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## **GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**March 31, 2026**

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### **Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) North Country Agricultural Producers Grant [www.adirondack.org/ag-producer-grants-2026](http://www.adirondack.org/ag-producer-grants-2026)**

North Country agricultural producers can apply for up to \$10,000 for projects that expand markets for agricultural products, create new markets, improve supply chains, increase access to market infrastructure, and promote long-term economic sustainability. Eligible projects include marketing assistance, market development, market expansion, and supplies that result in the creation and expansion of markets. Funds may be used for the following general categories: supplies, materials, technical service fees, contractors, and special purpose equipment (such as food processing equipment, tools used for the planting or harvesting of a specific commodity, or other items that are necessary to carry out technical activities). Applicants must be actively farming and located inside ANCA's 14-county service area, which includes the following counties: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Oneida, Oswego, Warren, and Washington.

**Deadline: April 8, 2026**

### **Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program <https://www.kubotausa.com/hometown-proud/grant>**

Kubota has a simple mission to help communities thrive. For six years, the Hometown Proud Grant Program has invested in nonprofit organizations striving to make a difference in their hometowns. From building fairground facilities and farmer incubator programs to creating parks and recreation spaces, we have seen firsthand the power of a wide range of community-led projects. Kubota seeks applications from 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 in Kubota equipment).

**Deadline: Online application portal opens April 1 and closes May 7, 2026**

**NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)**  
**Strengthening Essential Cybersecurity for Utilities and Resiliency Enhancement (SECURE)**  
<https://efc.ny.gov/cybersecurity-hub>

SECURE grants can fund assessments and improvements that protect water and wastewater systems from evolving cyber threats. EFC is offering \$2.5 million dollars to strengthen cybersecurity readiness and resilience and support operational continuity for eligible water and wastewater systems across NYS. The SECURE program will provide funding for projects that enhance cyber protections, modernize digital infrastructure and reduce vulnerabilities for critical drinking water and wastewater systems. Funding is available for both cybersecurity assessments and implementation based on best practices and regulatory requirements. EFC's Community Assistance Teams are available to provide no-cost guidance and tools to help water and wastewater systems implement cybersecurity best practices. Communities can request one-on-one consultations and access centralized training and best practice resources.

**Deadline: May 15, 2026**

**NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)**  
**Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) Program**  
<https://efc.ny.gov/EPG>

EFC will offer grants to municipalities to help fund the initial planning of water quality capital projects meeting Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) eligibility requirements. Grants of up to \$100,000 are available to municipalities to fund engineering and planning activities that result in an acceptable Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Report or Preliminary Inflow and Infiltration (PII) Study for sanitary sewer systems. Engineering services must be procured in accordance with federal qualifications-based requirements. The goal of the EPG program is to encourage communities to advance water quality projects to the design stage, and ultimately construction, by funding the development of an engineering report. This allows the community to seek financing through the CWSRF program or funding from other sources.

**Deadline: June 12, 2026**

**New York Farm Viability Institute (NYFVI)**  
**2026 NYS Beginning Farmer Competitive Grant Program (BFCG)**  
<https://nyfvi.org/grant-programs/producer-grants/beginning-farmer/2026-bf/>

Eligible activities: start-up, improvement or expansion of farm operations; purchase of land, machinery, equipment, or livestock; construction or improvement of structures; marketing initiatives; worker or apprenticeship training; other business needs tied to financial impact. Applicants must be a New York beginning farmer with 10 years or less of farm operation experience and who will materially and substantially participate in operating a farm in NYS; and must demonstrate the potential for the project to grow the business and improve financial sustainability. All applicants whose farm generated less than \$1,000 in the previous year must provide a business plan. Proposals may support a business that produces any type of agricultural product, with the exception of cannabis.

**Deadline: June 14, 2026**

**NYS Department of State Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure  
Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants**

<https://dos.ny.gov/clean-water-clean-air-and-green-jobs-environmental-bond-act-2022-community-resilience-and-flood>

These grants will enhance community resilience and reduce flood risk through the implementation of the following project types: Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects; and Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Implementation Projects DOS and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will host **a live webinar on April 7, 2026** at 10:30 AM.  
**Deadline: June 26, 2026**

**NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets**

**RFP 0397 - Farmland Protection Staff Capacity Grants Pilot Program**

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0397-farmland-protection-staff-capacity-grants-pilot-program>

Eligible projects will increase staff capacity for planning and implementing farmland protection projects at the local or regional level. The additional staff capacity will seek out, evaluate, and complete agricultural conservation easement projects across the state. Proposals for funding will be accepted from counties, municipalities, soil and water conservation districts, and not-for-profit conservation organizations as defined in section 49-0303 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law (i.e., land trusts or land conservancies).

**Deadline: June 26, 2026**

**National Endowment for the Arts**

**FY27 Grants for Arts Projects (GAP)**

<https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects>

Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) enable Americans to experience the arts, foster and celebrate America's artistic heritage and cultural legacy, and benefit from arts education. They also support arts and health programs, including creative arts therapies, that advance the well-being of people and communities. Projects in the following disciplines are eligible: Arts Education, Challenge America, Dance, Design & Our Town, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Museums, Music, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater & Musical Theater, and Visual & Media Arts. Eligible applicants are: 501(c)(3) organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes.

**Deadline: July 9, 2026**

**Northern New York Community Foundation**

<https://nnycf.org/>

**Nonprofit Capacity Building Initiative**

[bit.ly/NPOCapacity](https://bit.ly/NPOCapacity)

This program encourages local nonprofit organizations to assess their present operational model and identify an area of the organization that needs improvement. Grants up to \$5,000 may be awarded to nonprofits seeking outside expertise and resources to develop and grow their internal structure and practices. Examples of capacity building requests may include, but are not limited

to: Strategic planning, executive and leadership coaching, grant writing and seeking support, fundraising and development strategy, governance and board development, organization assessments, nonprofit collaboration plans and joint ventures, and more. A conversation with Community Foundation staff is encouraged before starting an application.

**Deadline: Rolling**

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

**Tug Hill Commission Non-Profit Bootcamp Session #6  
Navigating the Statewide Financial System (SFS) for Nonprofits**

**When/where: via Zoom, Thursday, April 2, 2026, 12-1pm**

This session will provide an overview of the Statewide Financial System (SFS) and how nonprofits can successfully use it to access funding opportunities. Topics include the prequalification process, required documentation, how to search for grant opportunities, and tips to help your organization be ready to apply. Register at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_\\_cnB14PpQtqjpvmtE5kRQ#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__cnB14PpQtqjpvmtE5kRQ#/registration)

**NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Community Assistance Teams**

EFC offers ongoing technical assistance and webinars on topics such as the Water Quality Improvement Program; Green Resiliency; Community Development Block Grants.

See calendar and register or request a meeting at <https://efc.ny.gov/CAT>

**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 wastewater infrastructure; community resiliency; flood resiliency.