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Have Your Voice Heard
Please consider completing and sharing the following survey opportunities:

**Lewis County Childcare Survey** - Open 4/11/22-4/22/22
Unfortunately, childcare is a service that is limited in Lewis County and its induced effects are debilitating and widespread. For this reason, Lewis County is conducting a survey to collect information needed as part of their Childcare Initiative.

To access the survey, visit the following link:
https://knowledgeuniverse.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8jPiLc2pZAlh3tc

Please share and encourage others to complete this survey by sharing the above link!

**First New York State Bike Census Underway**
NYSERDA and Urban Cycling Solutions are undertaking the first NYS Bike Census to document where, why and how NY residents are riding bikes. While geared toward the more urban areas of NY, there may be areas on the fringes of Tug Hill where it is relevant.

The goal is to collect insights from cyclists and transit customers to better understand opportunities and barriers for active first/last mile transportation.

To access the survey, visit
https://nyserda.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aaOKnyxZSgkskmi

**Help K-12 Schools Serve More New York Grown Food to New York Kids**
This year, we have an important opportunity to help schools across the state increase their ability to purchase and serve healthier, farm-fresh foods to our children. The New York Farm to School Purchasing Incentive and Grants programs, funded in the state budget, work hand in hand to bring more New York grown food to students in K-12 schools. These programs lead the nation in their ability to help schools buy more local food, thereby improving student health while building resilient local economies.

Research has shown that expanding the Farm to School Purchasing Incentive to include more school meals would make it easier for more schools to participate in the program and benefit New York farmers and the state economy. Best of all – it will ensure access to healthy local food for students throughout the school day!
With just one click on the “Take Action” button, enter your information and send a customizable letter directly to your state representatives in support of strong funding for these critical programs which improve the health of our children and support our state’s farmers - visit the website: https://farmland.salsalabs.org/nyfood4nykidsvld2022/index.html?utm_source=Salssa&utm_medium=Email&utm_id=NYFood4NYKids%20Action%20Alert%20%232&etype=EmailBlastContent&eld=7aac3f0e-41d0-9fb3-895d0671c420&fbclid=IwAR1rm83GJJGaanXunOYrCCpT9Vxujnl5cOSwkuUBLk-1CBueXs_tnYCJ2xc

Support Farmland Protection and Farmland Access Programs

Over 9 million acres of New York farmland form the foundation for the state’s $44 billion farm and food economy, but this irreplaceable land is under threat from development. Between 2001 and 2016, New York lost or fragmented over a quarter million acres of farmland, half of which was considered the state’s best quality farmland. People migrating into rural communities during the pandemic and accelerated solar development have amplified development pressure on farmland across the state.

At the same time, one-third of New York’s farmers are over the age of 65. They own or operate almost 2 million acres of farmland that will be at risk of being sold for development as farmers retire in the coming months and years. It’s critical to support these farmers in transitioning their land to a new generation of farmers.

Act now to ask your state representative to support funding for New York’s Farmland Protection and Farmland for a new generation by visiting the following website: https://farmland.salsalabs.org/AllianceforNYsFarmlandActionAlert2022/index.html?fbclid=IwAR23kXvNYqe8fCZ97Qu8G3wv2LDnEV6VlywCKOhLIEepYo_kHVkZD51JEY

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

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’re 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/

ADK Small Business Resiliency Fund – Possible Low Interest Financing
Details: In August 2020, the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board was awarded a $2,940,000 Revolving Loan Fund CARES Act grant from the Economic Development Administration to assist small businesses. This fund was capitalized to alleviate the sudden and severe economic dislocation caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, to provide permanent resources to support economic resiliency, and to further the long-term economic adjustment objectives of the region.

The objective of the ADK Small Business Resiliency Fund is to assist small businesses that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses can
receive working capital loans for payroll and business expenses or fixed asset loans to purchase equipment, upgrade outdoor facilities, or fund resiliency projects for a business. Loan application deadline June 1, 2022.

For more information visit: [https://www.lclgrpb.org/adk-small-business-resiliency-fund](https://www.lclgrpb.org/adk-small-business-resiliency-fund)

**Workership Program** – Not For Profit or Government Agency
The Workership Program provides 350 hours of summer employment at minimum wage for students accepted and enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate academic program at a two-year or four-year college for the following Fall semester. Workership positions were not intended to replace permanent or part-time positions already filled. But instead, Workership positions were to be new positions completing work that traditionally would not get done.

