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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Office of Cannabis Management Community Reinvestment Program

<https://cannabis.ny.gov/>

The 2024-2025 Community Reinvestment Program grant cycle will support qualified 501(c)(3) community-based organizations that serve individuals ages 0-24 years old, addressing three specific program areas: Mental Health, Housing, and Workforce Development. The 2024-2025 grant cycle has a total of \$5,000,000 to award with \$100,000 per award for each qualified Application. Applicants must request the full available award of \$100,000 for the project to be considered. Only one award will be made in the seven-county North Country region.

Deadline: December 13, 2024

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants/documents>

The goal of the AFG program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. Objectives: Provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, outfit responders with compliant personal protective equipment to increase responders' physical protection against hazards during incident response, provide funding to retrofit or modify facilities to protect personnel from known health hazards, acquire emergency response vehicles, design and implement health, wellness and resiliency programs that prepare responders for incident response, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. Fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations may apply for projects within three categories: operations and safety; vehicle acquisition; and regional projects.

Deadline: December 20, 2024

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Companion Animal Capital Projects Fund

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0342-companion-animal-capital-projects-fund>

Municipal and incorporated not-for-profit pounds, shelters, humane societies, and rescue facilities, excluding rescues operating from a residence, are invited to submit proposals for funding for the costs of capital projects, including construction, renovation, rehabilitation, installation, acquisition or expansion of buildings, equipment or facilities necessary for the secure containment, health,

and adequate care of sheltered dogs and cats. Applicants must provide a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the total project costs as a cash match.

Deadline: December 20, 2024

**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Establishing Large Forests (ELF) Grant Program**

<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/private-forest-management/establishing-large-forests-grant-program>

Through ELF, private landowners can apply for financial assistance to establish new forests on properties with 5 acres or more that are not currently forested. This is a reimbursement program, so all costs would be covered by the landowner or fiscal sponsor first and then they would be refunded. Projects must involve planting trees to establish new forests on 5 acres or more of privately owned, unforested land. The project area does not have to be contiguous, however, it must all be on the same property, or contiguous properties under the same ownership. Projects may include practices such as installing deer exclosures, site preparation, treatments of interfering vegetation and invasive species, and/or temporary watering infrastructure to ensure planting success. Eligible bidders include: non-industrial private landowners, land trusts, and companies or organizations acting on behalf of non-industrial private landowners. Examples include: quasi-government agencies (e.g., SWCD), private forestry business, natural resource business focused on tree planting, and 501(c)(3) not-for-profit (NFP) corporations.

Deadline: January 7, 2025

**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Preservation and Access is
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 by building their capacity to identify and address preservation risks. Collections may include 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. This program focuses on foundational activities in preservation and management of collections, such as assessments, development of plans and policies, consultations with scholars and source communities, emergency preparedness, environmental monitoring, rehousing, format surveys and inventories, and training in preservation and collections management.

Deadline: January 9, 2025

New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)

Small and Midsized Capital Improvement Grants for Arts and Culture

<https://arts.ny.gov/FY2025OpportunityGuidelines>

This opportunity funds projects initiated by 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. No-match grants of \$10,000-\$25,000 and \$50,000-\$99,000 are available for organizations with operating budgets under \$2 million. Strong projects combine excellence in design with informed decisions about

organizational capacity and community needs that will positively affect the future of arts and cultural organizations across New York.

Deadline: January 14, 2025

New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)

Large Capital Improvement Grants for Arts and Culture

<https://arts.ny.gov/FY2025OpportunityGuidelines>

This opportunity will support arts and cultural nonprofits across the state that are undertaking impactful, large-scale capital improvements. Grants will range from \$2 million to \$10 million for projects that have a total cost of \$4 million or more. This funding will support investments that allow organizations to thrive by expanding cultural programming, reaching new and diverse audiences, and promoting accessibility. These grants will also help advance the State's goals around economic development, diversity, equity and inclusion, and will require all applicants to commit to social equity initiatives and access plans that serve all New Yorkers.

Deadline: January 14, 2025

New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)

Capital Design Grants for Arts and Culture

<https://arts.ny.gov/FY2025OpportunityGuidelines>

This new opportunity will support the development of mid-stage and advanced design documents for arts and culture nonprofits with operating budgets of \$10 million or less across the state that are planning eligible capital improvements and are currently in the early stages of design. Grants will range from \$50,000-\$500,000, for a maximum of 50% of the design phase's total cost. No-match grants of \$50,000 to \$99,000 are available for organizations with budgets under \$2M.

Deadline: January 14, 2025

NYS Department of State Division of Local Government Services

Local Government Efficiency Program

<https://dos.ny.gov/2024-2025-local-government-efficiency-grant-program>

This year the LGE program will support the following applications:

- Regionally scaled projects that include those developed in cooperation with Regional Planning Boards and counties with four or more Co-Applicants.
- Local Projects that do not have a Regional Planning Board or Eligible County as Lead Applicant.
- Qualification Grants that help Regional Planning Boards and Eligible Counties evaluate and develop a project that may be proposed for the next round of the LGE program.

