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## **GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**November 7, 2023**

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### **NYSDEC**

#### **Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant (VFA)**

**<https://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2364.html>**

Fire departments eligible to apply may receive grant funding up to \$2,500 for the purchase of firefighting equipment. Fire departments are required to equally match (50/50) the amount of the grant award. As an example, a fire department is required to spend up to \$5,000 on the purchase of approved firefighting equipment in order to be reimbursed an equal grant amount up to \$2,500. This is a straight-forward, two-page application.

**Deadline: November 15, 2023**

### **NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets**

#### **New York State 2024 Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program**

**<https://agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities>**

The grant program will fund projects for the development and enhancement of urban farms, school gardens, and community gardens. The Department is seeking feedback on the greatest needs and ways for this funding to create a lasting impact on local food resiliency. A total of \$1,000,000 is available for the Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program. The State will cover up to 90% of the total project costs, with the total State contribution not to exceed \$50,000. Minimum grant amount of \$20,000. Grant recipients must provide a match of a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the total project costs. Eligible applicants include: Not-for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit Educational Institutions, including K-12 schools and universities; Municipal Government Entities; Community-led groups can work with a fiscal sponsor to apply; Indian tribal organizations.

**Deadline: December 1, 2023**

### **NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets**

#### **SNAP-Ed Community Growers Grant Program 2023**

**<https://agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities>**

The Department's Community Growers Grant supports garden-based nutrition education and food production in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligible communities as a beneficial activity that leads to the economical production and consumption of healthy and fresh food. Community-led growing spaces are collaborative projects on shared open space that produce healthy and affordable fresh fruits and vegetables for local community consumption. This grant

offers \$20,000 – \$50,000 to not-for-profit organizations and/or local governments to run community-led gardens for the production of food that serve low-income priority populations and provide nutrition education. Applicant Eligibility Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations and local governments supporting garden-based nutrition education programming and food production in SNAP-eligible communities. Community-led groups can work with a fiscal sponsor to apply.

**Deadline: December 15, 2023**

**NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets  
SNAP-Ed Food Box Grant Program 2023**

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities>

The mission of the Department's Food Box Grant Program is to make local produce available and accessible to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligible communities while providing nutrition education. The objectives of this program are to serve SNAP-eligible customers, source/utilize local produce, and provide nutrition education. This grant offers up to \$10,000 for non-for-profit organizations and/or local governments to run SNAP-eligible food boxes, farm shares, Community Supported Agriculture farms (CSA)s, and farm stands that serve low-income priority populations and provide nutrition education. A total of \$235,000 is available for this grant program. A maximum of \$10,000 per project is available. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations and local governments supporting nutrition education and food box programming in SNAP-eligible communities. Community-led groups can work with a fiscal sponsor to apply.

**Deadline: December 15, 2023**

**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)  
Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions**

<https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions>

Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized organizations preserve and manage humanities collections, ensuring their significance for a variety of users, including source communities, humanities researchers, students, and the public, by building their capacity to identify and address physical and intellectual preservation risks. These collections may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

**Deadline: January 11, 2024**

**NYSDEC**

**Urban and Community Forestry Grants Program**

**Community Forest Management Plan Implementation And Ash Tree Management in Disadvantaged Communities Application**

[https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants\\_NYSGG//module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoID=5002582](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants_NYSGG//module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoID=5002582)

Eligible applicants may request a minimum of \$10,000 and up to a maximum of \$500,000; local match is not required. This is a reimbursement grant program. Awardees must submit reimbursement requests after the work is complete and contractors have been paid. **Projects must be located completely in a disadvantaged community. See the RFA for further details and online map tools.** For the purposes of this grant program, the following entities are considered eligible applicants: a. New York State government entities, municipalities, and quasi-governmental entities including, but not limited to, counties, cities, towns, villages, or public benefit corporations, public authorities, municipal corporations, soil and water conservation districts, and community colleges. b. Indian nations or tribes recognized by the State or the United States with a reservation wholly or partly within the boundaries of New York State, or any combination thereof. c. 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporations whose projects are located within the eligible geographic boundaries defined in this Request for Applications (RFA).

