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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES January 24, 2025

St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency aka RVRDA Community Development & Environmental Improvement Program

<https://slcida.com/rvrda/>

Eligible applicants include communities and not-for-profit organizations in St. Lawrence County that are planning to undertake a project that will provide a clear and demonstrable economic, community or environmental benefit. Maximum grant request is \$20,000.

Deadline: April 15, 2025

Northern Border Regional Commission

Catalyst Grant, Forest Economy Program, Timber for Transit Program

<https://www.nbrc.gov/>

Deadlines: Pre-applications (required) are due February 28, 2025; Application (By Invitation) due on April 11, 2025

The Catalyst Program is designed to stimulate economic growth and inspire partnerships that improve rural economic vitality across the four-state NBRC region. NBRC encourages projects that take a creative approach to addressing an economic need or opportunity in the region, alleviate economic distress, and contribute to economic growth. Successful projects support a broad range of economic development initiatives such as, but not limited to, projects that modernize and expand access to public water and wastewater services, revitalize transportation infrastructure, establish workforce development programs and facilities, grow the outdoor recreation economy, and provide access to new childcare and healthcare facilities.

The Forest Economy Program is designed to support the forest-based economy, and to assist in the industry's evolution to include new technologies and viable business models across the 4-state NBRC region. The Forest Economy Program is distinct from NBRC's Catalyst funding in two important ways: it emphasizes the potential to impact the forest-based economy across the entire NBRC region, and infrastructure projects (transportation, water and wastewater, telecommunications, and energy) must directly support the forest industry.

The purpose of the Timber for Transit program is to advance the use of wood-based materials and composites (advanced wood materials) through applied research and demonstration projects that showcase the suitability of such materials to transportation and

transportation adjacent infrastructure. Highly competitive projects will demonstrate and widely promote the utility of high value forest products (e.g. glued laminated timber, cross laminated timber, composite materials, etc.) in transportation infrastructure and commit to enhancing climate resilience in rural communities.

Lowe's Hometowns

<https://corporate.lowes.com/our-responsibilities/lowes-hometowns>

Each year through 2026 Lowe's selects 100 large-scale community projects, chosen from consumer nominations, to be completed in partnership with local nonprofits, Lowe's store associates and community volunteers. Additionally, nearly 1,700 additional projects are selected and completed by Lowe's associates across the country. Read about 2024 projects at <https://corporate.lowes.com/our-responsibilities/lowes-hometowns/signature-projects>.

Deadline: The 2025 nomination period will open January 21, 2025

Lowe's Foundation Gable Grants Program

<https://corporate.lowes.com/our-responsibilities/lowes-foundation>

The Lowe's Foundation is currently focused on closing the skilled trades labor gap across the United States. Its mission is to develop a community of skilled tradespeople who can build and revitalize our homes, neighborhoods and infrastructure for the future. From 2023 to 2028, community and technical colleges and community-based nonprofit organizations across the country can apply for grants to recruit, train and employ the future skilled trades workforce.

Deadline: The next application cycle is open from March 1 to March 31, 2025

Outride Bicycling Grants

<https://outridebike.org/outridegrants>

Outride strives to empower people to experience the social, emotional, and cognitive benefits of cycling. They support schools and nonprofits to create and sustain cycling programs in their communities, with an emphasis on equity and inclusion.

RIDING FOR FOCUS (R4F) is a school-based rider education program. Developed as a result of our initial research findings, R4F promotes cycling as an outlet for students to improve their social, emotional, and cognitive well-being. Schools can get an R4F program via two pathways: purchasing the program, or, for public middle schools serving low-income communities, by applying for a program grant. Schools are provided with everything they need to get their 6th-8th grade students riding, including bikes, helmets, curriculum, teacher training, and an opportunity to attend our annual instructor training event at a Specialized bikes office. Not a cash grant.

Deadline: January 31, 2025

Community Impact Grants

Are competitive monetary (cash) grant for general youth cycling programs and organizations i.e. racing programs, afterschool programs, trail construction, rider education, community cycling programs, etc. The organizations that will be most competitive for the community impact grant are local, small to medium sized nonprofits.

Deadline: March 1, 2025

AARP Community Challenge Grants

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/>

AARP seeks applications from 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(6) nonprofit organizations, and government entities for projects that benefit people, especially those age 50 and older, across three programs: Flagship Grants; Capacity-Building Microgrants; and Demonstration Grants.

Deadline: March 5, 2025

Flagship AARP Community Challenge grants have an average grant amount of \$10,000 to \$12,000. Nine out of 10 grants (or 92 percent) are for \$20,000 or less. In 2025, grants will not exceed \$25,000. Applications are sought in the following categories:

- Creating vibrant public places that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities.
- Delivering a range of transportation and mobility options that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability and access to public and private transit
- Supporting a range of housing options that increases the availability of accessible and affordable choices
- Increasing digital connections and enhancing digital literacy skills of residents
- Supporting community resilience through investments that improve disaster management, preparedness and mitigation for residents.

Capacity-Building Microgrants combine \$2,500 grants with additional resources (such as webinars, cohort learning opportunities, up to 2 hours of one-on-one coaching with leading national nonprofit organizations and AARP publications). Applications are sought in the following categories: Disaster Preparedness Training; Walk Audits; Bike Audits; and HomeFit Guide Modifications.

Demonstration Grants fund projects that encourage the replication of promising local efforts. Grants tend to fall between \$10,000 and \$20,000 and will not exceed \$25,000. Applications are sought in the following categories: enhancing pedestrian safety; expanding high-speed internet (broadband) access and adoption; reconnecting communities divided by infrastructure; and implementing housing design competitions.

