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Have You Experienced Changes in Municipal Officials?

Please notify Lewis County Planning of any changes to Municipal Officials, Planning Board Members, and Zoning Board of Appeals, including but not limited to:

- Replacement of members and their role and contact information
- Phone number changes/updated preferences
- Email address changes/updated preference.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Town Clerk Regional Training

The New York State Town Clerks Association's September regional training will be held in Buffalo on **September 18, 2023 from 9:00 AM to noon**. There will be association updates and discussions of current hot topics around the state. Issuance of One-Day Marriage Officiant licenses and first amendment audits will be included topics. Bring your questions, comments, and concerns and enjoy a morning of learning and lively discussion.

Registration will open at 8:30 AM. The session will begin at 9:00 AM, ending at noon with lunch to follow. The cost of the program, including lunch, is \$40. Regional sessions are a great time to meet new clerks, catch up with fellow clerks, and increase your clerk network.

Please **register no later than September 4th** [online](#).

Annual Land Use Training

Lewis County Planning and the Department of State will be conducting their annual Land Use Training Workshop on **September 27, 2023 from 4-8 PM**. The following topics will be discussed: 1) Affordable Housing, 2) Community Design Tools, 3) Public Meetings and Hearings.

RSVPs are strongly encouraged by Wednesday, September 20th. To register, please call Lewis County Planning Office at (315) 376- 5422, email suekulzer@lewiscounty.ny.gov or register on-line using the following link:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/75fff90bb846491a9038c14dfe03b80b>

Budgeting and Accounting for Town Officials

New York State laws require local governments to adopt annual budgets that establish appropriations as a means of providing control over amounts that may be expended. The Office of State Comptroller (OSC) requires local governments to utilize an accounting system that provides for the integration of the annual budget into the accounting records to provide control over authorized expenditures. In addition, local government accounting

systems must be operated on a fund basis allowing for a segregation of revenues and expenditures intended to carry on specific governmental activities or attain certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. For these reasons, it is imperative that officials responsible for developing budgets and maintaining accounting records are knowledgeable about these regulations and restrictions.

Register no later than September 15th. We encourage people to register early, as space is limited!

Training Schedule:

September 26th - Day One: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with one hour lunch and scheduled breaks

Overview of the accounting system required by OSC; Various funds and their purpose; The Uniform System of Accounts (USA) required by OSC; The annual budget process (developing, adopting and monitoring) Town-wide vs Part-town revenues and expenditures; Tax Cap filing and compliance; Effective fund balance management; Reserve funds.

September 27th - Day Two: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with one hour lunch and scheduled breaks

Required journals and ledgers; Budget entries; Cash disbursement entries, Audited vouchers and approved abstracts, Payrolls, Other; Cash receipt entries (various revenue sources); Interfund entries (loans and transfers); Reserve fund entries, Capital project entries; Debt payment entries; Closing entries; Filing the Annual Update Document (AUD) with OSC.

Questions? Call the Tug Hill Commission, (315) 785-2380

Cost: \$75 for a one-day registration; \$125 for a two-day registration. Both days include continental breakfast and lunch. Materials also included.

To register online visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/budgeting-and-accounting-training-for-small-towns-september-26-27-2023-tickets-689484676227?aff=oddtcreator>

[Livable Communities Workshop-Economic Development: Connecting to Opportunity](#)

Our cities and towns have changed over the past few years as the COVID-19 pandemic has transformed how we live, work, and play. Downtowns are struggling to fill vacant office spaces while small towns experiencing population growth are trying to meet infrastructure and housing needs. Luckily, we have more economic development tools than ever before to create Livable Communities for people of all ages and life stages.

This national, virtual workshop will explore how local leaders can advance economic development in communities – urban, suburban, and rural – by:

Establishing vibrant main streets and encouraging small-scale development,
Ensuring that communities are well-connected with high-speed internet access,
Providing entrepreneurial and upskilling opportunities for residents of all ages, and
Recognizing the value of unpaid contributions, such as volunteerism and caregiving.
Through four core themes – Built Environment, Digital Connections, Work and Jobs, and
Local Economies – the workshop will share best practices, insights and inspiring next
steps for meeting the economic development needs of a post-pandemic America.

Register for the livestream event September 27 and 28 using the following link:
<https://events.aarp.org/event/88c0ba9e-c617-4a01-b872-a031eb516c98/regProcessStep1>

Be Active and Involved

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

[NYS Cap and Invest Seeks Public Comments](#)

An economywide Cap-and-Invest Program will establish a declining cap on greenhouse gas emissions, limit potential costs to New Yorkers, invest proceeds in programs that drive emission reductions in an equitable manner, and maintain the competitiveness of New York businesses and industries. Cap-and-Invest will ensure the state meets the greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements set forth in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act).

