis County. We are gathering information from individuals throughout the community and invite you to answer some questions about the topic and help to inform recommendations and next steps.

To access the survey, use the following [Link](#) to access the questions and share your insights. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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[Become a National Trails Day Event Host](#)

There's something magical about being outdoors. Fresh air, birds singing, moving along a trail or even just around the block – there's nothing quite like it. But today, those trails and public spaces are in dire need of help – and not everyone has access to these places that can calm and inspire. National Trails Day® is the perfect opportunity to get out there with the people you love, give back to the trails that bring us together, and make sure no one is left out.

Connect with the people near you who share your love of being outside. Build your local community and join the nationwide movement to give back to the trails and make sure everyone can enjoy the outdoors.

Taking place on the first Saturday in June, National Trails Day® is a day of public events aimed at advocacy and trail service. Tens of thousands of hikers, bikers, paddlers, horseback riders, trail clubs, federal and local agencies, land trusts, and businesses come together in partnership to advocate for, maintain, and clean up public lands and trails.

For information on hosting an event visit: <https://americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/host-information/>

[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

Water Technical Assistance

Description: All communities deserve access to safe, clean, and reliable water. Yet, too many communities across America – rural, urban, and suburban, small and large – face challenges in providing safe drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services to their residents. EPA's free water technical assistance (TA) supports communities to identify water challenges, develop plans, build technical, financial, and managerial capacity, and develop application materials to access water infrastructure funding. EPA collaborates with states, tribes, territories, community partners, and other key stakeholders to implement water TA efforts. **The end result: more communities with applications for federal funding, quality water infrastructure, and reliable water services.**

Communities may request (subject to availability) free EPA water TA by filling out a simple interest form:

[Request Water Technical Assistance here](#)

Questions may be directed to WaterTA@epa.gov. To receive ongoing updates, please sign up for the [EPA's Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center email list](#)

FCC's Interactive Broadband Availability Map

Have you checked out the FCC's Interactive Broadband Availability Map?! You can visit <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home> and type in your information to see which broadband providers the FCC has associated with your address.

If you disagree with the providers shown you can submit a challenge to let the FCC know your area is/is not served! For more information on how to challenge the FCC data, watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiFoxZKywv4>

RD Circuit Rider Program - Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems

This program provides technical assistance to rural water systems that are experiencing day-to-day operational, financial or managerial issues. Rural water system officials may request assistance from the National Rural Water Association State Association or the local Rural Utilities Service office. Rural Utilities Service staff may also request assistance on behalf of the system.

If interested contact Watertown Rural Development at (315) 782-7289, Ext. 4

For more information visit: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/circuit-rider-program-technical-assistance-rural-water-systems>

[Hazard Mitigation Module](#)

This module is intended for water quality and hazard mitigation professionals that are interested in integrating water quality issues and/or nature-based solutions into state or local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) and highlights the benefits of working across water quality and hazard mitigation programs. Modules in this series can be used as training tools to help planners from both worlds explore activities of mutual interest and benefit. Case studies and examples are provided to assist hazard mitigation planners with integrating water resource programs into HMPs and help watershed planners understand the synergies between water resource plans and HMPs.

Click here to begin the module:

<https://www3.epa.gov/owow/HazardMitigationModuleFeb2023/>

[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>

[Assistance from EPA's Municipal Ombudsman](#)

The [Office of the Municipal Ombudsman](#) provides a unique service specifically for utilities/municipalities in identifying technical assistance opportunities, brainstorming federal funding options (BIL and more!), clean water act flexibilities, integrated planning assistance, and more. Please reach out to municipalombudsman@epa.gov or 202-564-1709 to discuss your projects, permits, or other clean water concerns today.

[Climate Smart Communities Coordinators Technical Assistance](#)

Climate Smart Communities Coordinators are available to provide free support services to municipalities across the state as part of the Climate Smart Communities program. Coordinators will assist and support local governments in taking action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change through outreach, planning, education, and capacity building. Coordinators will also engage communities in

participatory climate future scenario planning, developing climate change adaptation and resilience plans, and convening climate and transportation listening sessions to inform sustainable and low-carbon transportation policies. Capital District Regional Planning Commission will lead the multi-region Climate Smart Communities Coordinators teams for the eastern territory (Mid-Hudson, Capital Region, Mohawk Valley, and North Country). Program partners include the Adirondack North Country Association, the Hudson Valley Regional Council, Mohawk Valley EDGE, Planning4Places, Inc, and Climate Action Associates.