**Deadline: January 31, 2024**

### **NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Companion Animal Capital Projects Fund**

Only capital projects necessary for the secure containment, health and adequate care of sheltered dogs and cats are eligible for funding. For purposes of this program, a project may be a portion of a larger overall capital project. Eligible expenses include direct costs related to the: construction, renovation, rehabilitation, installation, acquisition, or expansion of buildings, equipment or facilities. Applicants will need to provide a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the total project costs. NOTE: There are two RFPs:

#### **2023-2024 NYS Companion Animal Capital Projects - RFP0311**

[https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants\\_NYSGG//module/nvsgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoID=5002602](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants_NYSGG//module/nvsgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoID=5002602)

Pounds, shelters, humane societies, or rescue facilities that are operated by or under contract with one or more municipalities for the provision of pound or shelter services should apply under Grant Opportunity ID: AGM01-CACF5-2023 (RFP0311).

#### **2023-2024 NYS Companion Animal Capital Projects - RFP0312**

[https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants\\_NYSGG//module/nvsgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoID=5002603](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants_NYSGG//module/nvsgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoID=5002603)

Not-for-profit pounds, shelters, humane societies, or rescue facilities that are NOT under contract with one or more municipalities for the provision of pound or shelter services should apply under Grant Opportunity ID: AGM01-CACF6-2023 (RFP312).

**Deadline: January 29, 2024**

### **ALDI Cares Community Grant**

<https://corporate.aldi.us/en/corporate-sustainability/community/aldi-cares-community-grants/>

ALDI supports three main areas for grant funding: Children's Health & Wellness; Food Insecurity; and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Community grants range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$5,000. Eligible applicants: 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, public or private K-12 school, or Native American Tribe/Nation.

**Deadline: Applications are accepted from February 1st to December 15th annually.**

**USDA Rural Development  
Community Facilities Programs**

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/community-facilities-programs>

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 child care 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.

**Deadline: Open**

**NOTE - Potential applicants should contact the regional USDA Service Center for more information and technical assistance: 1942 Old DeKalb Rd, Canton, NY; 315-386-2401**

**Orton Family Foundation  
Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant**

<https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/>

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.

**Deadline: Rolling**

**Stewart's Shops Community Giving and Support**

<https://www.stewartsshops.com/community-giving/>

Stewart's provides gift certificates, product donations, and discounts for various charitable groups. In addition, monetary donations may also be requested: requests of less than \$5,000 may be submitted online, requests for more than \$5,000 must be submitted by US Mail. See website for full details; briefly, Stewart's has an interest in the area of kids, their recreation and education and values volunteer support. They avoid cause-related and religious organizations; prefer to give to those providing a service, as opposed to those supporting a cause; contribution dollars are for people versus animals; and they do not donate directly to individuals.

**Deadline: Open. Requests for donations or support should be submitted at least three weeks in advance of the event or deadline for which support is requested.**

## **COMING SOON...**

### **SLC Arts/NYSCA Statewide Community Re-grants (SCR) Program**

[slcartsCouncil.org/grants/resources](https://slcartsCouncil.org/grants/resources)

Through this program, \$100,000 in state funding will be distributed to municipalities, libraries, 501(c)3 organizations, individual artists and collectives in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties. Fundable arts initiatives include (but are not limited to) concerts, exhibitions, theatrical performances, readings, screenings, art classes, public art and more. Grants are project-based, and support community-centered programming in any artistic discipline. Guidelines & applications will be available December 15, 2023.

**Deadline: The 2024 grant cycle runs January 1 to March 1, 2024.**

**SLC Arts is hosting a free webinar on 12/6/23 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm:**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84985951403?pwd=ZlF5a0RZWENvMDYzUGFCeGVNWW](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84985951403?pwd=ZlF5a0RZWENvMDYzUGFCeGVNWWZkdz09)

[Zkdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84985951403?pwd=ZlF5a0RZWENvMDYzUGFCeGVNWWZkdz09)Meeting ID: 849 8595 1403

Passcode: 496059

### **NYSDEC**

#### **Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program s**

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/49210.html>

This program supports projects that foster sustainable development, environmental protection and community livability. The program supports planning and implementation of key projects identified as priorities in plans. The program offers grant funding for counties, towns and villages that need financial or technical assistance to plan and grow successfully in the Adirondack Park. Round 7 is anticipated in the near term.