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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Northern New York Community Foundation (NNYCF)

<https://nnycf.org/>

The Northern New York Community Foundation has invested in improving and enriching the quality of life for communities across Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties since 1929. The Foundation stewards a number of competitive grant programs that are open to eligible tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties. Some programs have rolling deadlines, others quarterly, and still others annually. Grantseekers are strongly encouraged to become familiar with the various funds and to engage with Foundation staff to discuss potential projects. The specific programs listed here are those open currently or in the near future; this is not an exhaustive list.

Northern New York Community Foundation

General Grant Program

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Opportunity/Catalog?urlkey=nnycf>

NNYCF supports a wide variety of programs, projects, and initiatives that positively impact the quality of life in Northern New York. The general policy of the Community Foundation is to award grants that are responsive to evolving 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, recreation, and more. Applications should convey a passion and vision that aligns with the Community Foundation's mission and values. Each request will be evaluated on its potential value to Northern New York, funding available for disbursement, as well as the quality of planning, leadership, and support. Grant requests of \$5,000 or less may be approved at the committee level. Larger grant requests are referred to the Foundation's Board of Directors with a committee recommendation. A Letter of Inquiry (LOI) is required when applying for funding from the General Grant Program.

Deadlines: Quarterly

Q1: LOI – December 26, 2025/ Application – January 23, 2026

Q2: LOI – March 13, 2026/ Application – April 17, 2026

Q3: LOI – June 12, 2026/ Application – July 17, 2026

Q4: LOI – September 18, 2026/ Application – October 23, 2026

**Northern New York Community Foundation
Youth Philanthropy Council**

<https://nnycf.org/vpc-grant-rfp-2026/#more-7692>

The Youth Philanthropy Council welcomes grant proposals from nonprofit organizations of all types for programs, projects, or initiatives that strengthen the quality of life in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties. The Council will evaluate each proposal for a share of up to \$25,000 in available grant funding. This opportunity is not limited to youth programs or initiatives. Contact Emily Pfeil, Community Foundation philanthropy associate, emily@nnycf.org, or 315-782-7110, with questions or to learn more.

Deadline: January 2, 2026

**Northern New York Community Foundation
Micro-Grants Program**

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

This program supports 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; and secure resources for nonprofit development like capacity building, governance, and strategic planning.

Deadline: Rolling

**Northern New York Community Foundation
Daniel J. Briggs Fund for Integrity**

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

Supports 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.

Deadline: Rolling

**Hiring Our Heroes Small Business Grant Program
U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation**

<https://www.hiringourheroes.org/small-business-grant/>

Hiring Our Heroes Small Business Grant Program will award five small businesses owned by veterans and/or military spouses with a one-time \$10,000 or \$25,000 grant to grow and support their businesses. Applicants must be a legal resident of and currently reside in the contiguous 48 states, Alaska and/or Hawaii. Eligible small businesses must be a for-profit business owned by a veteran or military spouse (at least 51% or more ownership) with 3 to 20 employees including the owner(s), all full or part-time employees, and independent (1099) contractors, cannot exceed more than \$5 million in annual revenue, and must be located in an economically vulnerable community or can otherwise demonstrate financial need.

Deadline: December 15, 2025

Invasive Species Grant Program

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/invasive-species/resources-regulations/invasive-species-grant-program>

Funds are available through the fourth round of the Invasive Species Grant Program to advance projects that target aquatic and terrestrial invasive species across the state. Municipalities, academic institutions, and not-for-profits may submit up to two bids for eligible projects in the following categories:

- Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention or Boat Decontamination;
- Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response and Control;
- Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species Research; and
- Restoration and Resiliency of Sites Impacted by Invasive Species.

Grant awards range from a minimum of \$11,000 to a maximum of \$250,000, with a required 25 percent match. Project locations must be wholly within New York State. Priority will be given to projects that include opportunities for public participation, are on or close to public lands or waterbodies, and include strategies to help ensure long-term success. Multiple bids may not be for the same project or project location.

Deadline: December 17, 2025

NYSDEC

Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/public-safety/volunteer-fire-capacity-grants>

Fire departments eligible to apply may receive grant funding up to \$3,500 for the purchase of wildland firefighting supplies. The grant is a 50/50 matching funds program, which means that fire departments are required to equally match the amount of the grant award. As an example, a fire department would have to spend \$7,000 on the purchase of approved firefighting supplies, to be reimbursed an equal grant amount of \$3,500. Eligible items include protective fire clothing and PPE, modern communications supplies for more effective action on incidents, firefighting supplies such as nozzles and hoses, tools and other smaller scale supplies, and water delivery systems such as cisterns, dry hydrants, etc. (including installation). Expenditures not directly related to firefighting, such as search and rescue supplies, acquisition of land, construction of buildings and facilities, major apparatus purchases and maintenance items (gas/gas cans, oil, bar chain oil, etc.) are not eligible for funding.