USDA Rural Utilities Service

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

<https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>

Search for Funding Opportunity Number RUS-25-01-DLT

This competitive program helps rural communities use advanced telecommunications technology to connect to each other - and the world - overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. Eligible applicants include most entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications.

Deadline: March 6, 2025

**U.S. DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance
BJA FY25 STOP School Violence Program**

<https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>

Search for Funding Opportunity Number O-BJA-2025-172340

This funding opportunity aims to support school safety by implementing solutions to enhance school climate, establish school-based behavioral threat assessment and intervention teams to identify violence risks, introduce technologies like anonymous reporting tools, and apply other evidence-based strategies to prevent violence. The goal is to equip K–12 students, teachers, and staff with tools to recognize, respond to, and prevent acts of violence.

Deadline: March 27, 2025

**U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration
Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Northern Border Rural Workforce**

<https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>

Search for Funding Opportunity Number HRSA-25-011

The purpose of RCORP-Northern Border is to improve health care in rural areas within the Northern Border Regional Commission’s service area by enhancing behavioral health workforce capacity. The program will implement a network-based approach to provide behavioral health care training and job placement in rural communities. The first year of the program may be used for planning activities and formalizing a network, and the remaining three years must be dedicated to implementation of training and job placement.

Deadline: April 11, 2025

**USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service
Value-Added Producer Grant**

<https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>

Search for Funding Opportunity Number RDBCP-VAPG-2025

The objective of this grant program is to assist viable Agricultural Producers, Agricultural Producer Groups, Farmer and Rancher Cooperatives, and Majority-Controlled Producer-Based Businesses in starting or expanding value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of Value-Added Agricultural Products. Grants will be awarded competitively for either planning or working capital projects directly related to the processing and/or marketing of value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the end goals of the program.

Deadline: April 17, 2025

**National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)
Grants for Arts Projects (GAP)**

<https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects>

GAP provides expansive funding opportunities to strengthen the nation’s arts and cultural ecosystem. Grants are available for arts projects in a wide variety of artistic disciplines. Each discipline has identified the types of projects that are of greatest interest within this program as well as the characteristics of competitive applications. Applicants may request cost share/matching grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Designated local arts agencies eligible to sub-grant may request from \$30,000 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 for all grant recipients. Two webinars are available, register at <https://www.arts.gov/news/events>:

- General GAP Application Guidelines Webinar, January 8, 2025, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm ET
- Design-specific Guidelines Webinar, January 22, 2025, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET

Deadline: February 13, 2025 and July 10, 2025

Northern New York Community Foundation

<https://nnycf.org/grants/grant-opportunities/>

Micro-Grants Program: Support for nonprofit organizations in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties with projects that align with the Foundation’s mission and demonstrate clear community benefit. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$2,500. Priority focus areas include, but are not limited to: bridge funding to support the start or completion of community projects; catalyst funding to help leverage charitable support from the community; programs/projects supporting targeted populations in need; secure resources for nonprofit development (capacity building, governance, strategic planning, etc.)

Deadline: Rolling

Daniel J. Briggs Fund for Integrity: Support for bullying prevention and character education programs, as well as professional development for administrators, teachers, staff, and employees of school districts across Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. Funding available: Up to \$2,500 total.

Deadline: Rolling

Air Products Greater Massena Community Fund: Support community needs in areas including, but not limited to: Health and wellness, arts and culture, human services, education, families, youth and/or elders, environment and conservation, community development, and recreation in the greater Massena community within St. Lawrence and Franklin counties.

Deadline: Rolling

CAR-FRESHNER Corporation Charitable Fund

Grant applications will be reviewed and awarded quarterly throughout the calendar year. Eligible nonprofit organizations may submit one application per year, with grant awards ranging from a minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 per application. In 2025, applications must focus on educational initiatives, including but not limited to libraries, child care and preschool programs, career training, vocational and technical education, and similar projects that enhance educational opportunities within Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties. See: <https://nnycf.org/cfc-charitable-fund/>

Deadlines: Quarterly, on January 24, April 25, July 18, and October 24, 2025

New York State Archives

Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF)

<https://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/description/get-ready-for-lgrmif-2025-2026>

For potential applicants to the 2025-2026 grant cycle, NYS Archives has a recorded webinar to answer questions about eligibility, use of funds, available resources, and how to apply.

Deadline: TBA

PLEASE NOTE: AS OF 1/24/25, FEMA IS SLATED FOR FUNDAMENTAL REFORM AND/OR ELIMINATION.

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security - FEMA
FY2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**

<https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>

Search for Funding Opportunity Number DHS-24-MT-047-00-98

The BRIC program makes funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal government, and local governments to address growing hazards associated with climate change, and the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency. The BRIC program's guiding principles include supporting communities through capability and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation, including multi-hazard resilience or nature-based solutions including the use of native plants; promoting partnerships; enabling large, systems-based projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency. Through these efforts communities are able to better understand disaster risk and vulnerabilities, conduct community-driven resilience, hazard mitigation planning, and design transformational projects and programs.

Deadline: April 18, 2025

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security – FEMA
FY2024 Flood Mitigation Assistance**

<https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>

Search for Funding Opportunity Number DHS-24-MT-029-000-98

The FMA program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and within NFIP-participating communities. It does so with a recognition of the growing flood hazards associated with climate change, and of the need for flood hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation, equity, and resilience with respect to flooding. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future.

Deadline: April 18, 2025

**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