Community Choice Aggregation

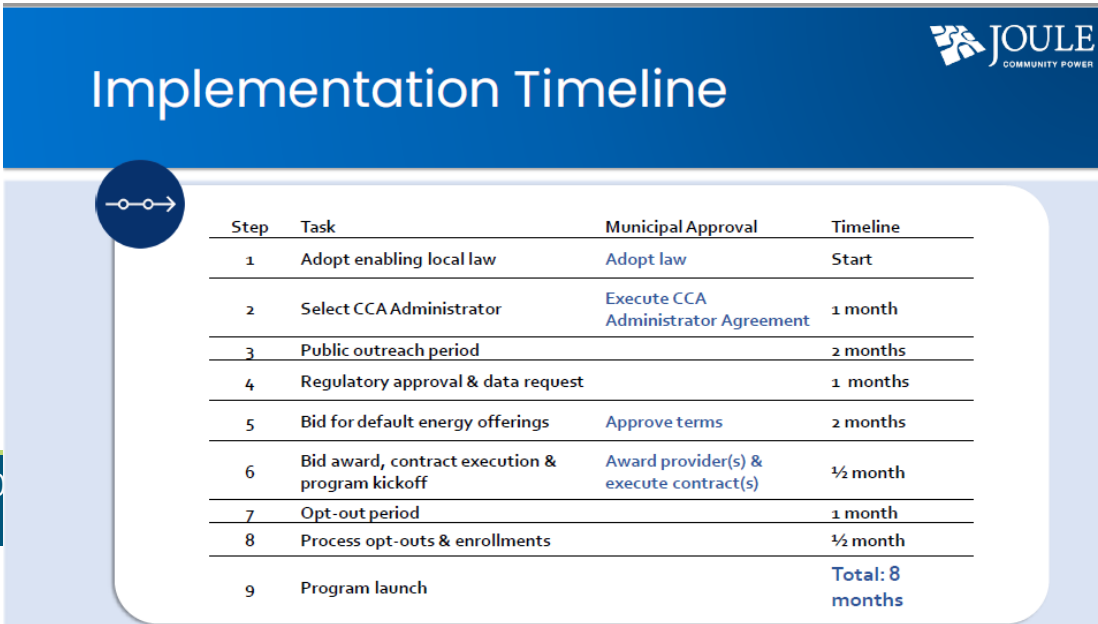
Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) allows Joule to go out to bid on behalf of the municipality using the power of numbers to get the best energy rates for the residents. Joule has had a bit of a workforce turnover, and our current representative is now Glenn Weinberg.

We currently have several municipalities in the beginning stages of utilizing Community Choice Aggregation. Obviously, if more municipalities wanted to join together moving forward with CCA, more competitive fixed electric rates could be attained.

Community Choice Aggregation requires two simple actions to start the process. The first action is adopting a local law that allows your municipality to participate in CCA. Second is naming a CCA Administrator, the County did the heavy lifting on this step and has vetted Joule Assets. Please let Megan Krokowski know if your municipality is interested in starting the process as we will get the paperwork tailored to your municipality for convenience.

Once the communities complete the first steps, Joule starts assembling aggregate communities and once 15,000 energy users are reached the energy bid process begins. In the meantime, the public outreach and education begins so the public will be aware of the possible changes anticipated.

Below is a sample timeline. At any point in the process, the municipality can back out, with no financial repercussions!



Step	Task	Municipal Approval	Timeline
1	Adopt enabling local law	Adopt law	Start
2	Select CCA Administrator	Execute CCA Administrator Agreement	1 month
3	Public outreach period		2 months
4	Regulatory approval & data request		1 months
5	Bid for default energy offerings	Approve terms	2 months
6	Bid award, contract execution & program kickoff	Award provider(s) & execute contract(s)	½ month
7	Opt-out period		1 month
8	Process opt-outs & enrollments		½ month
9	Program launch		Total: 8 months

Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)

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. View the presentation at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jql8H-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/>

New Grant Opportunities

US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energizing Rural Communities Prize

Description: The \$15 million Energizing Rural Communities Prize challenges individuals and organizations to develop partnership plans or innovative financing strategies to help rural or remote communities improve their energy systems and advance clean energy demonstration projects.

