

GRANTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

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New Opportunities:

USDA

Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)

Description: This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses (businesses that have fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue). The purpose of the program is to promote economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities. Applicants will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas.

Deadline: February 28, 2022

Find additional information by searching for Funding Opportunity Number RDBCP-RBDG-2022 on www.grants.gov

Stewarts

Stewart's Holiday Match

Description: The 35th Annual Stewart's Holiday Match campaign runs through Christmas Day at local shop locations statewide. Groups applying must be locally based, benefit children under 18, and be a qualified, charitable 501c3 organization.

Deadline: January 31, 2022

Find additional information online at:

<https://www.stewartsshops.com/holiday-match/holiday-match-overview/>

Northern New York Community Foundation

Youth Philanthropy Council

The Northern New York Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council is seeking grant requests from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations of all types for programs, projects or initiatives that strengthen the quality of life in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. The council will evaluate each proposal for up to \$20,000 in available grant funding. The application can be completed online through the foundation's Grant Lifecycle Manager portal at www.nnycf.org/grants

Organizations wishing to learn more about the available grant funding may contact Kraig Everard, Director of Stewardship and Programs, at kraig@nnycf.org or (315) 782-7110

Deadline: Extended to January 14, 2022

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NYS Department of Ag & Markets

[2021-2022 NYS Companion Animal Capital Projects Fund](#)

Description: The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets invites eligible municipal and incorporated not-for-profit pounds, shelters and humane societies to submit proposals for funding consideration from the Companion Animal Capital Projects Fund. Grant funds are available for the costs of capital projects, including construction, renovation, rehabilitation, installation, acquisition or expansion of buildings, equipment, or facilities necessary for the secure containment, health, and adequate care of sheltered dogs and cats.

Deadline: January 25, 2022

Find additional information on the RFP posted here:

<http://nysapf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CACF-RFP-for-shelters-without-municipal-contracts.pdf>

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service

[2022 Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity](#)

Description: The USDA Forest Service has announced up to \$8 million in funding to support projects that will substantially expand and accelerate wood products and wood energy markets throughout the United States to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands. Eligible applicants are for-profit entities; state, local, and tribal governments; school districts; community, not-for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; and special purpose districts (e.g., public utilities districts, fire districts, conservation districts, and ports).

Deadline: January 19, 2022

Find additional information on this funding at www.grants.gov by searching for Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-FS-WOOD-INNOVATIONS-2022

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service

[2022 Community Wood Energy and Wood Innovation Funding Opportunity](#)

Description: The USDA Forest Service is announcing up to \$5 million in funding to install a thermally led community wood energy system or build an innovative wood product facility. The grants awarded under this announcement are intended to support forest health and stimulate local economies by expanding renewable wood energy use and innovative wood products manufacturing capacity. Eligible applicants are non-profits; local, state, and tribal governments; businesses, companies, corporations (for profit); institutions of higher education; and special purpose districts (public utility districts, fire districts, conservation districts, school districts, and ports.)

Deadline: January 19, 2022

Find additional information on this funding at www.grants.gov by searching for:
Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-FS-COMMUNITY-WOOD-2022

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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. A minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount is required.

Deadline: There are two rounds in 2022; **Deadlines** are: **February 10, 2022** and **July 7, 2022**

Find additional information at: <https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects>

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.

This category is an entry point for organizations seeking NEA funding.

Deadline: April 21, 2022

Find additional information at: <https://www.arts.gov/grants/challenge-america>

NYS Urban Forestry Council (NYSUFC)

[Quick Start Grants](#)

Description: Through U.S. Forest Service funding, the NYSUFC offers Quick Start competitive grants of up to \$1,000 each to small communities who want to pursue Tree City USA status, starting with an inaugural Arbor Day tree planting celebration in spring or fall.

Deadline: February 10, 2022

Find additional information at:

<https://nysufc.org/not-yet-a-tree-city-usa-apply-by-feb-10-for-2022-nysufc-quick-start-grant-to-help-you-get-there/2021/11/18/>

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Tree City USA Reward Grants

Description: The intent of this grant is to encourage municipalities to sustain their community forestry program and maintain their status as a Tree City USA through a celebratory tree planting in which large specimen trees or a grove of trees are planted in a prominent location within the community. The grants are made possible by a combination of U.S. Forest Service grant funds and unrestricted NYSUFC funds; applicants are sought in spring and/or fall and must have been a Tree City USA for at least the past five years.

