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GRANTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

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New Opportunities:

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.

US Economic Development Administration

American Rescue Plan Funding

Description: This EDA investment is the largest economic development initiative from the Department of Commerce in decades and will help communities across the country build back better.

Investing in America's Communities includes:

- **Build Back Better Regional Challenge (\$1 billion)** will capitalize on American ingenuity and American workers by providing a transformational investment to regions across the country to revitalize their economies.
- **Good Jobs Challenge (\$500 million)** is designed to help get Americans back in good-paying jobs. The program will develop and strengthen regional workforce training systems and sector-based partnerships with a focus on programs targeted at women, people of color and historically underserved communities.
- **Economic Adjustment Assistance (\$500 million)** grants will help hundreds of communities across the nation plan, build, innovate, and put people back to work through projects tailored to meet local needs.
- **Indigenous Communities (\$100 million)** program will work hand-in-hand with Tribal Governments and Indigenous communities to develop and execute economic development projects they need to recover from the pandemic and build economies for the future.
- **Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (\$750 million)** program will focus on revitalizing the hard-hit travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation industries and accelerate the recovery of communities that rely on these sectors.

- **Statewide Planning, Research and Networks (\$90 million)** grants include funding for state planning efforts as well as grants to build Communities of Practice to extend technical assistance to support EDA's work with grantees.

As part of the six programs, EDA is making a [*Coal Communities Commitment*](#), allocating \$300 million to ensure support for these communities as they recover from the pandemic and create new jobs and opportunities, including through the creation or expansion of a new industry sector.

To learn more about EDA and our American Rescue Plan Funding Opportunities sign up for our webinar, EDA 101 and America Rescue Plan Overview, which will be held on [July 27](#) and [July 29, 2021](#).

For more information, [visit www.eda.gov/ARPA](http://www.eda.gov/ARPA) for the latest news on EDA's implementation plans. Sign up for the [EDA Newsletter](#) and follow EDA on social media: [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

National Endowment for the Arts

[American Rescue Plan Grants to Organizations](#)

Description: The Rescue Plan's Grants to Organizations program will be carried out through one-time grants to eligible organizations including, but not limited to, nonprofit arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, units of state or local government, federally recognized tribal communities or tribes, and a wide range of other organizations that can help advance the goals of this program. Grants will be made to eligible organizations to support their own operations. Unlike other Arts Endowment funding programs that offer project-based support, Rescue Plan funds are intended to support day-to-day business expenses/operating costs, and not specific programmatic activities. Cost share/matching funds are not required.

Funding Available: \$50,000-\$150,000

Deadline: This program has a two-step application process; **Step One** is modest and has a deadline of **August 12, 2021**.

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

[BJA FY 21 Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program](#)

Search for Funding Opportunity Number O-BJA-2021-47003

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. The STOP School Violence Act describes the following for K-12 school safety projects: training to prevent school violence, including training for local law enforcement officers, school personnel, and students; the development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and websites; the development and deployment of multi-disciplinary intervention and threat assessment teams that, when necessary, evaluate serious risks of violence in schools and include coordination with law enforcement

agencies, behavioral health specialists, community stakeholders, and school personnel specialized training for school officials in responding to student mental health crises, including training on when and how to involve mental health professionals, support for any other measure that, in the determination of the BJA Director, may provide a significant improvement in training, threat assessments and reporting, and violence prevention.

Eligible Entities: State governments; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; city or township governments; county governments; Native American tribal governments; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; and independent school districts.