Not-for-profit and government programs delivering services in the area between Boonville and Carthage are urged to apply to sponsor a Workership position(s).

For additional information visit: [https://www.prattnortham.org/youth-programs/?display=yes&div=workership&level=workerapp#workerapp](https://www.prattnortham.org/youth-programs/?display=yes&div=workership&level=workerapp#workerapp)

**Careers Here Program** – Private Sector Business
The Careers Here Program was created to give private sector businesses the opportunity to provide a paid internship to local college students and BOCES students in their area of study. The Pratt Northam Foundation is partnering with Lewis County to provide this opportunity. Local businesses are encouraged to contact our Careers Here Coordinator Lisa Hetzner at [Lisa.Hetzner@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:Lisa.Hetzner@dfa.state.ny.us) to get their businesses added to the list of available sites for student opportunities.

For more information visit: [https://www.prattnortham.org/youth-programs/?display=yes&div=workership&level=workerapp#workerapp](https://www.prattnortham.org/youth-programs/?display=yes&div=workership&level=workerapp#workerapp)

**Training Opportunities**

**Annual Local Government Conference**
April 19, 2022 at Turning Stone Event Center
For more information visit: [https://tughill.org/lgc2022/](https://tughill.org/lgc2022/)

**Previously Recorded Webinars:**
Minute Taking and Other Essential Duties for Board Clerks and Secretaries
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhctA4ai-Aw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhctA4ai-Aw)
New Grant Opportunities

USDA

Rural Community Development Initiative

**Description:** Qualified private, nonprofit, and public including tribal intermediary organizations proposing to carry out financial and technical assistance programs will be eligible to receive the funding. The recipients will, in turn, provide programs that will support their communities (beneficiaries). The Intermediary will be required to provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the RCDI grant. The respective minimum and maximum grant amount per Intermediary is $50,000 and $250,000.

For more information visit: [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=337891](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=337891)

**Deadline:** April 19, 2022

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

FY2023 Challenge America

**Description:** Challenge America offers support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to populations that are underserved. Challenge America features an abbreviated application, a robust structure of technical assistance, and grants for a set amount of $10,000. Grants require a cost share/match of $10,000 consisting of cash and/or in-kind contributions. Total project costs must be at least $20,000 or greater.

For additional information visit: [https://www.arts.gov/grants/challenge-america](https://www.arts.gov/grants/challenge-america)

**Deadline:** April 21, 2022
USDA Rural Development
Value-Added Producer Grant

**Description:** The VAPG program helps agricultural producers enter value-added activities related to the processing and marketing of new products. The goals of this program are to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities and increase producer income. You may receive priority if you are a beginning farmer or rancher, a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher, a small or medium-sized farm or ranch structured as a family farm, a farmer or rancher cooperative or are proposing a mid-tier value chain. Maximum Grant Amount: Planning Grants $75,000; Working Capital Grants: $250,000. Matching Funds Requirements: The $2.75 million in COVID–19 relief funds may include a reduced cost share match requirement of 10% of the grant amount. The other available funds have a statutory cost share match requirement of 100% of the grant amount.

For more information visit the following website: [https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/value-added-producer-grants](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/value-added-producer-grants)

**Deadline:** April 25, 2022

William G Pomeroy Foundation
Legends & Lore Marker Grant Program

**Description:** Legend & Lore grants are available to 501(c)(3) organizations, nonprofit academic institutions, and local, state, and federal government entities within the United States. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact an eligible local organization, such as an applicable historical society or folklore-related nonprofit. They will often apply for the grant on behalf of the individual. Does your community have a great piece of folklore that should be shared? Legends & Lore is designed to promote cultural tourism and commemorate legends and folklore as part of our heritage.

For more information visit: [https://www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore/](https://www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore/)

**Deadline:** May 2nd, August 29th, and October 17th

Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee
Child Passenger Safety Grants

**Description:** Through funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Child Passenger Safety grant program provides funding to help local communities conduct programs to promote child passenger safety awareness and education. To that end, the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) has issued a Request for Application (RFA) to solicit proposals from local and tribal governments and
not-for-profit agencies for Child Passenger Safety grants under the Federal Highway Safety Program.