DEC and NYSERDA welcome input throughout the development of the program. Feedback during this early phase is vital to developing a successful program. To submit feedback, please use the following comment form:

<https://www.commentmanagement.com/comment/Cap-and-Invest>

Non-Grant Opportunities

[Charge Ready NY 2.0](#)

Charge Ready NY 2.0 offers incentives to public, private and not-for-profit organizations that install Level 2 EV charging stations at workplaces, multi-unit dwellings (MUD's) or public facilities that are owned and operated by municipal or state government entities.

NYSERDA provides incentives on a per-port basis, \$2,000 per charging port installed at a **workplace** or **multi-unit dwelling** location.

Workplace: Location with parking that has at least twenty (20) parking spaces which primarily serve (>50%) employees who work at or nearby the place of work. Workplace sites must have a **minimum of twenty** (20) employees regularly working at the site.

Examples include office buildings, universities, schools, hospitals, and other similar facilities.

Multi-unit dwelling (MUD): Location with parking that has at least twenty (20) parking spaces that primarily serves a MUD with **ten** (10) or more connected housing units. Examples include apartment buildings, condominiums, and co-ops. **Motels/hotels will also be considered a MUD site.**

Charging stations must be “networked,” or able to connect to a network that can collect data and process payments. Additional site requirements are described in the [Program Implementation Manual \[PDF\]](#).

[North Country Clean Energy Hub](#)

The North Country Clean Energy Hub recently launched, with staff prepared to offer a variety of information on such resources to North Country residents about weatherization and clean energy projects. The mission of the hub is to “support people and businesses in adopting clean energy technology, utilizing energy efficiency programs, and finding jobs in the clean energy industry. These initiatives can save money, make homes healthier, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.” The hub will serve Clinton, Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Hamilton, Jefferson, and Lewis counties.

The hub offers advisory resources that can help residents and homeowners access funding, information, and contractors. The advisory topics include home energy audits, weatherization and energy efficiency, green heating and cooling options, and renewable energy. Depending on your family’s income and the improvements you are interested in, you may be eligible for grants, loans, rebates, and tax credits.

As clean energy efforts expand in New York, the hub is seeking to provide workforce development support to ensure that there is an adequate pool of companies and skilled labor to meet the demand of clean energy projects. Contractors or those looking to enter the clean energy industry should reach out.

If you are interested in a clean energy project for your home or business, including weatherization, please reach out to your North Country Clean Energy Hub advisor. Middle and low-income people are especially encouraged to inquire. The advisor for Jefferson and Lewis counties is Eamon LaDue, el692@cornell.edu or (315) 775-8864. More information and contacts for the hub can be found at: <https://northcountrycleanenergyhub.org/>

[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>

[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>

[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>

[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/>

[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](#)

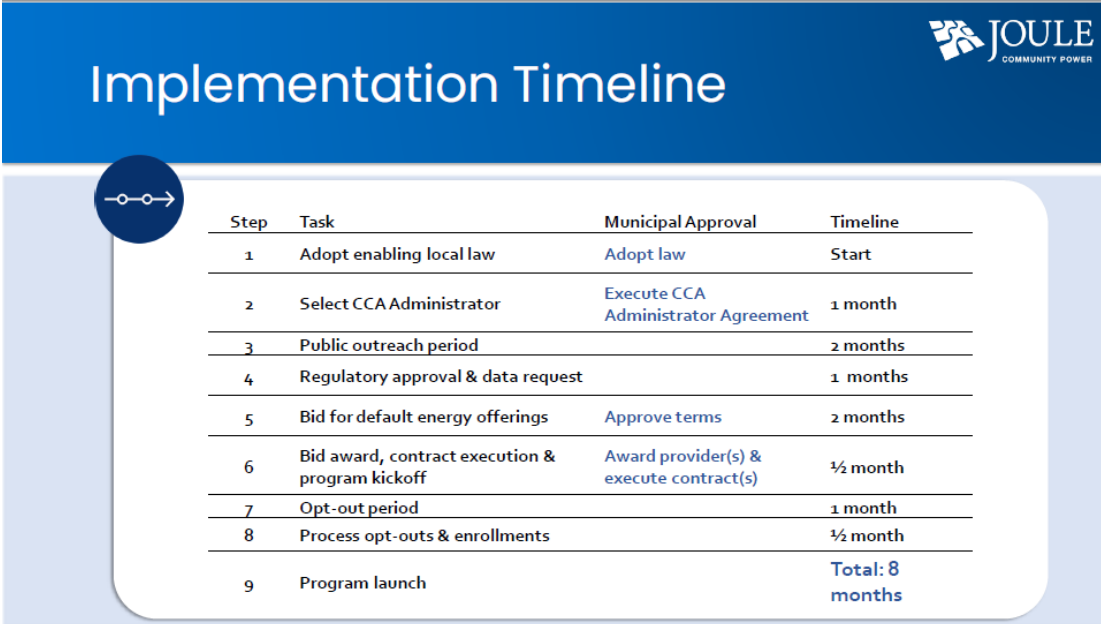
Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) allows Joule to go out to bid on behalf of the municipality using the power of numbers to get the best energy rates for the residents. Joule has had a bit of a workforce turnover, and our current representative is now Glenn Weinberg.

