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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

February 13, 2026

Program funded by NYS and administered by a local entity; individuals that meet program guidelines may apply directly to the administering entity:

Franklin County Community Housing Council (FCCHC) Vacant Rental Program (VRP)

<https://thefcchc.com/vacant-rental-program/>

VRP is administered by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's (HTFC) Office of Community Renewal (OCR), to support repairs and rehabilitation of vacant rental units and other vacant spaces to increase the supply of critically needed apartments for low- and moderate-income renters. The program will help owners of rental properties bring vacant units and spaces in small-scale properties back into productive use as affordable long-term rental units. FCCHC is the Local Program Administrator for the VRP in Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties. Interested property owners are encouraged to complete an application, but should be aware that all new applications will be waitlisted while the FCCHC works to process applications that have already been received.

Contact information: 518-483-5934 / info@thefcchc.com

St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program (CDEIP)

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

Eligible applicants include communities and not-for-profit organizations that are planning to undertake a project that will provide a clear and demonstrable economic, environmental or community benefit to St. Lawrence County. Applicants must principally be located in St. Lawrence County and the projects proposed must be located principally in St. Lawrence County. There is no minimum application amount, but the maximum that may be applied for is \$20,000. Except in cases where very special and specifically defined emergency conditions are present, no request will be funded that does not have at least a 10% match – at least one-half of which must be new cash provided by the applicant. The CDEIP program encourages applicants to submit applications that propose to leverage such funds from federal, State, and regional programs, foundations, or other such external sources.

Deadline: April 15, 2026 (3pm)

**NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR³)
NYSAR³ NYS K-12 School Composter Contest**

<https://www.nysar3.org/>

NYSAR³ is partnering with the company Ecodrum to facilitate this statewide contest and to promote the benefits of composting at schools across NYS. The winner will receive an Ecodrum 410 in-vessel composting unit (shipping included). The Ecodrum 410 unit is capable of taking in 55 pounds of food scraps per day and processing it into a nutrient-rich soil amendment we know as compost. All schools entering the contest will have the opportunity to receive additional resources and guidance on wasted food reduction and composting. To be eligible to enter the contest, schools must meet the following requirements: Be a public K-12 school in NYS and have a student body approximately no greater than: (250 students) Elementary school, (400 students) Middle school, (800 students) High school.

Deadline: March 15, 2026

**Northern New York Community Foundation (NNYCF)
Grants for Good**

<https://nnycf.org/grants-for-good/#more-7888>

The Grants for Good program is an opportunity for local nonprofits to evaluate their needs and select a top priority or project where a grant will make a meaningful difference. This program will help nonprofits identify their most important efforts and present a strong grant application with detailed plans and supporting rationale for funding consideration. There are separate Grants for Good applications for each county. Organizations are encouraged to submit one proposal at a time for this program. Nonprofits are encouraged to contact Community Foundation staff to discuss their identified need or request before starting an application.

Quarterly deadlines: February 20, April 17, July 17 and October 23

**NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
Food and Fiber Processing Grant Program**

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/ffgf-nys-food-and-fiber-processing-grant-program>

This program is administered by the Farm and Food Growth Fund (FFGF) on behalf of NYS Ag and Markets, and supports the scaling of existing and new products produced and harvested in NYS. Funding is available for the construction and renovation of facilities, as well as the purchase and installation of equipment. Priority will be given to projects that expand processing for fruits, vegetables, grains and beans for human consumption, and plant and animal fibers. Eligible applicants may apply for \$250,000 to \$2.5 million. Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to expansion of food and fiber processing and processed product creation; aggregation and storage, as part of a larger processing expansion project; operational efficiency improvements; improving food safety standards for processing facilities.

Deadline: April 28, 2026

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

Agriculture and Food Systems Workforce Development Grant Program

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0328-new-york-state-agriculture-and-food-systems-workforce-development-grant-program>

Grant funds must be used to implement a program that prepares or leads individuals to employment in the agriculture or food system sector. Examples include programs that provide formal education or experiential learning for individuals to enter and gain skills applicable to jobs in the agriculture or food system industries; formal training or workforce development programs that provide, upon completion, a certificate, credential or other industry-recognized credential; and/or a formal program for currently employed individuals to gain new skills that help them better compete for other jobs in the industry or advance in their current role. Eligible applicants include: 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations, not-for-profit educational institutions, municipal government entities, and public benefit corporations.

Deadline: April 28, 2026

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

2026 Agricultural Fairgrounds Advertising, Promotion, and Education Program

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfa-0386-2026-agricultural-fairgrounds-advertising-promotion-and-education-program>

This program will provide funding for advertising, promotion, and education activities that will increase participation in and promotion of county and local fairs in NYS. Eligible applicants include agricultural and horticultural corporations and county extension service associations that sponsor an annual fair or exposition for the promotion of agriculture and domestic arts and receive premium reimbursements pursuant to Article 24 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. There is a total of \$625,000 available for this program from the state's 2025-2026 fiscal year enacted budget. Each eligible applicant will receive an award of up to \$12,500.

Deadline: July 1, 2026

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

2026 Agricultural Fairgrounds Infrastructure Improvement Program

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfa-0398-agricultural-fairgrounds-infrastructure-improvement-program>

The program will provide funding for fairgrounds infrastructure improvements to enhance visitor and exhibitor enjoyment of the county and local fairs in NYS. Eligible applicants for this Program are agricultural or horticultural corporations and county extension service associations that sponsor an annual fair or exposition for the promotion of agriculture and domestic arts and receive premium reimbursements pursuant to section 286 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. Applicants may apply for amounts between \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Deadline: December 31, 2026