Funding Available: Up to \$2,000,000.00 per applicant

Deadline: August 13, 2021

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: The United Way of NNY's North Country Center of Nonprofit Excellence is offering two grant writing classes in the near future:

- Grant Writing 101 – August 31, 2021, 10:00AM – 12:00PM
- Advanced Grant Writing – September 7, 2021, 10:00AM – 12:00PM

For more information and/or to register, go to: <https://www.unitedway-ny.org/nccne/>

Ongoing Opportunities:

Pratt-Northam Foundation

Pratt-Northam Community Grants Program

Description: The Pratt-Northam Foundation seeks to provide support to not-for-profit organizations fulfilling community needs which neither government nor private enterprise could reasonably accomplish. Such needs, the directors have maintained, may be cultural, educational, or civic. One of the principal responsibilities of the Foundation's Board of Directors is the review and consideration of applications from community and governmental organizations for financial assistance. Grant applications are only considered as part of a regularly scheduled board meeting.

***Criteria used for the evaluation and potential approval of grant applications are:

- Projects and opportunities for young people
- Initiatives that have broad community support and can demonstrate substantial matching funds

Funding Available: Funding based on proposed project size

Deadlines: July 30, 2021 & September 29, 2021

Iroquois Gas Transmission

Iroquois Community Grant Program

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.

Eligibility: The following entities located in pipeline host communities (Diana, Croghan, New Bremen, Watson, Greig, Turin, West Turin, and Leyden):

- Local governments
- Tax-exempt, not-for-profit environmental organizations and land trusts
- Private tax-exempt organizations under IRS 501(c)(3)

Funding Available: \$2,500 - \$10,000

Deadline: Applications reviewed twice per year: May 1st and November 1st

Contact: Jill Johnson, Communications & Public Relations Specialist, (203) 925-7215

NYSERDA

Clean Energy Communities Grants

Deadline: NYSERDA will accept applications on a rolling basis until December 31, 2025 or until funds are exhausted.

Funding Available: (For municipalities with population under 40,000)

1. **Clean Energy Communities Designation Grants:** \$5,000 (no match)
 - A one-time grant of \$5,000 is available to any community that completes any 4 of 13 possible high-impact actions. (Please see list of high-impact actions below).
2. **Point-Based Grants:** \$10,000-\$100,000 (no match)
 - Earn points for each high-impact action completed (200-2,000 points per action)
 - Collect enough points to cross certain point thresholds to become eligible for larger grant amounts before they are all claimed.

Total Points	Total Awards in North Country	Grant Amount
3,000	40	\$10,000
4,000	10	\$20,000
5,000	4	\$70,000

3. **Action Grants:** \$5,000 per eligible action completed (no match)

- Implement NYStretch Energy Code (applicable if you enforce the Uniform Code for private buildings)

Municipality Size by Population	Action Grant Amount	Number of Awards
0-39,999	\$5,000	100

- Community Campaigns: Complete any of the following campaign types, but no more than one campaign per campaign type, to earn credit for this action. A single campaign may cover more than one technology.

Campaign Type	Required # of Participants	Grant Amount	Number of Awards
Community Solar	10	\$5,000	100 campaigns statewide for municipalities with population 0-39,999
Electric Vehicles	10	\$5,000	
Clean Heating, Cooling & Energy Efficiency	3	\$5,000	
Demand Response	10	\$5,000	

High-Impact Action Items:

1. **Unified Solar Permit:** 200 points
2. **Energy Code Enforcement Training:** 200 points
3. **Benchmarking:** 100-300 points (municipalities w/ population 0-39,999)
4. **Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing:** 200-500 points
5. **Clean Energy Upgrades:** 500 points
6. **Clean Heating and Cooling Demo:** 500 points
7. **100% Renewable Electricity:** 500 points
8. **Community Campaigns:** 200-800 points
9. **Climate Smart Communities Certification:** 600-800 points
10. **LED Street Lights:** 200-900 points
11. **Clean Fleets:** 200-1,000 points
12. **NYStretch Energy Code:** 1,200 points
13. **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA):** 1,500-2,000 points

***More information on the program is available [here](#).

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 Aueter 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 application

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. Be an environmental leader.

- 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

Contact: EVNationalGridUNY@nationalgrid.com

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

Deadline: Rolling application
