

Complementary Funding Opportunities for DRI and NYF Projects

DRI/NYF project sponsors are encouraged to pursue a variety of funding options to help them achieve their project. This can include other sources of State funding. The following is a list of State funding opportunities that are most relevant to the types of projects that are usually formed during the DRI/NYF planning process. The following is not a comprehensive overview of all conditions and requirements of each funding opportunity. **If a project sponsor is interested in pursuing one of the funding opportunities, it is essential to review the funding opportunity information in detail.**

More information about many of these programs can be found in the [Available CFA Resources guidebook](#), where more detailed information about 2024 funding opportunities can be found.

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New York Main Street Program

NYS Homes and Community Renewal

<https://hcr.ny.gov/new-york-main-street>

The New York Main Street Program provides resources to invest in projects that provide economic development and housing opportunities in downtown, mixed-use commercial districts with the goal of stimulating reinvestment and leveraging additional funds to establish and sustain downtown and neighborhood revitalization efforts.

Technical Assistance

Provides funding to complete a project that improves community or property owner readiness to participate in a future NYMS renovation activity.

Eligible Activities

- Building reuse or feasibility analysis
- Design guidelines

Eligible Applicants

- Counties
- Cities, Towns, Villages that have been designated as a Pro-Housing Communities
- Organizations incorporated under the NYS Not-for-Profit Corporation Law that have been providing relevant service to the community for at least one year prior to application.

Funding and Match

Applicant may request up to \$20,000.

Traditional NYMS Target Area Building Renovation Project

Provides funds for the renovation of mixed-use building and streetscape enhancement activities to enhance the NY Main Street target area.

Eligible Activities

- Building renovation
- Streetscape enhancements (can only be awarded for activity ancillary to a traditional NYMS building renovation project and cannot be applied for on its own)
 - Administration
 - Soft costs

Eligible Applicants

- Counties
- Cities, Towns, Villages that have been designated as a Pro-Housing Communities
- Organizations incorporated under the NYS Not-for-Profit Corporation Law that have been providing relevant service to the community for at least one year prior to application.

Funding and Match

Applicant may request between \$50,000 and \$500,000 for this program. Matching grants available for renovation of mixed-use buildings of up to \$50,000 per building, not to exceed 75% of total project cost.

Projects including residential units may qualify for additional funds. For streetscapes, applicants may request up to \$15,000.

[Downtown Anchor Project](#)

Provides funding for a standalone, single-site, shovel-ready project with the goal of helping establish or expand cultural, residential, or business anchors that are key to local downtown revitalization efforts through substantial interior and/or exterior building renovations.

Eligible Activities

- Building renovation
 - Administration
 - Soft costs

Eligible Applicants

- Counties
- Cities, Towns, Villages that have been designated as a Pro-Housing Communities
- Organizations incorporated under the NYS Not-for-Profit Corporation Law that have been providing relevant service to the community for at least one year prior to application.

Funding and Match

Applicant may request between \$100,000 and \$500,000 with the grant funds not to exceed 75% of the total project cost.

[Downtown Stabilization Project](#)

Provides funding to assist with the environmental remediation and associated construction costs, as well as other innovative approaches to stabilizing and developing a downtown, mixed-use project.

Eligible Activities

- Building stabilization such as asbestos management, soil vapor testing and mitigation, roof stabilization, or other activities to identify or mitigate risks associated with hazardous materials or remove obstacles to future redevelopment.

Eligible Applicants

- Counties
- Cities, Towns, Villages that have been designated as a Pro-Housing Communities
- Organizations incorporated under the NYS Not-for-Profit Corporation Law that have been providing relevant service to the community for at least one year prior to application.

Funding and Match

Applicant may request between \$100,000 and \$500,000 with the grant funds not to exceed 75% of the total project cost.

Historic Preservation Tax Credits

NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

<https://parks.ny.gov/shpo/tax-credit-programs/>

New York State offers tax incentives for the rehabilitation of historic commercial and residential properties and historic barns.