In the fall of 2021, the NYSUFC issued Tree City USA Reward grants to 12 communities, including the Villages of Canton and Massena.

Deadline: To Be Announced

Office of Community Renewal

NYS CDBG CARES

Description: Please also be advised that the NOFA for NYS CDBG CARES funding has been extended.

Entitlement & non-entitlement communities statewide are eligible to apply for a variety of activities to support COVID response and recovery. Please review the materials available online here: <https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant#cdbg-cares-funding> and contact OCR via CDBGCARES@nyshcr.org with questions.

Deadline: OCR will continue to accept applications under the current NOFA until a new one is released later this year.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

2021 Round of the Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Program

Description: A total of \$2.8 million is available to help municipalities install public charging stations and purchase or lease electric vehicles for fleet use.

ZEV Rebates: Up to \$300,000 in rebates are available for municipalities that purchase (or lease for a minimum of 36 months) eligible vehicles from a dealership in New York. Plug-in hybrid, all-electric, or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are eligible for rebates of up to \$7,500 per vehicle, depending on the electric range of the vehicle and provided they were placed into municipal service on or after March 1, 2020.

ZEV Infrastructure Grants: Up to \$2.5 million is available for municipalities to install hydrogen filling station components or electric vehicle chargers. A variable local match of zero to 20% of the total project cost is required based on the community's median household income. The maximum grant amount for any location is \$250,000 and \$500,000 to any one municipality.

Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis through October 29, 2021, *or until funding is exhausted*.

Find additional information at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html#ZEV>

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[NOAA Great Lake Fish Habitat Restoration Regional Partnership Grants](#)

Description: Up to \$10 million in Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding is available in FY2022 for new NOAA Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants. Through this funding opportunity, NOAA aims to support habitat restoration projects that will lead to significant and sustainable benefits for Great Lakes native fish species.

Funding Available: \$300,000-\$30,000,000

Deadline: January 12, 2022

Find additional information at:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/noaa-great-lakes-fish-habitat-restoration-regional-partnership-grants>

Ongoing Opportunities:

MLB - LBPA

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.

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

Find additional information at: <http://www.mlbpa.org/programs>

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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, health care 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.

Funding Available: Based on community served

Deadline: Rolling

Find additional information at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities>

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.

Funding Available: Not Indicated

Deadline: Rolling

Find additional information at <https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/>

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.

Funding Available: \$10,000 - with an equal match

Deadline: Rolling

Find additional information at <https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/>

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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

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***More information on the program is available at:

<https://portal.nyscrda.ny.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=00Pt000000auGIFEA2>

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.

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



Mural at Harrisville Free Library

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)

Charge Ready NY

Description: Charge Ready NY offers public and private organizations that install Level 2 EV charging stations at public parking facilities, workplaces, and multi-family apartment buildings rebates of \$4,000 per charging port they install. Charging stations are an eligible high impact action item to earn Clean Energy Communities designation and funding.

Eligible Locations:

- Public parking lots: Includes municipal lots, parking at retail locations, parks, schools, hotels/motels, etc. that have a minimum of 10 parking spots and are open to the general public at least 12 hours per day, 5 days per week.
- Workplaces: Schools, hospitals, office buildings, and businesses with a minimum of 15 employees regularly working at the site.
- Multi-unit dwellings: Apartment buildings with at least eight parking spaces that serve five or more housing units.

Funding Available: \$4,000 rebate per charging station

Deadline: Rolling

Find additional information at:

<https://www.nyscrda.ny.gov/All-Programs/ChargeNY/Charge-Electric/Charging-Station-Programs/Charge-Ready-NY>

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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

Deadline: Rolling

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

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. The program targets cesspools and septic systems near priority waterbodies. Failing systems along the **Beaver River, Lower, and tribs** waterbody 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.

Funding Available: Up to \$10,000 per project

Deadline: Rolling

Find additional information at <https://www.lewiscounty.org/NYSSepticReplacementProgram>