The Energizing Rural Communities Prize has two tracks:

- The Partner track – with a \$10 million cash prize pool – will support plans to connect rural or remote communities to government funding, technical assistance, or a network of partners that can help implement clean energy demonstration projects.
- The Finance track – with a \$5 million cash prize pool – will support plans to access capital or to develop community ownership models to help finance clean energy demonstration projects in rural or remote areas.

This prize is for entrepreneurs, university faculty and student groups, community organizations, tribal and local governments, financial institutions, industry professionals, and others with ideas to help organize or finance a clean energy demonstration project in a rural or remote area.

Deadline: Deadline May 30, 2023

For more information visit: <https://americanmadechallenges.org/challenges/rural-energy/>

T Mobile

Hometown Grants

Description: The T-Mobile Hometown Grants program will help fund projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in your town. For example, this might include the town square pavilion, a historic building, an outdoor park, a ball field, or a library-- every town has places where friends and neighbors connect. Grants are up to \$50k per town.

Deadline: June 2nd

For more information visit: https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants?mc_cid=9f94bbdfb0&mc_eid=4aa27a955e

USDA RD

Housing Preservation Grants

Description: Grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of housing owned or occupied by low- and very-low-income rural citizens. USDA will award a total of \$18,500,000 in Housing Preservation Grant Program funding for the repair and rehabilitation of rural housing units.

Deadline: June 5th

For additional information visit: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-programs/housing-preservation-grants>

NRCS

Municipal-led Food Waste and Compost Project Grants

Description: Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has opened a grant to support municipalities and school districts interested in entering into cooperative agreements with eligible entities to develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. The main purpose of this grant is to divert residential and commercial food waste from landfills.

Proposed projects can be located in all community types including rural, urban and suburban. Contact Jennifer Perry at jperry@adirondack.org at ANCA for more information or for grant submission assistance.

For additional information visit: <https://www.usda.gov/topics/urban/coop-agreements>

Deadline: June 15, 2023

DEC

UCF1 Tree Inventory and Community Forestry Management Plan

Description: This reimbursement grant program focuses on partnerships, volunteers, community groups, professionals and outreach and education because these are components of strong and sustainable community forestry programs. Eligible project categories include tree inventories and management plans and education programming for those who care for community trees. Some categories require a 25% match. Grant funds are available from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund and are managed and allocated by DEC.

Deadline: June 21, 2023

For more information visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html>

EFC

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Description: Before you can apply for financing through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), you must first list your project on [EFC's Intended Use Plan \(IUP\)](#). Project listings are screened for eligibility, scored, ranked, and listed, and a new IUP is issued annually.

You must submit your project's information using EFC's [Project Listing and Update System \(PLUS\)](#). The required information includes contact information, a general description of the project's scope, a budget and a project schedule.

You should upload any available documents, such as engineering reports, consent orders, or project descriptions, through PLUS in order to receive the most accurate project score and ranking.

To receive financing in an IUP period, you must submit an approvable engineering report and a Smart Growth Assessment Form so that the project can be included on the Annual List. Projects without these documents will be on the multi-Year list only.

Deadline: June 16, 2023

For more information visit: <https://efc.ny.gov/cwsrf-apply>

ESD

[FAST NY](#)

Description: Under New York's 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

EFC

WIIA/ IMG

Description: The Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) program provides competitive grants to help municipalities fund critical wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. The program demonstrates New York State's nation-leading commitment to upgrading water and sewer systems, reducing water pollution, and safeguarding vital drinking water supplies from emerging contaminants and toxic chemicals. The Intermunicipal Grants (IMG) program is available for both drinking water and wastewater

projects that serve multiple municipalities, such as a shared water quality infrastructure project or the interconnection of multiple municipal water systems.

