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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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*****Changes Proposed for Federal Financial Assistance***
Comments on the proposed changes are due no later than July 13, 2026**

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published a proposed rule in the Federal Register rewriting 2 CFR 200, commonly known as the Uniform Guidance, on May 29, 2026. The proposed rule is government-wide and would apply to every federal grant, cooperative agreement and pass-through award. This is cumbersome reading; the changes are linked to a number of Executive Orders, including:

14151: Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing
14168: Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government
14173: Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity
14182: Enforcing the Hyde Amendment
14187: Protecting Children From Chemical and Surgical Mutilation
14192: Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation
14222: Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Cost Efficiency Initiative
14281: Restoring Equality of Opportunity and Meritocracy
*14332: Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking

Read the proposed rule at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/05/29/2026-10817/regulation-for-federal-financial-assistance>

See a list of Executive Orders at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/presidential-documents/executive-orders/donald-trump/2025>

*Salient aspects of EO 14332, from my perspective, include:

- Agency heads shall designate a senior appointee (defined as "an individual appointed by the President, a non-career member of the Senior Executive Service, or an employee encumbering a Senior Level, Scientific and Professional, or Grade 15 position in Schedule C of the excepted service") to ensure that discretionary grants are consistent with agency priorities and the national interest.

- Senior appointees will review discretionary awards on an annual basis for consistency with agency priorities and substantial progress.
- Agencies shall not issue any new funding opportunity announcements without prior approval from the senior appointee until this process is in place.
- Senior appointees and their designees shall not ministerially ratify or routinely defer to the recommendations of others in reviewing funding opportunity announcements or discretionary awards, but shall instead use their independent judgment.
- Discretionary awards must, where applicable, demonstrably advance the President's policy priorities.
- Discretionary grants will be required to permit termination for convenience, including when the award no longer advances agency priorities or the national interest.
- Agency heads are to take steps to revise the terms and conditions of existing discretionary grants to permit immediate termination for convenience, or clarify that such termination is permitted, including if the award no longer advances agency priorities or the national interest.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY)
New York Places for Learning, Activity, and Youth Socialization (NY PLAYS) Initiative**
<https://www.dasny.org/PLAYS>

NY PLAYS is a \$67.5 million competitive grant program that supports the design, construction, and renovation of public playgrounds across New York State. NY PLAYS helps communities expand access to safe, welcoming outdoor spaces that promote physical activity, emotional well-being, and in-person social connection for children and families.

Deadline: June 15, 2026

FEMA

**Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)
Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)**
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters>

Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) to fire departments and other emergency medical services agencies. Recipients can use the money to acquire personal protective equipment and emergency response vehicles. They can also use it to fund health, wellness and resiliency initiatives to prepare responders for incidents.

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) funding to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations. Recipients can use this money to pay salaries for firefighters, enabling them to stay well-staffed. They can also use the money to recruit more people into the fire service and retain them.

Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant program to fire departments and non-profit organizations, academic and other research-oriented institutions. Recipients can use this money to fund research and clinical studies focused on community fire prevention and firefighter safety, health and well-being.

Deadline: June 22, 2026

USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>

Entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including: State and local governments; federally recognized Tribes; non-profit organizations; and for-profit businesses are eligible for awards from \$50,000 to \$750,000, with a 15% match. Funds can be used to purchase or support: audio, video, and interactive video equipment; broadband facilities used for distance learning or telemedicine (up to a certain percentage); computer hardware, network components, and software; instructional programming; limited technical assistance and instruction on how to use distance learning and telemedicine equipment.

Deadline: June 30, 2026

RIT/New York State Pollution Prevention Institute 2026-2027 Community Impact Accelerator Grant (CIAG)

<https://www.rit.edu/affiliate/nvsp2i/community-impact-accelerator>

This opportunity is designed to support scalable, community-led pollution prevention initiatives across New York State. The CIAG Program advances awareness, understanding, and adoption of pollution prevention (P2) practices at the local level while supporting implementation projects that can be replicated across organizations and communities statewide. Funded projects are intended to generate measurable environmental and public-health benefits that extend well beyond the direct investment of the grant. Projects funded through the program must be designed for replication and statewide impact and align with NYSP2I's Impact Accelerator Requirements. Up to 10 projects will be selected for awards ranging from \$30,000–\$50,000.

Deadline: July 1, 2026

NYS Council on the Arts

Support for Organizations, Support for Sponsored Organizations, Support for Artists, Support for Targeted Opportunities, and Support for Re grants and Services

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

Support for Organizations: Provides flexible general operating and programming funding for non-profit organizations. Awards range from \$10,000 to \$49,500 and may not exceed 50% of an organization's operating expenses for the fiscal year ending in 2025.

Support for Sponsored Organizations: Flexible operating support for organizations that may need to apply through a fiscal sponsor organization. Examples include: not yet incorporated arts entities; arts organizations that exist under the umbrella of a nonprofit that does not have arts and culture as its primary mission; and publicly-focused arts organizations that are part of a college or university.

Support for Artists: Funds creative commissions to individual artists across the state. Applicants must apply through a non-profit fiscal sponsor. NYSCA embraces the rich diversity of artmaking across New York, and applicants from all artistic practices and disciplines are encouraged to apply. Grant awards are \$10,000; fiscal sponsors may retain a maximum of \$500 for administrative costs.

Support for Targeted Opportunities: (Formerly Special Opportunities) These opportunities provide funding for creative performance residencies, subsidized rehearsal spaces for all performing art forms, and folk arts apprenticeships.

Support for Re-grants and Services: (Formerly Partnerships) Supports regrant and partner organizations across all 62 counties while identifying new opportunities to ensure the greater reach of NYSCA funding and greater access for new applicants.

Deadline: July 8, 2026

**NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)
Water Infrastructure Improvement and Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grants**
<https://efc.ny.gov/wiia>

Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) grants help municipalities affordably undertake critical wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. The program demonstrates the State's nation-leading commitment to upgrading water and sewer systems, reducing pollution, and safeguarding drinking water supplies from emerging contaminants and toxic chemicals.

Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grants (IMG) program grants are available for both drinking water and wastewater projects that serve multiple municipalities, such as a shared water quality infrastructure project or the interconnection of multiple municipal water systems.

Any community needing assistance with water infrastructure projects is encouraged to contact EFC. See below for information on EFC's Community Assistance Teams.

Deadline: July 27, 2026

**NY Kicks
NYS Empire State Development (ESD)**

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

NY Kicks will provide capital grants to support the creation, expansion and enhancement of community soccer fields. The FY27 Budget also includes funding for a companion grant program to fund programming, equipment, training, and other operating costs. Eligible project costs for capital grant program include site preparation, permanent field infrastructure, utility infrastructure and paving. Applicants may include municipalities, public authorities and non-profit organizations. This program is part of the 2026 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). For program guidelines, go to the website above and select the 2026 CFA Available Resources.

Deadline: July 31, 2026

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

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.

Upcoming webinars and Q&A Sessions:

- NYS Office of Homes & Community Renewal – June 16
- NYS Department of State – June 23
- NYS DEC, DOH, DOS, and HCR – June 26
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation – June 30

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

NYSDEC Sustainable Business Navigator

<https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/sustainable-business-navigator>

Learn How to Green Your Small Business! DEC's Sustainable Business Navigator (SBN) provides fast, free, and impactful advice to help small businesses meet their sustainability and cost-cutting goals. Businesses that participate in the program have a one-hour conversation with DEC's sustainability experts on topics that matter to them. Since one size doesn't fit all, what sustainability topics you want to talk about are up to you. Conversations can take place either on location at your business or virtually, depending on your preference and staff availability.