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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

September 4, 2024

U.S. EPA

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities 2024 Application

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities-2024-application>

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities provides a planning team to help communities bring together local residents and other stakeholders to decide on strategies and an action plan to grow the local outdoor recreation economy. The planning assistance process will take place over 8 to 12 months, with a focal point being a facilitated community workshop to identify a vision, goals, and specific actions to realize the locally set goals. Partner communities are encouraged to pursue activities that foster environmentally friendly community development and Main Street revitalization through the conservation and sustainable use of public or private forests or other natural resources. Eligible applicants include local governments, Tribes, nonprofit organizations and institutions representing any community in the United States. Local colleges, universities and extension agencies. **A webinar will be held September 5, 2024 from 3:30-5pm.**

Deadline: October 16, 2024

Dr. D. Susan Badenhausen Legacy Fund

Northern New York Community Foundation

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

The Dr. D. Susan Badenhausen Legacy Fund accepts applications for grant funding from nonprofit organizations that serve St. Lawrence County and whose efforts align with one or more of the following focus areas: arts and culture; conservation and wildlife preservation; educational programs; and general health and well-being. Applications must be submitted through the Community Foundation's online grant portal.

Deadline: October 18, 2024

SLC Arts

Statewide Community Regrant Program

<https://slcartscouncil.org/grants/>

Individual artists, municipalities, libraries, 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations can apply directly for grants. Others may be eligible to apply with the help of a sponsoring organization. Grants are project based and support cultural programming in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties of New York State. Interested applicants should email SLC Arts at grants@slcartscouncil.org to

discuss ideas. All applicants are required to attend an info session or meet with the Grant Coordinator, Alicia Murphy, before submitting an application.

Deadline: October 30, 2024

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Inspire! Grants for Small Museums (2025)

<https://imls.gov/grants/available/inspire-grants-small-museums>

Inspire! Grants for Small Museums is a special initiative of the Museums for America program. It is designed to support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital learning resources, policy development and institutional planning, technology enhancements, professional development, community outreach, audience development, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation. Inspire! has three project categories: Lifelong Learning; Institutional Capacity; and Collections Stewardship and Access. Grants of \$5,000–\$75,000 are made. No cost share is required for grant requests up to \$25,000 requests between \$25,001 and \$75,000, require matching non-federal funds in an amount that is equal to or greater than the IMLS request.

Deadline: November 15, 2024

U.S. EPA

Community Change Grant Program

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program>

EPA's new Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants program (Community Change Grants) has announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds for environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input. Eligible entities: a partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs); or a partnership between a CBO and a 1) Federally-Recognized Tribe; 2) local government; or 3) institution of higher education.

Deadline: November 21, 2024

T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program

<https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>

Main Street America and Smart Growth America have partnered with T-Mobile to help build stronger, more prosperous small towns and rural communities. T-Mobile's Hometown Grant program awards up to 100 towns a year with up to \$50,000 in project funding. Eligible project types include shovel-ready projects that foster local connections, like technology upgrades, outdoor spaces, the arts, and community centers. Proposal must include plans, budget, timeline, anticipated impact, and letters of support.

Deadline: Applications are accepted quarterly. The portal will close on the last day of each quarter and reopen for the new quarter on the first of the month.

**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

*****TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE*****

FYI: NYS Grants Management is replacing the NYS Grants Gateway as a search tool, see:
<https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/>

**St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce
Annual Non-Profit Conference / September 11, 2024**

<https://business.visitstlc.com/events/details/stlc-non-profit-conference-16400?calendarMonth=2024-09-01>

The Chamber's annual Non-Profit Conference will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at Canton's Best Western University Inn. This year's conference will feature four topic presentations regarding tips to Renew, Retain and engage donors, volunteers and board members of non-profit and not-for-profit organizations. Share and discuss how your organization works to create a welcoming environment including what works for you, what challenges you have addressed, and best practices from other non-profits. The four presentations will give you information and ideas on how to energize your organization.

Wednesday September 11, 2024 from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM ED at the Best Western University Inn, Laurentian Room, 90 E Main Street Canton, NY; \$10 registration fee.

**New York State Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC)
2024 Conference on the Environment / September 18-20, 2024**

<https://www.nysacc.net/home>

NYSACC is an independent, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit education organization that provides leadership in the development of vital environmental programs for cities, towns, and villages throughout the State of New York. The 2024 conference is sponsored by the Tug Hill Commission; virtual and in-person opportunities are available.

Tug Hill Commission

2024 Annual Land Use Training Workshop / September 25, 2024

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/941a729463d54e4583fa44f780a280a6>

Sessions include special use permits and SEQR (short EAF). Registration by September 18 is encouraged. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Lewis County JCC Education Center, 7395 East Road Lowville, NY 13367.

Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center

<https://efc.syr.edu/>

The Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center (SU-EFC) helps build capacity for government officials, nonprofits, and private sectors to drive positive change in environmental infrastructure and quality of life. Their website includes a funding database, resources and publications and events/webinars on topics including: drinking water and waste water infrastructure; community resiliency; flood resiliency.