Commercial or Income-Producing Property

Owner of income-producing properties that are listed or in the process of being listed in the New York State and National Register of Historic Places (individually listed or contributing to a historic district).

Eligible Activities

Rehabilitation must follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, which focus on repairing historic materials, retraining character-defining features, and preserving important interior spaces.

Eligible Applicants

Owners of income-producing properties that have been approved to receive the 20% federal rehabilitation tax credit can additionally claim a state tax credit if the property is located in a qualifying census tract.

Funding and Match

Program offers a 20% or 30% credit and is capped at a \$5 million credit based on the qualified rehabilitation expenditures.

Empire State Development

Restore New York Communities Initiative (Restore NY)

Empire State Development

<https://esd.ny.gov/restore-new-york#objective>

The Restore New York Communities Initiative ("Restore NY") provides municipalities with financial assistance for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties. The program encourages community development and neighborhood growth through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures.

Eligible Activities

Projects involving the demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or reconstruction of vacant, abandoned, condemned, and surplus properties.

Eligible Entities

- All New York State counties, cities, towns, and villages
- Cities over one million, and counties therein, may only apply in distressed communities.

Funding and Match

The total project cost varies based on the size of the municipality and the proposed activities. All projects require no less than 10% of the aggregated award or awards amount in matching contributions.

Empire State Development Capital Grant Funds

Empire State Development

<https://esd.ny.gov/regional-council-capital-fund-program>

This program provides capital grant funding for economic development projects intended to create or retain jobs; prevent, reduce or eliminate unemployment and underemployment; and/or increase business or economic activity in a community or region.

Eligible Activities

Funding assistance generally falls within the following categories:

- **Business Investment:** Capital expenditures that facilitate an employer's ability to create new jobs in New York State or retain jobs that are otherwise in jeopardy.
- **Economic Growth:** Investments that foster economic growth through cultural activity, higher education activity, agribusiness initiatives, other local or regional initiatives, improvements to facilities in distressed areas, commercial revitalization activities in central business districts or commercial strips, or other types of projects that may not have direct job creation goals but do foster economic development within the area the project will occur.
- **Strategic Focus Areas:** Emphasis will be placed on projects that encompass one or more of the strategic focus areas determined as part of the Consolidated Funding Application. For 2024, those focus areas include Childcare Projects, Projects located in a Distressed Area, and Projects that Support Green Buildings and Sustainable Development.

Eligible activities under these categories include:

- Acquisition of land, buildings, machinery and/or equipment;
- Demolition and environmental remediation;
- New construction, renovation or leasehold improvements;
- Acquisition of furniture and fixtures;
- Commercial portion of mixed use projects;
- Soft costs of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of total project costs;
- Other costs / expenditures deemed eligible by ESD.

Eligible Applicants

- For-profit businesses
- Not-for-profit corporations
- Business improvement districts
- Local development corporations
- Public benefit corporations (including industrial development agencies)
- Economic development organizations
- Research and academic institutions
- Incubators
- Technology parks
- Municipalities (City, town and village applicants must be designated as a Pro-Housing Community)
- Counties
- Regional planning councils
- Tourist attractions
- Community facilities

Funding and Match

Only minimum grant requests of \$100,000 or more will be considered for funding. Generally, applicants applying under Business Investment or Economic Growth will not be considered for more than 20% of the financing for a project based on the eligible total project cost.

Market New York*Empire State Development*

<https://esd.ny.gov/market-new-york-tourism-grant-program>

Market New York is a grant program established to strengthen tourism and attract visitors to New York State by promoting destinations, attractions, and special events.

Eligible Activities

Funding is available for tourism marketing initiatives, capital/construction projects and the recruitment and/or execution of special events, including meetings, conferences, conventions, festivals, agritourism/craft beverage events, athletic competitions and consumer and industry trade shows.