Deadline: July 28, 2023

For more information visit: <https://efc.ny.gov/wiia>

DEC

UCF2 - Tree Planting applications, and Tree Maintenance applications

Description: This reimbursement grant program focuses on partnerships, volunteers, community groups, professionals and outreach and education because these are components of strong and sustainable community forestry programs. Eligible project categories include tree planting, maintenance, and education programming for those who care for community trees. Some categories require a 25% match. Grant funds are available from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund and are managed and allocated by DEC.

Deadline: August 16, 2023

For more information visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html>

2023 Forest Economy Program - Fall

Description: With this program, the Commission intends to support the forest-based economy and to assist in the forest industry's evolution to include new technologies and viable business models across the four-state NBRC region. Eligible organizations, which include nonprofit and governmental entities (state, local & Indian tribes), are now able to access a program overview of the FEP via NBRC's website. The Commission will make up to \$7 million in grants available, with a maximum award of \$1 Million.

"There is an intrinsic link between the northern forest and the economic success of communities across the NBRC region. The program we are announcing today places a renewed focus on supporting businesses and communities in Northern New England and New York as they seek out new and innovative markets for wood products," said NBRC Federal Co-Chair Chris Saunders.

Deadline: Letters of Interest September 15, 2023; Applications (by invitation only) due November 3, 2023 at 5 PM

For more information visit: <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/FEP>

Ongoing Grant Opportunities

EPA

[Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act \(WIFIA\)](#)

Description: EPA [announced \\$6.5 Billion in New Funding Available for Water Infrastructure Projects](#) and released notices of funding availability for the agency's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program and the State Infrastructure Financing Authority WIFIA (SWIFIA) program. Letters of interest will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funds are expended. If you're interested in scheduling a one-on-one meeting with the WIFIA program to explore this funding opportunity, please reach out to wifia@epa.gov. Visit the [WIFIA website](#) to learn more about the WIFIA program's eligibility requirements, and benefits, application process, and portfolio. Also, check out the [WIFIA Fund Facts Dashboard](#).

For more information visit: <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>

Deadline: Rolling

T Mobile

[Hometown Grants](#)

Description: The T-Mobile Hometown Grants program will help fund projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in your town. For example, this might include the town square pavilion, a historic building, an outdoor park, a ball field, or a library-- every town has places where friends and neighbors connect. Grants are up to \$50k per town.

For more information visit: https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants?mc_cid=9f94bbdfb0&mc_eid=4aa27a955e

Deadline: selected and awarded on a quarterly basis as follows for the next 5 years

Spring: Applications open: January – March

Summer: Applications open April – June

Fall: Applications open July – September

Winter: Applications open October – December

Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation

[Organization and Team Funding](#)

Description: Must be one of these sports (some flexibility): Archery, Boxing, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cricket, Cross-Country, Curling, Cycling, Dance Team, Distance Running, Diving, Equestrian, Fencing, Field Hockey, Fishing, Flag Football, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Kayaking, Lacrosse, Martial Arts/ Kung Fu, Mixed Martial Arts, Mountain Biking, Mountain Climbing, Netball, Pickleball, Polo,

Racquet Sports, Rowing, Rugby, Sailing, Skating, Skiing / Snowboarding, Soccer, Softball, Squash, Swimming, T-Ball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Track and Field, Triathlon, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Water Polo, Weight Lifting, Wrestling.

- Must be a 501c3 organization or public school
- Must be in a community in which we have a store presence
- Must have a youth sports focus
- Cannot be a religious or political organization, individual, scholarship, political campaign, or candidate
- Request must be under \$25,000
- Employees of DICK'S and their family members cannot submit applications

For additional information visit: <https://www.sportsmatter.org/s/grants-and-sponsorships>

Deadline: Rolling - grant requests are reviewed on a monthly basis. The Foundation will respond with a decision or request for additional information within 60 days.

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

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

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

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

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.nyserda.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.

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

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

ESD

[NY Ventures Pre Seed and Seed Matching Fund Program](#)

Description: The **State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)** is providing \$30 million for the Pre-seed and Seed Matching Fund Program ("Program") to support high growth start-up companies at the earliest stages of their growth and development.

