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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

March 24, 2025

Preservation League of New York State

<https://www.preservenys.org/grants>

Technical Assistance Grants (TAG)

TAG supports discrete studies on spaces or systems within a building, structure, or site to precede repairs or limited rehabilitation projects. Supported projects include accessibility studies, limited condition assessments, engineering/structural analyses, feasibility/reuse studies, and MEP analyses. Open to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations and units of local government managing an arts/cultural facility.

Preserve NY (PNY)

PNY supports comprehensive planning studies for an entire building/site to inform long term rehabilitation, preservation, or restoration plans and to precede capital projects. Supported projects include building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and historic structure reports. Open to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations.

Workshops on both programs will be offered in Ithaca on April 7, Plattsburgh June 9, and a webinar is available online. For more information: **<https://www.preservenys.org/workshops>**.

Deadlines: Pre-application due April 11, 2025; full applications due April 18, 2025

Preservation League of New York State

Technical Services Program

<https://www.preservenys.org/technical-services>

The League offers a wide range of services, including the identification of preservation funding sources, guidance for effective advocacy, assistance with listing properties on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, and expert advice on community revitalization strategies, as well as assistance with building-specific and general preservation planning issues such as condition assessments, State and National Register consultations, and other comprehensive planning projects. Technical Services staff are available for public presentations and general assistance. **Online resources for popular topics include: barn preservation, opera houses, energy conservation, industrial reuse, solar power, upper floor reuse, historic homeowners, preservation trades, resiliency and disaster planning in historic preservation.**

NYS Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I)

2025-26 Community Grants Program

<https://www.rit.edu/affiliate/nvsp2i/community-outreach#community-grants>

NYSP2I awards up to \$20,000 for projects that raise awareness and understanding and lead to the implementation of pollution prevention practices at the local level that aim to improve health, environmental quality, and economic vitality of communities. Pollution prevention is reducing or eliminating waste at the source by modifying production processes; promoting the use of nontoxic or less-toxic substances; implementing conservation techniques; efficiently and utilizing resources; and reusing materials rather than putting them into the waste stream.

Deadline: April 18, 2025

New York Sea Grant

New York's Great Lakes Basin Small Grants Program

<https://small-grants-program-ccegeomaps.hub.arcgis.com/pages/apply-for-funding>

Projects must align with an approved local community plan (e.g., Watershed Management Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan), and at least one Great Lakes Action Agenda goal:

1. **Reduce or eliminate releases of persistent toxic substances** to promote ecological and human health.
2. **Control sediment, nutrient, and pathogen loadings** so that drinking water quality, aquatic life, recreational uses, and people are protected.
3. **Prevent and control invasive species** impacting waterways and riparian areas to sustain a healthy Great Lakes ecosystem and economic and recreational opportunities.
4. **Conserve and restore native fish and wildlife** and their habitats to sustain diverse, resilient ecosystem and related uses.
5. **Enhance community resiliency and ecosystem integrity** through protection, restoration, and improved, science-informed resource management.
6. **Revitalize local communities** through sustainable management and stewardship of Great Lakes lands and waters.

All potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the webinar scheduled for 12:00PM on March 26, 2025. Eligible entities include not-for-profit organizations; municipalities, county and local government entities; public agencies, such as regional planning and environmental commissions; and educational institutions including, but not limited to, public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities. Budget requests cannot exceed \$40,000; no match is required.

Deadline: May 2, 2025

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

Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Program (MPR)

<https://parks.ny.gov/grants/municipal-parks-recreation/default.aspx>

MPR funding is available for the construction of recreational facilities and other improvements to municipally owned recreational sites and parks. Examples include playgrounds, courts, playing fields, and facilities for swimming, biking, boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, and camping. Project scope must include construction; pre-construction activities may be included. The MPR grant opportunity can fund up to 90% of the total eligible project costs, with a matching share requirement of 10%. Counties, Cities, Towns, and Villages within the boundaries of New York State that own the property where the proposed project is sited are eligible to apply.

Deadline: May 2, 2025

**NYS Empire State Development (ESD)
Business Food Waste Mitigation Grant Program**

<https://esd.ny.gov/business-food-waste-mitigation-grant-program#objective>

The program is a \$4 million initiative administered by ESD and focuses on reducing large-scale business food waste through capital equipment grants awarded competitively and ranging from \$100,000 - \$750,000. Ultimately, the program seeks to expand the State's organics recycling infrastructure so facilities can accept food waste from large-scale businesses such as restaurants and grocery stores, resulting in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Eligible Entities: New York State municipalities and non-profit / not-for-profit organizations undertaking a food waste mitigation project, OR New York State municipalities and non-profit / not-for-profit organizations may apply on behalf of a New York State-based business undertaking a food waste mitigation project. In this scenario, the New York State business would be considered a co-implementor. Eligible Projects include the purchase of machinery and equipment for the purpose of collecting, processing, and recycling food waste from businesses, and the distribution of byproduct(s) such as compost. Examples of eligible equipment include: processing equipment (e.g. compactor, dehydrator, depackager, windrow turner, grinder); management equipment (e.g. forklift); and transportation equipment (e.g. trucks).