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=JqI8H-27Zps>

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

NBRC

[Forest Economy Grant Application](#)

Description: The purpose of this program is to support the forest-based economy, and to assist in the industry's evolution to include new technologies and viable business models across the four state NBRC region. The Forest Economy Program emphasizes the potential for impact across the entire NBRC region, and infrastructure projects must directly support the forest industry (defined by Congress in NBRC's authorizing language to be inclusive of transportation, water and wastewater, telecommunications, and energy). All four Tug Hill counties are eligible for 80% funding with a 20% match.

Categories of grant projects are:

1. Community development projects
2. Workforce training and development projects
3. Marketing/communication and education projects
4. Business planning and technical assistance projects
5. Public infrastructure projects

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

Deadline: Letters of Interest due September 22nd; Full applications due November 10th at 5 PM

Northern New York Community Foundation (NNYCF)

[LEAD Impact Grant Program](#)

Description: Support nonprofit programs, projects and initiatives that will make a positive and tangible impact on the organization and the people it serves. Requests that clearly demonstrate innovative approaches to service, enhancement of mission and community, and a meaningful impact on the quality of life across the North Country will be strongly considered.

Funding available: Up to \$20,000

For additional information visit: <https://nnycf.org/grants/grant-opportunities/>

Deadline: September 29, 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>

Deadline: October 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM, or when funds are exhausted

NYSDEC

[Community Forest Conservation Grant Program](#)

Description: This grant opportunity aims to provide municipalities with financial assistance in purchasing forest land for the purpose of creating community forests. Community forests can provide many benefits:

- Wildlife habitat;
- Flood mitigation;
- Recreational opportunities;
- Boosting mental health; and
- Improving air and water quality

Applicants may request a minimum grant amount of \$50,000 and up to a maximum of \$300,000. A 10% match is required in the form of a cash match towards project expenditures, land donations, and bargain sale or use of match for community forest improvement such as installing trails or signage.

For more information, [visit the Community Forest Conservation Grant webpage](#), or [email Molly Hassett](#) with any questions.

Deadline: October 11, 2023

Northern New York Community Foundation (NNYCF)

[Daniel J. Briggs Fund for Integrity](#)

Description: Support for bullying prevention and character education programs, as well as professional development for administrators, teachers, staff, and employees of school districts across the region.

Funding available: Up to \$1,000

For additional information visit: <https://nnycf.org/grants/grant-opportunities/>

Deadline: October 20, 2023

NBRC

[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.

Categories of grant projects are:

1. Community development projects
2. Workforce training and development projects
3. Marketing/communication and education projects
4. Business planning and technical assistance projects
5. Public infrastructure projects

Deadline: Applications (by invitation only) due November 10, 2023 at 5 PM

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

Ongoing Grant Opportunities

Municipal/ Infrastructure

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

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>

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.

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

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.nyserderda.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.

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

For additional information visit: https://www.nationalgridus.com/Upstate-NY-Business/Energy-Alternatives/Commercial-and-Fleet-EV-Charging-Programs?utm_medium=directmail&utm_source=creativeservices&utm_campaign=lci%7ccovid%7c5+things+to+know%7cuny%7call%7cnone%7cnone%7c2021-03-22

Deadline: Rolling

Agriculture

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/programs/rapid-outcomes-from-agricultural-research/>

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

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

Youth Centric

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.

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.

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.

