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Training Opportunities

Annual Land Use Training
September 21st at the JCC Education Center from 3:30-8:30 PM

2022 Annual Land Use Training
FOR ALL TOWN AND VILLAGE PLANNING BOARD, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

Planning & Zoning: An Introduction (2 Hours)
The most elementary of the Training Unit’s course offerings. Planning and Zoning: An Introduction is designed for new members of both planning boards and zoning boards of appeals. The course provides a basic overview of the functions of planning boards and zoning boards of appeals and the land use tools they work with, the role of the comprehensive plan, procedures for holding meetings and hearings, and the enforcement of the boards’ decisions.

Joint Boards: Options for Consolidating Review Boards (1 Hour)
Some local governments across the state have been challenged to find citizens able to serve on their planning boards and zoning boards of appeals. One option is to reduce the number of board members; another is for villages and towns to form joint village-town planning boards and sometimes village-town zoning boards of appeals. This course discusses these and other innovative approaches to maintaining planning boards and zoning boards of appeals when there isn’t a waiting list of applicants for those posts.

Short-Term Rentals (1 Hour)
Short-term rentals have been around for years, but the availability of online booking sites and the growth of local management companies has had dramatic effects on neighborhoods big and small across the state (and around the world). A number of cities, towns, and villages in New York have come up with a variety of means to permit or restrict short-term rentals consistent with the character of the respective communities. This session looks at the problems short-term rentals posed for several of those municipalities and summarizes the regulations with which they responded to the challenge.

The Event Will Be Held:
Wednesday, September 21, 2022
3:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the
Lewis-Jefferson Education Center
7395 East Rd. Lowville, NY 13367

Agenda:
3:30 pm Registration
3:50 - 3:55 pm Welcoming Remarks
4:00 - 6:00 pm Planning & Zoning Intro.
6:00 - 6:15 pm Break
6:15 - 7:15 pm Joint Boards
7:15 - 7:30 pm Break
7:30 - 8:30 pm Short-Term Rentals

RSVP:
To register, please call Lewis County Planning Department at (315) 376-5422, email suekulzer@lewiscounty.ny.gov, or go online at: https://www.lewiscounty.org/2022landusetrainings

This workshop will provide four (4) hours of training to meet the NYS Municipality Training Requirement for municipal board members.

Code Enforcement Officers can apply to use these courses as professional development electives.

Note to Planning Board and ZBA Chairpersons and Clerks - Please share this notice with other Board members and officials in your community.

Food and Refreshments will be provided.

Lewis County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints of discrimination should be made known to the Lewis County Board of Legislators.
Previously Recorded Webinars
Minute Taking and Other Essential Duties for Board Clerks and Secretaries
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhctA4ai-Aw

Enforcement of Zoning and Other Local Laws
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0GA7RanJj0

Planning Board Overview
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKCPCLcJoEg

Zoning Board of Appeals Overview
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7XCanTLO-M

SEQR Basics with New Regs
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9u_w1kc878

Renewable and Alternative Energy Webinars-NEW!!

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

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

Community Choice Aggregation Survey
Community Choice Aggregation enables municipalities to pool local energy demand together at a large enough scale to dictate and negotiate more favorable terms, decrease electricity costs, choose clean energy, increase consumer protection and reap the benefits of solar or other renewables to the entire County.

Typically, participants observe that the CCA supply rate is lower than or matching the standard rate. It is possible for the standard rate to drop below the negotiated CCA rate in certain months, but CCA is designed to save customers money.

Community Solar is another program Joule offers, this program users receive credits/guaranteed discounts of 10% and the Community Solar works in tandem with Community Choice Aggregation to offer more discounts.
Municipalities must adopt a local law to begin this process and name a Community Choice Aggregation Administrator. The administrator works on behalf of the municipality to negotiate terms and fixed competitive rates with the energy provider and receives their payment directly from the energy provider. Payment to Joule in no way comes from the residents or municipal budgets. National Grid would remain the utility provider and would still uphold their typical duties of repair, response, and billing.

Once the municipality adopts a local law, names a CCA Administrator and accepts the bids and starts the formal process, all energy users in the municipal jurisdiction would be enrolled into the CCA program. If the resident or energy user does not want to participate in the CCA program, the opt out process is extremely simple.

We plan to distribute survey results to the municipal officials to inform them of how their constituents feel about this program. To access the survey visit: https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0NESaBL5H54qbNc

**Request for Members of Congress to Support Historic Agriculture and Climate Funding**

Recently, the US Senate released the [Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](https://www.whitehouse.gov/), which includes a once-in-a-generation opportunity to boost conservation funding and provide farmers and ranchers the tools they need to combat climate change and protect their farmland. But Congress needs to hear from you NOW to ensure this funding remains in the final legislation and that the bill ultimately passes.

The Senate is preparing to vote on this package this week, so time is of the essence. Please write to your Senators TODAY to ask them to support the $21 billion in agricultural conservation funding that will provide more producers with the tools necessary to build resilience to extreme weather, while improving soil health, water quality, and profitability. It would also enable additional acres of farmland to be protected at a time when AFT estimates that we are losing 2,000 acres a day.