For more information visit: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=338740

**Deadline:** May 2, 2022

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**USDA**

**Local Food Promotion Program**

**Description:** The program focuses on: Supporting the processing, aggregation, distribution, and storage of local and regional food products that are marketed locally or regionally, including value-added agricultural products; Encouraging the development of value-added agricultural products; Assisting with business development plans and feasibility studies; Developing marketing strategies for producers of local food products and value-added agricultural products in new and existing markets; Facilitating regional food chain coordination and mid-tier value chain development; Promoting new business opportunities and marketing strategies to reduce on-farm food waste; Responding to changing technology needs in indirect producer-to-consumer marketing; and Covering expenses related to cost incurred in obtaining food safety certification and improvements to food safety practices and equipment.

For additional information visit the following website: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html

**Search for Funding Opportunity Number:** USDA-AMS-TM-LFPP-G-22-0001

**Deadline:** May 16, 2022

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**USDA**

**Regional Food System Partnerships**

**Description:** The RFSP focuses on building and strengthening local or regional food economy viability and resilience, and this includes pandemic response and recovery. Applicants will work with their partners to catalyze the development of local or regional food systems. Applicants will coordinate efforts within the partnership to set priorities, connect resources and services, and measure progress towards common goals.

For additional information visit the following link: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html

**Search for Funding Opportunity Number:** USDA-AMS-TM-RFSP-G-22-0009

**Deadline:** May 16, 2022
NYSERDA
Community Heat Pump Pilot Program

**Description:** A community-style heat pump system will use a network of pipes to share heating water among a cluster of buildings, where the cluster of buildings will use that heating water to produce comfort space heating of occupied spaces. The heating water could be centrally produced as hot water via electric-driven heat pumps and used in the buildings via radiators for hydronic heating or could be ambient-temperature water serving as a thermal source enabling electric-driven heat pumps located in each building. The heating water could also be used for production of domestic hot water, and a chilled water piping network could also be included to serve the comfort space cooling needs of the cluster of buildings. The solicitation will be competitive with multiple due dates and offers $15 million of funding to be allocated across multiple projects in four categories (all four of these categories can receive proposals at every due date):

A. Site-specific Scoping Studies
B. Site-specific Detailed Design Studies
C. Construction
D. Best Practices Guidebooks

For more information visit: [https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Community-Heat-Pump-Systems/Community-Heat-Pumps-Pilot-Program](https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Community-Heat-Pump-Systems/Community-Heat-Pumps-Pilot-Program)

**Deadline:** May 17th, August 16th, November 15th

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants

**Description:** The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Office of Challenge Grants is accepting applications for the Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants program. Capital Projects support the design, purchase, construction, restoration, or renovation of facilities for humanities activities. Digital Infrastructure projects support the maintenance, modernization, and sustainability of existing digital scholarly projects and platforms. For both Capital Projects and Digital Infrastructure, expenditures must be shown to bring long-term benefits to the institution and to the humanities more broadly.

For more information visit: [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html)

Search for Funding Opportunity Number: 20220517-CHA

**Deadline:** May 17, 2022
SLC ARTS

North Country Arts Recovery Fund

Description: Fixed awards are $2,500 and $5,000 for individual artists, and $5,000 and $10,000 for organizations. Unlike other grant programs administered by SLC Arts, the North Country Arts Recovery Fund supports general operating expenses, such as salaries, artist fees, and facilities costs.

For additional information visit: https://slcartscouncil.org/grants/artsrecovery2022/

Deadline: May 31, 2022

Humanities New York

Action Grants

Description: Action Grants offer up to $5,000 to implement humanities projects that encourage public audiences to reflect on their values, explore new ideas, and engage with others in their community. All subjects and themes relevant to the communities served are welcome. These grants aim to: Connect audiences more deeply to the communities where they live and work; Solidify community partnerships and diversify audiences; and Creatively employ the tools of the humanities to respond to issues and ideas capturing the imagination and passion of New Yorkers today.