Community Focus

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

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

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

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:

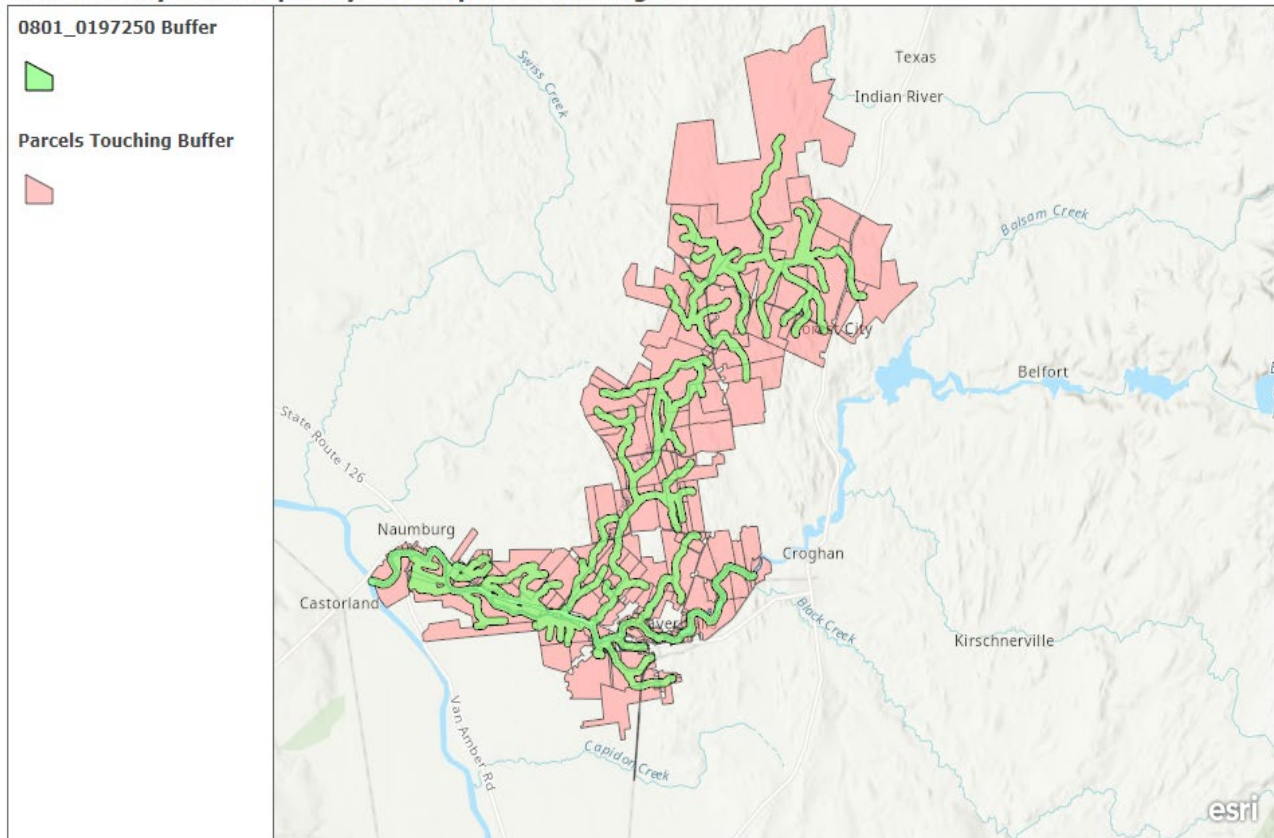
- replacement of a cesspool with a septic system; or
- installation, replacement or upgrade of a septic system or septic system components.
- installation of enhanced treatment technologies, including an advanced nitrogen removal system.

For more information visit: <https://lewiscountyny.gov/departments/planning-and-community-development/septicfund/>

Deadline: Rolling

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

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

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

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

USDA

[Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production \(UAIP\)](#)

Description: Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production (UAIP) competitive grants initiate or expand efforts of farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools, and other stakeholders in urban areas and suburbs. Projects may target areas of food access, education, business and start-up costs for new farmers, and development of policies related to zoning and other needs of urban production.

For more information visit: <https://www.usda.gov/topics/urban/grants/uaip-fy-2023-faqs>

Application Available: January 2024-March 2024

Training Opportunities- On Demand

Getting Started with NEPA: What Communities Need to Know –

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

ROW Permitting and Sign Management

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCt4pfRRmKoka50duS1gJmQFjTxYqnlgq>

Strategic Planning for Counties

https://videos.cleargov.com/watch/gR7RKZ6BXtm3jF4hbSG4CE?sbrc=1_FWQZGrtDO7bdphDKantOg%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=WKCPCCLcJoEg>

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=JqI8H-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-KLzqyZ8I>

Panelists Offer Ways Communities Can Boost Resilience

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

Building a Comprehensive Count Program in Your Park or on Your Trails—NEW!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9M9J41m4gI>

Lewis County Cemetery Workshop 2023—NEW!!

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8_42VInEDw48RIUmOvdLhaUN02oUdI1X

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