To take action, visit: [https://farmland.salsalabs.org/inflationreductionact2022/index.html?eType=E mailBlastContent&eld=1ecf4c45-624e-41f6-9417-5bb293252566](https://farmland.salsalabs.org/inflationreductionact2022/index.html?eType=E mailBlastContent&eld=1ecf4c45-624e-41f6-9417-5bb293252566) and submit the minimal information to connect with your representatives.
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 the 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=Salsa&utm_medium=Email&utm_id=NYFood4NYKids%20Action%20Alert%2020%232&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=7aacef9f-5ae0-41d0-9fb3-895d0671c420&fbclid=IwAR1m83GJJGaanXunOYrCCpT9VxujnI5cOSwkuUBlk-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 is 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.htm?fbclid=IwAR23kXvNYqe8fCZ97Qu-8G3wv2LDnEV6VIywCKOhLiEepYo_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**

**Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)**

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

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

For additional information visit: [https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/115250.html](https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/115250.html)

**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](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/](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/](https://www.canva.com/education/)

**SOIL Loan Fund**

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

Learn more below. Questions may be directed to ANCA’s Local Food Systems Program Director Adam Dewbury at [localfoodsystems@adirondack.org](mailto:localfoodsystems@adirondack.org).

For additional information visit: [https://adirondack.org/SOIL_borrowers](https://adirondack.org/SOIL_borrowers)
New Grant Opportunities

**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:** August 29th and October 17th

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**FHWA**  
**Bridge Investment Program**

**Description:** A total of $2.36 billion in 2022 BIP funds are available for the Bridge Projects and Large Bridge Projects funding opportunities. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects that: (1) improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges; and (2) improve the condition of bridges in the United States by reducing (a) the number of bridges, and total person miles traveled over bridges, that are in poor condition or that are in fair condition and at risk of falling into poor condition within the next three years, or (b) the number of bridges, and total person miles traveled over bridges, that do not meet current geometric design standards or cannot meet the load and traffic requirements typical of the regional transportation network. In addition, Large Bridge Projects that receive a BIP award of not less than $100 million are eligible for multiyear grants, in which DOT can award available funds to a project over the course of several years in accordance with an agreement and in alignment with its schedule. In selecting Bridge Projects and Large Bridge Projects, FHWA will consider the extent to which BIP funds leverage non-Federal contributions from sponsors and stakeholders involved in the planning, design, and construction of eligible projects.

**Deadline:** September 8, 2022

For additional information visit: [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=341050](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=341050)
OST
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

**Description:** The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

**Deadline:** September 15, 2022

For information about this opportunity visit: [https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A](https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A)

Humanities New York
Action Grants

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

**Deadline:** There will be two deadlines in FY 2023: October 1st, 2022 for projects starting January 1st, 2023 or later, and April 1st, 2023 for projects starting July 1st, 2023 or later.

For more information visit: [https://humanitiesny.org/our-work/action-grants/](https://humanitiesny.org/our-work/action-grants/)

ESD
Restore New York - Round 7

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

**Deadline:** Applications due on or around January 11th

For additional information visit: [https://esd.ny.gov/restore-new-york](https://esd.ny.gov/restore-new-york)
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/](https://www.iroquois.com/corporate-responsibility/community-partners/)

**Deadline:** November 1, 2022

USDA

ReConnect Program

**Description:** USDA is making additional funding available for high-speed internet in Round 4 of the ReConnect Program. The Department will begin accepting applications on September 6 for up to $150 million in loans, up to $300 million in loan/grant combinations, and up to $700 million in grants. The Department will use funds appropriated under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides a historic $65 billion investment to expand affordable, high-speed internet to all communities across the U.S.

For additional information visit: [https://www.usda.gov/reconnect]

**Deadline:** November 2, 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
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

Deadline: November 15th

Ongoing Grant Opportunities:

Humanities New York
Vision Grants

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

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

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

For additional information visit: [https://foundationfar.org/grants-funding/opportunities/rapid-outcomes-from-agricultural-research/](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](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

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

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**Humanities New York**

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For added information visit: 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

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

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

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

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

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

**Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Deadline:** Rolling application deadline

Gary Sinise Foundation
First Responder Grant

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

For more information visit:  
https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/first-responders-outreach/

**Deadline:** Rolling application deadline

Orton Family Foundation
Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant

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

For additional information visit:  
https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/

**Deadline:** Rolling application deadline
Joint Utilities of New York  
EV Make-Ready Program  

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

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

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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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Electric Vehicles | 10 | $5,000 | 100 campaigns statewide for municipalities with population 0-39,999
Clean Heating, Cooling & Energy Efficiency | 3 | $5,000 | 100 campaigns statewide for municipalities with population 0-39,999
Demand Response | 10 | $5,000 | 100 campaigns statewide for municipalities with population 0-39,999

**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.

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**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

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**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

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**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](https://www.lewiscounty.org/departments/planning/septicfund)
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](mailto: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 Megan Krokowski at [megankrokowski@lewiscounty.ny.gov](mailto:megankrokowski@lewiscounty.ny.gov) if you have any questions or concerns or visit the following link for additional information: [https://naturallylewis.com/growing-opportunities/facade-streetscape-improvement-program](https://naturallylewis.com/growing-opportunities/facade-streetscape-improvement-program)

**Transportation Related NOFO**

The programs listed in the table below are anticipating releasing a NOFO in the coming months. This timeline is subject to change.

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