There are two categories of funding available:

- Regional Tourism Marketing (Working Capital)
- Tourism Capital (Construction/Renovation/Capital Costs)

Eligible Applicants

- Not-for-profit corporations
- Municipalities
- Tourism Promotional Agencies (TPAs)
- Public benefit corporations
- For-profit companies

Funding and Match

For the Regional Tourism Marketing category, there is a minimum grant request of \$50,000, not including grantee match. For the Tourism Capital, there is a minimum grant request of \$150,000, not including grantee match. All projects must demonstrate an 80% match for the program.

Capital Improvement Grants for Pro-Housing Communities

Empire State Development

<https://hcr.ny.gov/phc> (information on the Pro-Housing Communities Program)

Eligible Activities

The Capital Improvement Grants for Pro-Housing Communities Program was established to support capital improvement and placemaking projects located within pro-housing communities that are certified by Homes & Community Renewal (HCR). The focus of the program will be to incentivize capital investments within pro-housing communities to support infrastructure improvements, blight removal, and placemaking investments to create thriving and sustainable communities.

Eligible costs under these activities include:

- Acquisition of land, buildings, machinery and/or equipment;
- Demolition and environmental remediation;
- New construction, renovation or leasehold improvements;
- Acquisition of furniture and fixtures;
- Commercial portion of mixed use projects;
- Soft costs of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of total project costs;
- Other costs / expenditures deemed eligible by ESD.

Eligible Applicants

- Cities
- Towns
- Villages
- Counties
 - Projects from counties must be located within a certified pro-housing community.
- Not-for-profit organizations
 - Projects from not-for-profits must be located within a certified pro-housing community.

Cities, towns, and villages must be certified by HCR as a pro-housing community prior to submitting a CFA to this program or must apply to HCR to become a certified pro-housing community by July 31, 2024 and be certified prior to award announcements in fall of 2024.

Funding and Match

Grant awards range between \$100,000 to \$3,000,000. Projects applying to the Capital Improvement Grants for Pro-Housing Communities program will be considered for up to fifty percent of the eligible total project cost with a cap of \$3 million per project.

Small Manufacturer Modernization Program

Empire State Development

Eligible Activities

The Small Manufacturer Modernization Grant Program was established to support existing New York State small manufacturers investing in capital projects that will improve competitiveness or productivity through modernization and integration of advanced technology. Capital grant funding will be available to assist small legacy manufacturers to invest in projects that will significantly increase the operational efficiencies and market competitiveness of their businesses to keep them thriving.

Eligible costs under this program include:

- Acquisition of machinery and/or equipment, land, buildings;
- Demolition and environmental remediation;
- New construction, renovation or leasehold improvements;
- Acquisition of furniture and fixtures;
- Other costs / expenditures deemed eligible by ESD.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include for-profit businesses and not-for-profit corporations who are primarily engaged in manufacturing to support a tradeable sector and meet the following criteria.

1. The applicant manufactures a product within one of the targeted industries below.
 - Agribusiness and Food Production (including Craft Beverage)
 - Biotech and Life Sciences o Cleantech and Renewable Energy
 - Defense Systems (including Aerospace)
 - Industrial Machinery and Systems
 - Materials Processing
 - Optics, Photonics, and Imaging
 - Semiconductors
 - Tech and Electronics
 - Transportation Equipment
2. The applicant must retain the current level of all existing full-time permanent employees for a period of 2 years following the execution of a Grant Disbursement Agreement. ESD will be entitled to recoup all or part of ESD's grant if the applicant fails to reach or retain employment as agreed upon.
3. The applicant is a NYS small manufacturing business operating in NY for at least 10 years. For this program, a small manufacturing business must have a minimum of 5 fulltime permanent employees, with a maximum of 99 full-time permanent employees in all of New York State.

Funding and Match

Grant awards range between \$50,000 and \$250,000. Applicants will generally not be considered for more than twenty percent of the financing for any project based on the eligible total project cost.