Deadline: May 23, 2025

**NYS Department of State Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure
Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation Projects**

<https://dos.ny.gov/RFA-24-OPDBA-22>

The Department is making at least \$15 million available to fund applications for the Inland Flooding and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation Project grants. Applicants may apply for a minimum grant amount of \$150,000. State assistance awarded and paid shall not exceed 90% of the total eligible project costs. Applicants may submit more than one grant application. Eligible applicants: village, town, or city located along New York's coasts or inland waterways as designated pursuant to Executive Law, Article 42, or a county with the consent and acting on behalf of one or more eligible villages, towns or cities. An eligible applicant must have a complete or substantially complete LWRP or a complete or substantially complete relevant LWRP Component (including a Watershed Management Plan funded by NYS Department of State). The proposed project must be located within the LWRP waterfront revitalization area boundary or LWRP Component boundary.

Deadline: June 6, 2025

NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) & NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

Resilient NY Program/ Resilient Watersheds Grant (RWG) Program

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quantity/resilient-ny#current>

This is a competitive, statewide grant program open to local governments, Indian Nations, County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, State agencies, and not-for-profit corporations. The overall goal of the RWG program is to implement projects that build community resilience to extreme weather events, promote flood risk and ice jam reduction and/or restoration, enhance flood and climate resilience, implement natural and nature-based feature construction, or ecologically sustainable projects while supporting healthy riparian habitats. This funding is for the construction/implementation of projects, not projects exclusively for planning and/or design.

Funding is available for the following project types: 1. Floodplain restoration, creation, and/or reconnection to stream; 2. Wetland creation and/or restoration; 3. Berm removal; 4. Dam removal; 5. Stream culvert replacement right-sizing; 6. Culvert, bridge, and appurtenant structures removal; 7. Streambank, stream channel, or shoreline restoration and/or stabilization and establishment of riparian buffers; and 8. Stream daylighting.

Deadline: June 6, 2025

NYS Homes & Community Renewal (HCR)

New York State HOME American Rescue Plan Program (NYS HOME-ARP)

<https://hcr.ny.gov/nys-home-arp>

HCR seeks proposals for the creation and preservation of high-quality affordable rental housing and non-congregate shelter (NCS) throughout the State. Eligible Applicants: Non-profit corporations incorporated under NYS Non-profit Corporation Law; for-profit housing developers; public housing authorities. Eligible Activities:

- Development of Affordable Rental Housing - Funding Limits: Up to \$400,000 per unit. Maximum Award: \$20 million. Minimum Award: \$1 million.
- Development of Non-Congregate Shelter - Funding Limits: Up to \$200,000 per unit. Maximum Award: \$7 million. Minimum Award: \$1 million.
- Non-Profit Capacity Building - Funding Limits: Must be based on documented organizational & project needs to develop a HOME-ARP project. In any fiscal year, assistance cannot exceed the greater of 50 percent of the general operating expenses of the organization, or \$50,000.

Deadline to Submit Initial Application for Threshold Review: June 20, 2025

Deadline to Submit Application for Funding: September 26, 2025

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

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program

<https://parks.ny.gov/environment/connect-kids/grant-program.aspx>

This program connects New York school age children (pre-K through grade 12) with nature, outdoor recreation, and history by reimbursing eligible costs for field trips to eligible locations. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis in the order they're received. Applications must be submitted six (6) weeks before the field trip is planned to occur, and no earlier than six (6) months prior to the field trip. Applications received before April 11, 2025 may be submitted four (4) weeks before the field trip is planned to occur. After April 11, 2025, applications must be submitted six (6) weeks prior to the date of the field trip.

Deadline: Rolling

Little Free Library Impact Library Program

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/programs/impact-library/>

Become a Little Free Library steward and receive a fully-assembled composite library (made with recycled plastic; charter sign; wooden post kit with hardware; three wooden panels ready to be painted or decorated for additional customization of your library; starter set of diverse books; Steward's Guide booklet; and paid shipping costs.

Deadline: Rolling

*****COMING SOON*****

Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program

<https://www.kubotausa.com/hometown-proud/coming-soon>

Kubota seeks applications for 501(c)3 organizations located within 50 miles of an authorized Kubota dealer (Potsdam, Lowville, Watertown) for hometown projects and initiatives. The program will invest in communities across the country by awarding 10 grants, valued at \$50,000 each (\$25,000 cash *and* a \$25,000 voucher for Kubota equipment).

Deadline: Online application portal opens April 3 and closes May 9, 2025

NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)

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

Annual rounds generally kick off in late May or early June, with a late July deadline.