Two or more local governments are eligible to apply for funding assistance to plan for and implement shared services, functional consolidations and local government consolidations and dissolutions not eligible under the Citizens Reorganization and Empowerment Grant. The total maximum funding for an Implementation Grant is \$250,000 for each local government, not to exceed \$1,250,000 in total. The maximum funding for a Planning Grant is \$20,000 for each local government, not to exceed \$100,000 in total. The maximum funding for a Qualification Grant is \$20,000 for each Regional Planning Board or Eligible County planning for a Regional Project.

Deadline: January 24, 2025

**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Municipal Food Scraps Recycling Initiatives Grant**

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/recycling-composting/organic-materials-management/funding-opportunities-for-organics-management>

DEC is now accepting applications for the Municipal Food Scraps Recycling Initiatives Grant Program with a goal of assisting municipalities in starting or expanding municipal food scraps recycling programs. Approximately \$1.25 million has been made available for the funding of this grant program from the Environmental Protection Fund.

For the purposes of this grant program, a municipality is considered an eligible applicant. Under this grant program, a municipality is defined as a: county, city, town or village; local public authority; local public benefit corporation (as established by New York State law); school district, supervisory district, and improvement district; Native American tribe or Nation residing in New York State; or a combination of the above.

Deadline: January 31, 2025. All projects will be evaluated by DEC for eligibility in the order in which they are received (first-in, first-out).

**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Local Emergency Food Relief Equipment Grants**

<https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2024-10/2024efrofactsheet.pdf>

Eligible Applicants. 501(c)(3) not-for-profit (NFP) corporations that provide emergency food relief in New York State, excluding New York State Food Banks, are considered eligible applicants. See RFA for more details. Eligible Project Expenditures. The following projects are eligible under this grant opportunity. Please see the RFA for more details on each project type and eligible expenditures. Trucks, refrigerated vehicles, and related equipment used in the transport of food; Cooling equipment and related installation costs; Emergency generators and related installation costs dedicated to preserving food for donation (note: awarded funds in this category must not exceed \$25,000); or Combination of project types. Award. The minimum grant amount for this program is \$500; the maximum grant amount for this program is \$100,000. Applicants may only submit one application for each project or project location. Match. Grant funds are available for up to 75% of the total eligible project cost. Applicants must provide the remaining 25% in match funds.

Deadline: Applications are only available through the NYS SFS Grants Management System. All projects will be evaluated by DEC for eligibility in the order in which they are received (first-in, first-out). Applications are accepted until DEC withdraws requests for applications, funds are exhausted, or the application deadline, whichever comes first.

Plastic Free Restaurants Re-usables Subsidy Program

<https://www.plasticfreerestaurants.org/subsidy>

This subsidy program is available to any food service establishment that currently gives single-use items containing either petroleum-based plastic or PFAS to its customers (or students), is willing and ready to switch to re-usables, and is not required by (local, county, state) law to discontinue using the single-use plastic. Before you apply for our subsidies, please save yourself (and us) some time by making sure that you will qualify. Again, we subsidize switches from single-use items containing *petroleum-based plastic or PFAS* to re-usables, and we do so *only if such a switch is not mandated by law*.

Deadline: Ongoing

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

This program provides grant funding to small businesses and farms for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems. Grant funding reimburses up to 50% of the costs of the project. The Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) provides technical assistance for this program. See attached flyer and/or visit: <https://www.adirondack.org/reapadk/>.

Canton Community Fund

www.cantoncommunityfund.org

The Canton Community Fund invites applications for grants to support projects that aim to sustain and improve the life of the community. The Fund has provided assistance in a wide variety of areas, including historic preservation and awareness, community beautification, the arts, education, recreation, human services, and programs for youth and senior citizens. The maximum award is \$2000; typically awards are \$1000 or less. Not-for-profit organizations that are located in and serve the residents of the Village or Town of Canton are eligible.

Deadline: Rolling

Stewart's Shops Community Giving and Support

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

Stewart's provides gift certificates, product donations, discounts and monetary donations for various charitable groups. They support organizations within their market area that focus on meeting the changing needs of their recipients rather than perpetuating the status quo, with a focus on health, education, children's recreation, and the arts. They value organizations with extensive volunteer support and minimum fund-raising costs, avoiding organizations that are already tax supported or have a large amount of overhead.

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.

ALDI Cares Community Gift Card Program

<https://corporate.aldi.us/corporate-sustainability/community/aldi-community-gift-card-program/>

ALDI supports programs that impact children's health and wellness, and food insecurity. Gift cards range from a minimum of \$100 to a maximum of \$500. Eligible applicants: 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations, public K-12 schools, or Native American Tribes/Nations. Organizations may only receive funding once per year.

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

Classics for Kids Foundation

<https://classicsforkids.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

The mission of Classics for Kids Foundation is to empower young people to shape positive futures through music, build sustainable stringed instrument music programs, and provide grants for high-quality instruments. If your school or non-profit organization believes in the role of fine instruments in your program, and can show evidence of need and commitment to raising matching funds, you are a strong candidate for the Classics for Kids matching grant program.

Deadlines: June 30, September 30, December 31 and March 31 annually.