Not-for-Profit Capital Grant Program

Empire State Development

<https://esd.ny.gov/nfp-grant-program#additional-resources>

Eligible Activities

The program will support not-for-profit organizations who provide economic support in their region by providing matching funds for capital improvements aligned with the Regional Economic Development Council's long term strategic plans for economic growth in their regions. Potential activities include:

- Expansion and/or upgrades to the organization's facility;
- Purchase of new equipment;
- Capital improvements; or
- Other projects at ESD's discretion that show acceptable community benefits.

Eligible Applicants

501c3 Not-for-profit organizations whose mission is to provide an economic and community benefit to the area the organization serves.

Funding and Match

The program offers a 50/50 matching grant with funding available for capital grants of up to \$100,000 each to support projects that provide a community benefit to the area the organization serves.

ConnectALL Programs

ConnectALL

[About ConnectALL | ConnectALL Office \(ny.gov\)](#)

The mission of ConnectALL is to build New York State's digital infrastructure and connect all New Yorkers through the internet.

Eligible Activities:

ConnectALL includes several programs to build out New York State's digital infrastructure:

- Affordable Housing Connectivity Program - provides upgrades to in-unit broadband infrastructure for low-income, affordable housing residents that currently have unreliable, unaffordable, or nonexistent internet service options in their homes, at no cost to property owners.
- Municipal Infrastructure Program - supports the development of open-access and publicly owned and/or controlled last mile fiber broadband infrastructure to deliver reliable high-speed internet service to homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions across the state.

Eligible Applicants

- Affordable Housing Connectivity Program
 - Internet Service Providers
 - Regulated Affordable Housing Providers
- Municipal Infrastructure Program
 - Public
 - Municipalities

- Tribal Nations
- Non-Profits
- Municipal Utilities
- Utility Co-Ops
- Private
 - Internet Service Providers (ISPs)
 - Managed Service Providers (MSPs)
 - Broadband Infrastructure Builders
 - Broadband Infrastructure Owners

Funding Amount (2024)

- Affordable Housing Connectivity Program
 - \$500 - \$1,000 per unit
- Municipal Infrastructure Program
 - \$30 million max per award

Environmental Protection Fund Grants for Parks, Preservation, and Heritage

NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

<https://parks.ny.gov/grants/grant-programs.aspx>

EPF Parks, Preservation and Heritage grant funding is available for the acquisition, planning, development, and improvement of parks, historic properties, and heritage areas located within the physical boundaries of the State of New York.

Parks Program

Eligible Activities

Funding is available for the acquisition, development or planning of parks and recreational facilities open to the public to preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structure for park, recreation, or conservation purposes and for structural assessments and/or planning for such projects.

Eligible expenses include:

- Pre-development planning and design
- Construction
- Acquisition
- Administration

Eligible Entities

- Municipalities
- State agencies
- Public benefit corporations
- Public authorities
- Not-for-profit corporations that have tax-exempt status under the IRS code, are current with pertinent federal and state filings, and are pre-qualified in the Statewide Financial System.

- The applicant must have an ownership interest in the project property. See the CFA for additional information on ownership interest.

Funding and Match

Grants can fund up to 50% of the total eligible project cost or up to 75% if the project is located in a high-poverty area in the program guidelines. Grant awards are capped at \$675,000.

Historic Preservation Program

Eligible Activities

Funding is available to acquire, improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate, or restore properties listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places and for structural assessments and/or planning for such projects.

Eligible Entities

- Municipalities
- State agencies
- Public benefit corporations
- Public authorities
- Not-for-profit corporations that have tax-exempt status under the IRS code, are current with pertinent federal and state filings, and are pre-qualified in the Statewide Financial System.

Funding and Match

Grants can fund up to 50% of the total eligible project cost or up to 75% if the project is located in a high-poverty area in the program guidelines. Grant awards are capped at \$675,000.