For more information visit: https://humanitiesny.org/grants/

Deadline: June 1, 2022

Department of Health and Human Services

Public Health Scholarship Program

Description: HRSA’s Bureau of Health Workforce will invest $39 million for 26 awards. Awarded recipients will provide scholarships to individuals for public health training in professional, graduate, and/or certificate programs. Eligible applicants are government entities, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions with an existing public health training program and partnerships that can transition students into employment.

For additional information visit: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=336478

Deadline: June 1, 2022

Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

DR-4480 Hazard Mitigation Grant

Description: $300 million available in FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds available only to NYS municipalities through DR4480, as well as several other
funding opportunities coming available soon for qualifying communities from Hurricane Ida (DR4615) and Tropical Storm Fred (DR4625). You may have infrastructure projects or planning efforts that are eligible for federal funding under this program and are eligible for up to 90% funding.

For additional information visit: https://www.dhses.ny.gov/dr-4480-hazard-mitigation-grant-program-funding

**Deadline:** June 1, 2022

**Quadratec**

**Energize the Environment**

**Description:** Quadratec is offering two $3,500 environmental grants per year – one each in the spring and fall – to an individual or group currently pursuing a program or initiative designed to benefit our environment. Some project examples include: trail building or restoration projects; park beautification events; litter prevention initiatives; Earth study missions; sustainable land management activities; community environmental educational projects; and youth educational engagement events. Eligibility: Any individual, group, or organization in the United States who has a love for all things environmental, and has an idea or event designed to help improve our environment, is eligible.

For added information visit the following website: https://www.quadratec.com/page/quadratec-cares-grant-program

**Deadline:** June 30th and October 30th annually

**Media Art Assistance Fund (MAAF)**

**MAAF for Artists 2022**

**Description:** For individual artists, MAAF provides support for the completion and/or public presentation of new works in all genres of sound and moving image art, including emergent technology. Grant awards assist artists in completing new work, reaching public audiences, and advance artistic exploration and public engagement in the media arts. Women, gender non-conforming people, and people of color are encouraged to apply.

For more information visit: https://wavefarm.org/grants/maaf-artists/about

**Deadline:** July 1, 2022

**National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)**

**FY2023 Grants for Arts Projects**

**Description:** Grants for Arts Projects is our principal grants program for organizations based in the United States. Through project-based funding, the program supports public engagement with, and access to, various forms of art across the nation, the creation of art, learning in the arts at all stages of life, and the
integration of the arts into the fabric of community life. Applicants may request cost share/matching grants ranging from $10,000 to $100,000. Designated local arts agencies eligible to subgrant may request from $10,000 to $150,000 for sub-granting programs in the Local Arts Agencies discipline.

For additional information visit: https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects

**Deadline:** July 7, 2022

**William G Pomeroy Foundation**

**Hungry for History Grant Marker Program**

**Description:** The Hungry for History™ grant program celebrates America’s food history by telling the stories of local and regional food specialties across the United States. This program is designed to commemorate significant food dishes created prior to 1960 and the role they played in defining American culture and forging community identity. Hungry for History is intended to help communities nationwide put the spotlight on their renowned locally and regionally created food dishes with historic roadside markers.

For additional information visit: https://www.wgpfoundation.org/history/hungry-for-history/

**Deadline:** November 14, 2022

**Ongoing Grant Opportunities:**

**National Grid**

**Project C**

**Adopt a Park**- With Adopt a Park, we'll 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’re 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](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. For organizations whose total yearly operating expenses are $250,000 or less. These grants aim to: Support smaller organizations in offering engaging public programming; and Promote equity in access to the humanities, ensuring that New Yorkers of all backgrounds and from all regions may engage in cultural programming.

For more information visit: [https://humanitiesny.org/grants/](https://humanitiesny.org/grants/)

**Deadline:** Rolling

**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 added information visit: [https://humanitiesny.org/grants/](https://humanitiesny.org/grants/)

**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](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.


**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](https://www.adirondackfoundation.org/granting/apply-grant/small-grants-small-children)

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

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

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

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

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

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

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

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

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

**Community Facilities Programs**

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

For additional information visit: [https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities)

**Deadline:** Rolling application deadline

**Gary Sinise Foundation**

**First Responder Grant**

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

For more information visit: [https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/first-responders-outreach/](https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/first-responders-outreach/)

**Deadline:** Rolling application deadline

**Orton Family Foundation**

**Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant**

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

For additional information visit: [https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/](https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/)

**Deadline:** Rolling application deadline
Joint Utilities of New York

EV Make-Ready Program

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

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

Deadline: Rolling application deadline

NYSERDA

Clean Energy Communities Grants

1. Clean Energy Communities Designation Grants: $5,000 (no match)
   - A one-time grant of $5,000 is available to any community that completes any 4 of 13 possible high-impact actions. (Please see list of high-impact actions below).