Deadline: Rolling

For additional information visit: <https://esd.ny.gov/pre-seed-and-seed-matching-fund-program>

New York State

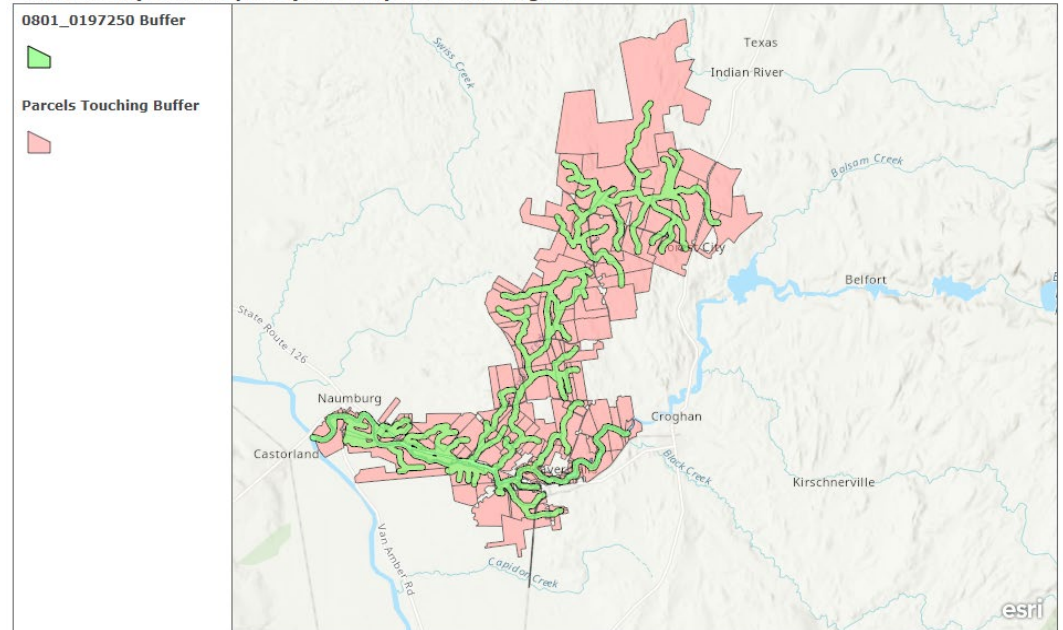
[NYS Septic System Replacement Fund Program](#)

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.

Lewis County State Septic System Replacement Program



Beaver River, Lower, and tribis septic replacement map

Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS | Province of Ontario, Esri Canada, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, USDA, NRCAN, Parks Canada

For more information visit:

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

Deadline: Rolling

See following map of eligible septic system replacement program area shown in light red.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

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: November 1, 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

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Revolving Funds for Financing Water and Wastewater Projects

This program helps qualified nonprofits create revolving loan funds that can provide financing to extend and improve water and waste disposal systems in rural areas.

For more information visit: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/revolving-funds-financing-water-and-wastewater-projects>

Application Anticipated: June 2023-July 2023

PRESERVE NY

Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)

Description: This program provides support for consulting projects that preserve New York State's cultural and historic resources. The grants will support professional services of architects, engineers, and other design and preservation professionals working with nonprofit groups and municipalities to preserve their buildings, structures, and other resources that serve an art and/or cultural function.

For more information visit: <https://www.preservenys.org/technical-assistance-grants>

Application available: October 2023

Training Opportunities- On Demand

Getting Started with NEPA: What Communities Need to Know-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEkGUehEkQ0>

[Strategic Planning for Counties](#)

https://videos.cleargov.com/watch/gR7RKZ6BXtm3jF4hbSG4CE?sbr=1_FWQZGrtDO7bdphDKa ntOg%3D%3D%24PESRnCyLaKWR5FLhtRRre1A%3D%3D

Knowledge Transfer: How to make sure you know what you don't know when experiencing staffing changes-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_QZ4Qn8P58

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

<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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zd-KLzqyZ8l>

Panelists Offer Ways Communities Can Boost Resilience

<https://northernforest.org/panelists-offer-ways-communities-can-boost-resilience/>

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