Heritage Area Program

Eligible Activities

Funding is available to acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, or restore lands, waters or structures identified in the approved management plans for Heritage Areas designated under section 35.03 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation 59 Law, and for structural assessments or planning for such projects where an active management entity has endorsed the project.

Eligible Entities

- Municipalities
- State agencies
- Public benefit corporations
- Public authorities
- Not-for-profit corporations that have tax-exempt status under the IRS code, are current with pertinent federal and state filings, and are pre-qualified in the Statewide Financial System.

Funding and Match

Grants can fund up to 50% of the total eligible project cost or up to 75% if the project is located in a high-poverty area in the program guidelines. Grant awards are capped at \$675,000.

Recreation Trails Program

NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

<https://parks.ny.gov/grants/recreational-trails/default.aspx>

The Recreational Trails (RTP) Program is a federal program that provides funding for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized (e.g., pedestrian, equestrian, biking), motorized, and diverse use (primarily intended for one mode of use but can accommodate both motorized and nonmotorized uses like a snowmobile and equestrian trail) recreational trail uses.

Eligible Activities

- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails
- Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages
- Purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment
- Construction of new recreational trails
- Acquisition of easements and/or fee simple title to real property
- Assessment of trail conditions for accessibility and maintenance

Eligible Entities

- Municipalities
- Pre-Qualified Not-for-Profit Corporations

Funding and Match

RTP grants provide Federal funding of up to 80% of the total project cost with a minimum 20% matching share.

Minimum grant request for maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation, development, construction, acquisition, and assessment projects: \$25,000 (\$31,250 total project cost)

Minimum grant request for equipment purchase-only projects: \$5,000 (\$6,250 for total project cost)

Maximum grant request: \$250,000 (\$312,500 total project cost)

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

NYS Department of State

<https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program>

This program provides matching grants on a competitive basis to eligible villages, towns, cities, and counties located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways for planning, design, and construction projects to revitalize communities and waterfronts. This program helps communities breathe new life into their waterfront and underused assets in ways that ensure successful and sustainable revitalization.

Eligible Activities

- Preparing or updating a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, including updating an LWRP to more resilient to climate risks
- Preparing an LWRP component, including a Watershed Management Plan
- Implementing an LWRP or a completed LWRP component

Eligible Entities

- Village, town, or city located along NY's coasts or inland waterways designated pursuant to Executive Law, Article 42
- County with consent and acting on behalf of eligible village, town, or city

Funding and Match

The minimum grant request for EPF LWRP grant funding per grant application is \$50,000 and the maximum grant request is \$2 million. State assistance awarded and paid shall not exceed 75% of the total eligible project costs. Projects in an Environmental Justice or Disadvantaged Community that receive State assistance shall not exceed 85% of the total eligible project costs.

Canalway Grant Program

NYS Canal Corporation

<https://www.canals.ny.gov/community/grant.html>

The program provides competitive grants to eligible entities for canal-related capital projects located along the NYS canal system.

Eligible Activities

Eligible canal capital project expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Constructing new boat launches, buildings, trail sections, trail connections or structures;
- Creative placemaking, wayfinding, and signage concepts;
- Substantial renovations or preservation of existing buildings, trail segments, or other structures, including reconfigurations (removal or construction of walls, ceilings and flooring, windows, window frames, hulls);
- Site preparation and improvements associated with a project (excavation, demolition, roadways, sidewalks, exterior lighting, sprinkler systems, utility hook-ups);
- Acquisition of furnishings, fixtures, machinery and equipment with a useful life in excess of five years including signs and interpretive exhibits, constructing or rehabilitating docks or bulkheads for the purpose of public access to and from the Canal System;
- Hazardous waste clean-up associated with a project,
- Retrofitting infrastructure or amenities related to energy efficiency initiatives.

Eligible Entities

- Counties, towns, villages, and other units of local government
- Federally Recognized Native American Tribes
- Not-for-profit corporations

Funding and Match

The minimum grant request amount is \$25,000. The maximum grant request is \$150,000. There is a 50% grant match requirement by awardees.