2. Point-Based Grants: $10,000-$100,000 (no match)
   - Earn points for each high-impact action completed (200-2,000 points per action).
   - Collect enough points to cross certain point thresholds to become eligible for larger grant amounts before they are all claimed.

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)

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- 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.
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**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](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.

**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](https://adirondackstughill.com)

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

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**Mural at Harrisville Free Library**
**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](https://www.nationalgridus.com/upstate-ny-business/Energy-Saving-Programs/Electric-Vehicle-Charging-Station-Program.aspx#ev)

**Deadline:** Rolling application
New York State

NYS Septic System Replacement Fund Program

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

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

For more information visit: https://www.lewiscounty.org/departments/planning/septicfund

Deadline: Rolling application

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

LEAD Impact Grant Program*

Description: Program supports nonprofit programs, projects and initiatives that will make a positive and tangible impact on the organization and the people it serves. Requests that are able to 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.

Application available: Summer 2022
Application deadline: Fall 2022
Contact: Max DelSignore, Assistant Director max@nnycf.org
Safe Schools Endeavor*
Communities served: Jefferson and Lewis counties
Description: For programs and projects that empower students, parents, and faculty to nurture the safest campus environment for children and adults in public and private K-12 schools in Jefferson and Lewis counties. Proposals that are student-led or involve close collaboration with students may receive additional weight as funding is considered.
Application available: Summer 2022 Application deadline: November 2022
Contact: Erika Flint, Steering Committee Chairwoman, eflint@fdrhpo.org

Shaw Harbor Foundation Charitable Foundation*
Communities served: Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties
Description: For nonprofit and eligible public organizations that broadly strengthen the quality of life for Northern New York residents. Special consideration is given to those serving the towns of Adams, Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman, Worth, and Hounsfield. Areas of focus include, but are not limited to: Arts and culture, history, LGBTQ services and programs, and general quality of life initiatives and projects.
Funding available: To be determined Application deadline: Fall 2022
Contact: Kraig Everard, Director of Stewardship and Programs, kraig@nnycf.org

Daniel J. Briggs Fund for Integrity*
Description: For bullying prevention and character education programs, as well as professional development for administrators, teachers, staff, and employees of school districts across the region.
Application available: Fall 2022 Application deadline: October 21, 2022
Contact: Max DelSignore, Assistant Director, max@nnycf.org

Youth Philanthropy Council*
Description: Support for nonprofit organizations serving all residents through programs and projects that enhance the quality of life in communities across the region - not limited to youth programs.
Application available: Fall 2022 Application deadline: To be determined
Contact: Kraig Everard, Director of Stewardship and Programs, kraig@nnycf.org
*For more information visit: https://www.nnycf.org/grants/grant-opportunities/

FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program
Description: Subject to appropriations proposed under Governor Hochul’s Fiscal Year 2023 State Budget, ESD will invest up to $200 million for FAST NY to prepare and develop shovel-ready sites across the state.
Application available: Later in 2022
For additional information visit: https://esd.ny.gov/fast-ny
Lewis County Façade and Streetscape Improvement Program

**Description:** To encourage and advance revitalization efforts, this program will provide 75/25 matching funds for eligible improvements to mixed-use and commercial buildings and streetscape enhancements in Lewis County’s villages and hamlets. Together, these improvements will help business growth and retention, enhance tourism, increase spending in the local economy, and reduce the number of blighted and vacant properties.

**Application Open:** September 2, 2022 - November 4, 2022

Please reach out to megankrokowski@lewiscounty.ny.gov if you have any questions or concerns or visit the following link for additional information: https://naturallylewis.com/initiatives/facade-streetscape-improvement-program
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