

# GRANTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

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## New Opportunities:

### Lewis County

#### Façade & Streetscape Improvement Program

**Description:** The Façade & Streetscape Improvement Program aims to revitalize the historic character and attractiveness of villages and hamlets in Lewis County through public and private investment. 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 throughout Lewis County.

To learn more about the Lewis County Façade & Streetscape Improvement Program or to apply, visit the Naturally Lewis website: [www.naturallylewis.com/initiatives/facade-streetscape-improvement-program](http://www.naturallylewis.com/initiatives/facade-streetscape-improvement-program). Lewis County residents are invited to Like and Follow the Lewis County Planning Department's new Facebook page [@planLC](https://www.facebook.com/planLC) to receive timely updates on County events, initiatives, and the work of the Lewis County Legislature.

**Deadline:** November 5, 2021

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### New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)

#### Restart NY Regrants Program

**Description:** NYSCA recognizes performing arts organizations and the artists that work with them have been deeply impacted by COVID-19. This streamlined regrant program is designed to get funds into the hands of municipalities, libraries, 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations, and individual artists quickly, to fund live, in-person events.

**Funding: Over \$24,000**

SLC Arts will be awarding over \$24,000 to artists, municipalities, libraries & 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations throughout Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties. (Individual artists and collectives may apply through a fiscal sponsor.) **Funded events must take place July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.** This means that this grant may fund qualified projects RETROACTIVELY! Additionally, at least **60%** of the awarded amount must be targeted for artists' fees.

Applicants may apply for BOTH a Restart NY grant and a 2022 State Community Re-grants grant, as long as the projects remain independent of one another.

The Restart NY Re-grants Program focuses on reviving live, in-person performances on a local level. In-person performing arts programming will be given priority in this special round of funding.

For more information, please see our application and guidelines on our [WEBSITE](#). Please email with any questions.

**Deadline:** September 30, 2022

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## Office of Community Renewal

### [2021 NYS & Federal Housing Grant Applications](#)

**Description:** The Office of Community Renewal is pleased to announce several funding rounds for 2021 State and Federal funds opening in the next two weeks. The Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) are attached and available on HCR's website. The remaining application materials, including links for training sessions, will be added in the next two weeks as the applications open.

	Estimated Funding Available	Application Open	Deadline
CDBG	\$20 million	9/1/2021	10/29/2021
HOME	\$10 million	9/1/2021	10/15/2021
Access to Home	\$1 million	9/8/2021	10/22/2021
Access to Home for Heroes/Vets	\$5 million	9/8/2021	10/22/2021
Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients	\$1.5 million	9/8/2021	10/22/2021
NYS Mobile & Manufactured Housing Replacement	\$900,000	9/8/2021	10/22/2021
RESTORE	\$1.3 million	9/8/2021	10/22/2021

- NYS Community Development Block Grant Funding Materials:  
<https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant#funding-round-materials>
- NYS HOME Funding Round Materials:  
<https://hcr.ny.gov/nys-home-program#funding-round-materials>
- OCR State Housing Programs Funding Round Materials:  
<https://hcr.ny.gov/ocr-state-housing-resource-funding-opportunities>

**Deadline:** 10/15/21 – 10/29/21 Depending on program

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## NYS Department of Transportation

### [Transportation Alternatives Program Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program \(TAP-CMAQ\)](#)

**Description:** To support the goals of New York's nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is making available up to \$110 million in funding over a two-year period to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path and transportation-related projects and programs. This funding is made available through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administered by NYSDOT and is provided through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ).

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**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include local governments such as counties, towns, cities and villages; regional transportation authorities; transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies such as the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, local fish and game or wildlife agencies; tribal governments; local or regional governmental transportation or recreational trail entities; and the New York State Department of Transportation (for CMAQ only).

**Deadline:** September 29, 2021, 5 p.m. ET

**Funding:** A total of \$110 million is available for award, \$62 million in funding under TAP and \$48 million in funding under CMAQ.

**Contact:** Doreen Holsopple E-mail: [TAP-CMAQ@dot.ny.gov](mailto:TAP-CMAQ@dot.ny.gov)

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Rural Development

### [Rural Health Care Funds](#)

**Description:** Up to \$500 million in United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grants is now available to help rural health care facilities, tribes, and communities expand access to COVID-19 vaccines, health care services, and nutrition assistance.

Applicants may apply for two types of assistance to help public bodies, nonprofit organizations, and tribes provide immediate COVID-19 relief to support rural hospitals, health care clinics, and local communities.

- [Recovery Grants](#)
- [Impact Grants](#)

**Deadline:** October 12, 2021

For additional information, please see the [Federal Register Notice](#). USDA encourages potential applicants to review the application guide at [www.rd.usda.gov/erhc](http://www.rd.usda.gov/erhc)

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## 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.

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## 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.

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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.

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](#).

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## Northern Border Regional Commission

### [2021 REGIONAL FOREST ECONOMY PARTNERSHIP \(RFEP\)](#)

**Description:** The purpose of the program is to assist rural communities, institutes of education and research, and economic development support organizations in their efforts to transition the forest-based industry and its workforce to a focus on new technologies and viable business models across the 4-state NBRC region. NBRC's intention is to offer funding to rural communities through a competitive application process.

**Funding Available:** \$250,000-\$1,000,000 per applicant

**Deadline:** Full application due: November 12, 2021

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### [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

**Deadline:** September 29, 2021

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>

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

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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	

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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 is available [here](#)

**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.

**Contact:** Kristen Aueter at (315) 376-2213 or e-mail: [kristen@lewiscountychamber.org](mailto:kristen@lewiscountychamber.org)



Mural at Harrisville Free Library

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## 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

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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. 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](mailto:EVNationalGridUNY@nationalgrid.com)

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

**Deadline:** Rolling application

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