Deadline: December 22, 2025

New York State Council on the Arts Capital Projects Fund

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

Small and Midsized Capital Improvement Grants for Arts and Culture: This opportunity funds projects initiated by nonprofit arts and cultural organizations of any size, with construction and capital equipment 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-\$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.

Large 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. Grants will range from \$2 million to \$10 million for projects that have a total cost of \$4 million or more (grants support a maximum of 50 percent of the project's total cost). 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 and will require all applicants to commit to social equity initiatives and access plans that serve all New Yorkers.

Capital Design Grants for Arts and Culture: This opportunity will support the development of mid-stage and advanced design documents for arts and cultural 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 percent of the design phase's total cost. No-match grants of \$10,000 to \$99,000 will also be available for organizations with budgets under \$2 million.

Deadline: January 13, 2026

New York Landmarks Conservancy

Sacred Sites Fund

<https://nylandmarks.org/what-we-do/grants-loans/sacred-sites/criteria/>

The NYLC Sacred Sites Fund provides landmarked houses of worship with matching grants for planning and implementing exterior restoration projects. Priority will be given to essential repairs to the primary worship building. Highest consideration is given to projects such as roofing and drainage system repairs; masonry repointing and restoration; structural repairs; and exterior carpentry, window repair and restoration, including stained glass restoration. Grant applications are evaluated on a rubric encompassing architectural and cultural significance, community outreach, project urgency, preservation quality, and administrative, financial, and fundraising capacity. Grants are not available for ADA/barrier-free access design or construction, pipe organ restoration, interior renovation, mechanical/electrical/plumbing upgrades, or routine maintenance, including exterior repainting. Professional services eligible for funding include conditions surveys, plans and specifications, project management, engineering assessments, stained glass surveys, and laboratory testing of materials and finishes. NYLC Sacred Sites grants range in size from \$1,000 to \$50,000; matching grants of up to \$15,000 are available for professional services.

Deadlines: January 15th and June 1st, annually.

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

Companion Animal Capital Projects

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0388-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 eligible for funding consideration. Grant funds are available for the costs of capital projects including, but not limited to, 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.

Deadline: January 30, 2026

North Country Clean Energy Hub

Energy Efficiency Funds and Heating Upgrades for Daycare Centers & Nonprofits

<https://northcountrycleanenergyhub.org/daycare-nonprofit-funding-opportunity>

This program offers technical assistance and funding opportunities to assist daycare centers and other eligible nonprofit organizations providing critical services in completing energy efficiency and heating system upgrades. These improvements can include insulation upgrades, electrical upgrades, and/or installation of heat pump systems. To apply, the organization must be a licensed daycare center operating as businesses or nonprofit (home daycares are not eligible), or nonprofit organizations that provide critical services (serve as warming or cooling centers, adult centers, and food pantries).

Deadline: Rolling, until funds are exhausted or January 31, 2026

Municipal Zero-emission Vehicle (ZEV) Program Clean Vehicle Rebates

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

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

Rebates are available to municipalities for the purchase or lease of new (model year 2025 and 2026) battery electric, plug-in hybrid, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles for municipal fleet use. Bids (applications) are accepted via the Statewide Financial System Grants Management System.

Deadline: February 27, 2026

Municipal Zero-emission Vehicle (ZEV) Program Infrastructure Grants

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

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

This program provides grants to cities, towns, villages, and counties to install hydrogen fuel filling station components and Level 2 (L2) and direct current fast charge (DCFC) electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) primarily for public use.

Deadline: February 27, 2026

Federal Highway Administration & NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

<https://www.dot.ny.gov/tap-cmaq>

TAP funds a variety of transportation-related projects which increase options for non-vehicular transportation, including:

- 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, preservation of historic transportation facilities, vegetation management practices and archeological activities); and
- Environmental mitigation activities.

Projects must be related to the surface transportation system and provide full access to the public. Awards shall be no less than \$500,000 and no greater than \$7.0 million for any single project. NYSDOT will provide up to 80 percent of the total eligible project costs with a minimum 20 percent match provided by the project sponsor. Eligible project costs may include planning, design/engineering services, right-of-way acquisition, construction and construction inspection.

Deadline: March 12, 2026

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPHRP)

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program

<https://parks.ny.gov/get-involved/connect-kids>

This program connects New York's school age children (pre-K through grade 12) with nature, outdoor recreation, and history by reimbursing qualifying transportation costs incurred by eligible entities for travel to eligible field trip locations in NYS. Maximum for reimbursement is \$2,500/per trip. To be eligible, an applicant must be: a public school (including public charter school), BOCES, non-public school (including non-public charter school), municipality, public library, or a not-for-profit organization that serves underserved, environmental justice, and/or inner-city communities in New York State, AND physically located within a New York State school district that receives Title I funds.

Deadline: Rolling. Applications must be submitted four (4) weeks before the field trip is planned to occur, and no earlier than six (6) months prior to the field trip.

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.