Climate Smart Communities

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/climate-change/resources-for-local-governments/grants-for-climate-action>

The CSC grant program provides funding for municipalities to perform inventories, assessments, and planning projects that advance their ability to address climate change at the local level and become certified Climate Smart Communities.

Eligible Activities

Projects are divided into two categories:

- Implementation - There are two subcategories of implementation projects:
 1. GHG Mitigation (non-power sector, e.g., from transportation and food waste).
 2. Climate Adaptation (reducing risks to residents, infrastructure, and/or natural resources from changing climate hazards).
- Certification - Projects in this category include inventories, assessments, and planning projects that build local capacity to respond to climate change and move municipalities toward designation as certified Climate Smart Communities.

Eligible Entities

- County
- City
- Town
- Village
- Borough

Funding and Match

50% match requirement; Minimum award of \$50,000. Maximum award of \$2 million. For implementation projects located within a disadvantaged community census tract, a match of 20% of the total project cost is required.

Grants of between \$10,000 and \$200,000 are available to complete certain CSC certification actions.

New York State Council on the Arts Grant Programs

NYS Council on the Arts

<https://arts.ny.gov/nysca-grant-opportunities>

Small and Midsized Capital Improvement Grants for Arts and Culture

This opportunity funds projects and nonprofit arts and culture organizations of any size, with grants of up to \$2 million that prioritize accessibility, artistry, cultural development, sustainability, health and safety, and structural and historical improvements.

Eligible Activities

- New construction, renovations and/or expansions of publicly accessible arts space(s)
- Purchase and installation of complete capital equipment systems

Eligible Entities

- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts organization

Funding and Match

\$10,000, \$25,000, and \$50,000 no-match grants are available for organizations with operating budgets under \$2 million.

Grants between \$50,000 and \$2 million are eligible for up to 50% of the total project cost.

NYS CA Capital Improvement Grants for Arts and Culture

This opportunity will support arts and cultural nonprofits across the state that are undertaking impactful, large-scale capital improvements.

Eligible Activities

- New construction, renovations and/or expansions of publicly accessible space(s) used primarily for arts and cultural programming that will improve access to arts and advance local community development efforts;
- Purchase and installation of eligible capital equipment systems as part of a larger construction project.

Eligible Entities

- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts organization

Funding and Match

The minimum total project cost is \$4 million. Grant awards will range from \$2 million to \$10 million. The program requires that the award not exceed 50% of the total project cost.

Transportation Alternatives Program / Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) / Carbon Reduction Program

NYS Department of Transportation

<https://www.dot.ny.gov/TAP-CMAQ>

These programs support community-based investments designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of local and regional transportation systems while promoting safety and mobility. The funding is available for projects that create new and enhance existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to schools, convert abandoned railway corridors to pedestrian trails, and help reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

Eligible Activities

- Planning, design, and construction of infrastructure-related projects to improve non-driver safety and access to public transportation and enhanced mobility.
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.

- Safe routes to school (enables and encourages children to walk or bike to school).
- Planning, design, and construction of on-road and off-road facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and non-motorized transportation users.
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and non-motorized transportation users.
- Planning, design, and construction of boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways.
- Community improvement activities (inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising, preserve historic transportation facilities, vegetation management practices, and archeological activities).
- Environmental mitigation activities

Eligible Entities

- Local Governments (Counties, Towns, Cities, and Villages)
- Regional Transportation Authorities
- Transit Agencies
- Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies (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

The following can apply in partnership with the above entities:

- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (serves an urbanized area with population of 200,000 or fewer)
- School Districts
- Non-Governmental Organizations

Funding and Match

The TAP-CMAQ-CRP project awards will be no less than \$500,000 and no more than \$5 million for any single project. NYSDOT will provide up to 80% of the total eligible project costs with a minimum 20% match provided by the project sponsor.

New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA)

Clean Energy Community (Sister program to [Climate Smart Community](#))

NYSERDA

[Clean Energy Communities Program - NYSERDA](#)

The Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program provides clear guidance, grants, direct technical support to communities, and recognition to local governments that demonstrate leadership in the area of clean energy.

To enter the CEC program, municipalities should consult with a regional CEC coordinator and complete high-impact actions to save energy and improve the environment. Communities can receive credit for completing such high-impact actions and then earn clean energy grant awards. Examples of high-impact actions include benchmarking, Build-Ready Program advances, subscribing to clean energy technologies, clean energy upgrades, LED Streetlights, etc.

Eligible Activities

Once communities earn an initial CEC designation, they become eligible to apply for grants to fund additional clean energy projects.

- Action Grants for Community Campaigns
- Designation Grants, which can increase based on the points earned for high-impact actions.

Eligible Entities

- Eligible entities include municipalities including county, city, town, or village governments. Communities that complete at least four high-impact actions earn initial CEC designation and are eligible to apply for grants to fund additional clean energy projects. Earn points for high-impact actions your community completes. Once your community earns a certain number of points, it becomes eligible for 1 to 5-Star Designations and larger grant awards.

Funding and Match

Grants up to \$300,000 based on population size and designation level

Just Transition

NYSERDA

[Just Transition Site Reuse Planning Program - NYSERDA](#)

The Just Transition Site Reuse Planning Program is designed to provide communities with planning services to inform future decision making at the local level to help mitigate any negative impacts of pending or future fossil fuel power plant closures. This program does not play a role in the identification of specific power plant closures, but rather aims to provide communities, at no cost to them, with resources related to pending or future power plant closures. This includes supporting activities

associated with site reuse planning to help communities spur diversified, 21st Century economic development and thrive in the move to a clean energy economy.

Eligible Activities

The scope of services to be provided by NYSERDA and its contractors in developing the applicant's Site Reuse Planning Study may include baseline planning tasks and predevelopment activities:

- **Baseline Planning Tasks:**
 - Evaluation of Existing Site
 - Economic Analysis
 - Stakeholder Input
 - Alternative Reuse Plans
 - Demolition and Abatement
 - Public Health Impacts
- For applicants who have completed these baseline planning tasks, technical assistance available to support further pre-development work to assist the applicant in achieving more advanced community revitalization goals. Examples of pre-development activities include:
 - Detailed Infrastructure Assessment
 - Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment
 - Development of Marketing Collateral
 - Site Planning, Workforce Development Strategies
 - Non-Site-Specific Community Revitalization Strategies
 - Tailored Public Engagement Methods
 - Others as determined through the initial baseline planning process.

Eligible Entities

Applicant must be County, City, Town, or Village that is home to a grid-connected fossil-fuel power plant that:

- has been decommissioned within the last five (5) years,
- is currently being decommissioned,
- has confirmed its plans to retire and deactivate, or
- commenced operations prior to 2010 and is currently operating.

Applicants should be the level of government with land use/regulatory authority of the power plant site, or a partnership between levels of government with vested interests in the site reuse (land use/regulatory authority may include property ownership or regulatory controls, such as the ability to implement zoning and land use regulations specific to the power plant site).

Funding and Match

Each eligible municipality will receive up to \$150,000 of Site Reuse Planning Technical Assistance. Applicants may be eligible for Disadvantaged Community (DAC) community support adder of up to \$10,000 to advance planning efforts critical to addressing community needs.

Building Cleaner Communities Competition

NYSERDA

<https://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/All-Programs/Building-Cleaner-Communities-Competition>

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has \$10 million of incentives available to support regionally significant, carbon neutral and resilient projects in New York State. All projects must demonstrate that the project will achieve carbon neutral or net zero energy performance.

Eligible Activities

Incentives are available for the incremental cost of design, construction, and installation of all technologies (as compared to the cost to build/renovate to a code compliant standard) utilized to achieve carbon neutral or net zero energy performance. Eligible projects may also include the decarbonization of an existing central plant.

Grant funds may be used for costs associated with the following categories:

- Planning, Design, Energy Modeling and Integrated Project Delivery
- Certification fees for third-party building performance standards (Passive House, WELL, LEED)
- Energy Efficiency Improvements
- Upgrades and Appliances Necessary for Electrification
- On-site Renewable Energy Systems (photovoltaics, wind, or solar thermal), less applicable program incentives
- Advanced Controls to Enable Building-Grid Interactivity
- Ground Source or Air Source Heat Pumps,
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, less applicable program incentives
- Battery and Thermal Storage Systems, less applicable program incentives
- Commissioning
- Decarbonization of Central Plants
- Or other efficiency or renewable energy technologies, as determined by NYSERDA

Eligible Entities

Eligible Applicants include, but are not limited to:

- Industrial and manufacturing facilities
- Commercial Facilities
- Warehouses and Distribution Centers
- Restaurants, Breweries, Vineyards, and Distilleries
- Retail (must show alignment with Regional Priorities)
- Food Processing Facilities • Colleges and Universities
- Healthcare Facilities
- Agricultural Facilities
- Municipalities (Local Government)
- State Agencies & Other State Government
- Not-for-profit Corporations
- Private Developers
- Mixed Use Facilities

Funding and Match

Project awards will be up to 60 percent of eligible costs or \$1,700,000, whichever is less. Projects owned by a 501(c)(3) entity may be considered for awards up to 75 percent of eligible costs, or \$1,700,000, whichever is less.

Projects that incorporate Ground Source Heat Pumps to meet all heating and cooling loads will be eligible for an increased incentive cap, for a total incentive of \$2,000,000.

New York State Housing Programs

NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)

The following programs support the development of housing opportunities for primarily low-income households. Each program has different requirements for eligible activities, entities, and funding and match requirements, and the programs adjust each funding round and/or may not be offered on a consistent basis. The following are some of the housing programs that HCR offers or has offered in recent years.

- Community Controlled Affordable Housing Program (<https://hcr.ny.gov/community-controlled-affordable-housing-ccah-program>)
- Housing Trust Fund Program (<https://hcr.ny.gov/htf>)
- Housing Development Fund Corporation (<https://hcr.ny.gov/housing-development-fund-corporation-hdfc>)
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) 4% (<https://hcr.ny.gov/low-income-housing-tax-credit-program-4pctRFP>)
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) 9% (<https://hcr.ny.gov/fall-2023-multifamily-finance-9-lihtc-rfp>)
 - Note that the link is specific to 2023, so future funding opportunities under this program will have different information.
- HOME Program (<https://hcr.ny.gov/nys-home-program>)
- Rural and Urban Community Investment Fund Program (<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/09/fall-2023-hcr-rural-and-urban-community-investment-fund-term-sheet-september-2023.pdf>)
 - Note that the link is specific to 2023, so future funding opportunities under this program will have different information.
- Community Development Block Grants (<https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant>)

Brownfield Cleanup Program

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

The goal of the Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) is to encourage private-sector cleanups of brownfields and to promote their redevelopment as a means to revitalize economically blighted communities. The BCP is an alternative to greenfield development and is intended to remove some of the barriers to, and provide tax incentives for, the redevelopment of urban brownfields. Brownfield sites are any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property with some exceptions.

For additional information regarding eligible entities and funding, please refer to the Department of Environmental Conservation's website.

Federal Funding Opportunities

There are also numerous federal funding opportunities that could support the implementation of DRI/NYF as well as other projects to support community revitalization. The following websites provide a list of various federal grant opportunities:

- <https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>
- <https://www.epa.gov/grants>
- https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/cfo/gmomgmt/grantsinfo
- <https://www.transportation.gov/grants>
- <https://www.transportation.gov/rural/funding-opportunities>
- <https://www.arts.gov/grants>
- <https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities>
- <https://www.doi.gov/lwcf>