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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

August 19, 2025

Please note these potential/pending changes in the federal grantmaking landscape:

- Executive Order (EO) Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking issued 8/7/25. This EO will, among other things, allow the termination of new and existing contracts for convenience. The EO is available in full at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/08/improving-oversight-of-federal-grantmaking/>.
- The Northern Border Regional Commission and its funding are currently excluded from the proposed federal budget. NBRC has made awards of over \$14.2 million in St. Lawrence County alone since its creation.
- A “new census” could impact distribution of formula-based funds.

United Way of Northern New York Community Impact Grants

<https://unitedway-nny.org/community-impact-grant-portal-opens-july-28/>

Community Impact grants support nonprofit programs that make a measurable difference in the lives of people across Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties. Funding is available for initiatives that align with one or more of United Way’s core focus areas: Social Determinants of Health; Child & Youth Success; and Economic Stability.

Deadline: August 29, 2025

NYS DEC/NYS Department of State/Adirondack Park Agency Adirondack Park and Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Grants

<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/open-space/smart-growth-in-adirondack-park-catskill-park>

Grants will support key projects that build on comprehensive planning and economic development activities. DEC seeks capital projects and community development initiatives that link environmental protection, economic development and community livability. The program provides additional evaluation points towards regional or park-wide projects and projects that address affordable housing. There is a separate category for development of and updates to comprehensive plans and local land use plans. Applicants must be a county, town, or village located wholly or partially within the Adirondack Park or a not-for-profit organization.

Deadline: October 1, 2025

**Northern Border Regional Commission
Catalyst Grant, Forest Economy Program, Timber for Transit Program**

<https://www.nbrc.gov/>

Deadlines: Pre-applications (required) are due August 29, 2025; Application (By Invitation) due on October 10, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: NBRC AND ITS FUNDING ARE CURRENTLY EXCLUDED FROM THE PROPOSED FEDERAL BUDGET.

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) & Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY)

New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming (NY SWIMS)

<https://www.dasny.org/SWIMSRound2>

At least \$25 million of the available funding is reserved for projects in underserved communities, ensuring equitable access to safe swimming opportunities across New York. Eligible municipalities and nonprofit organizations can apply for grants ranging from \$250,000 to \$10 million for projects that expand swimming opportunities. Grant recipients must provide a 20-percent match toward total project costs. Eligible projects include the design, construction, renovation, or improvement of swimming facilities and related infrastructure such as bathhouses, public restrooms and accessibility features. A webinar for potential applicants will be available September 3, 2025. NY SWIMS supports projects that create new swimming facilities or significantly improve existing ones. Eligible improvements include swimming pools, natural swimming areas, required safety amenities, and accessibility enhancements that expand community access to these vital facilities.

Deadline: October 30, 2025

SLC Arts

Statewide Community ReGrant Program

<https://slcartscouncil.org/grants/>

Individual artists, municipalities, libraries, 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations can apply directly for grants. Others may be eligible to apply with the help of a sponsoring organization. Grants are project based and support cultural programming in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties of New York State, as well as the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation. Applicants are required to attend an info session and/or meet with the Grant Coordinator before submitting an application. See website for contact information and scheduled information sessions.

Deadline: November 14, 2025

New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets

Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfa-0344-urban-farms-and-community-gardens-grant-program>

This program supports community growing spaces and their impact on local food resiliency and food security for New Yorkers. Funds may be used to fund worker wages, contractual expenses, equipment, and other operating expenses of urban farms, school gardens, and community gardens. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations, not-for-profit educational institutions, municipal government entities, and Indian tribal organizations.

Deadline: September 5, 2025

U.S. DOJ Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

FY25 Increasing Availability of Medical Forensic Exams for Victims of Sexual Assault

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360132>

This funding opportunity seeks to increase the availability of medical forensic exams for sexual assault victims. Ideal award recipients will develop or expand Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SANE/SAFE) programs; hire certified SANEs/SAFEs; establish or enhance coordination between law enforcement agencies, healthcare facilities, and victim advocates; and retain SANE nurses by addressing vicarious trauma and burnout. This program does not require local matching funds.

Deadline: DOJ uses a two-step process. The application form (SF-424) is due August 29, and the full application is due September 8, 2025.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)

Clean Mobility Program

<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Mobility-Program>

The Clean Mobility Program will competitively award funding to local governments, transit operators, community-based organizations, or employers with more than 1,000 employees for demonstration projects that advance innovative clean mobility options to address transportation challenges. Proposed solutions must expand access to shared zero-emission transportation options and create long-term affordable options. Eligible technologies include bikes, electric bikes (e-bikes) and electric scooters (e-scooters), on-demand electric vehicle ride-hailing, and small-scale, on-demand electric public transit services, or shared electric vehicle options.

Deadline: September 25, 2025

NYSDEC

Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program (MWR&R)

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/waste-management/grants/recycling-coordination-education-projects>

Eligible projects for state assistance under this program include planning, educational and promotional activities to increase public awareness of and participation in waste reduction and recycling. Municipalities may request up to 50% funding toward costs for recycling coordination, publications, education and outreach for recycling and waste reduction.

Deadline: The application period is August, September and October of each year.

NYSDEC

Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant (VFA)

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

Fire departments eligible to apply may receive grant funding up to \$2,500 for the purchase of firefighting equipment. Fire departments are required to equally match (50/50) the amount of the grant award. As an example, a fire department is required to spend up to \$5,000 on the purchase of approved firefighting equipment in order to be reimbursed an equal grant amount up to \$2,500. This is a straight-forward, two-page application.

Deadline: 2025 round is anticipated in the late fall.

Clif Family Foundation Grants

<https://cliffamilyfoundation.org/about-us>

The foundation's mission is to transform food systems, revitalize the environment, and enhance community health. Open Call grants support general operating cost or specific projects and applicants must be registered as (or fiscally sponsored by) a 501(c)3 organization. Typical grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and last for one year. Current priorities are:

- Regenerative and Organic Farming
- Food Production Workers' Health and Safety
- Climate Justice
- Healthy Food Access
- Inclusive Outdoor Access
- Indoors and Outdoors Safe from Pollution

Deadline: Applications are reviewed twice a year; the deadlines are March 1 and August 1. Grant announcements occur approximately four months after the deadline.

Red Rover: Resources for Domestic Violence

<https://redrover.org/>

RedRover's mission is to bring animals out of crisis and strengthen the bond between people and animals through emergency sheltering, disaster-relief services, financial assistance, and education.

Safe Escape Grants

The RedRover Relief Safe Escape grant program helps families with pets safely escape domestic violence together. Funding is mainly provided to help with the cost of one month of pet boarding while a survivor is in a domestic violence shelter, though other costs associated with boarding (like vaccinations) can be considered. Assistance does not typically cover pet boarding once the survivor has moved from the safe house into transitional housing. Applications must be submitted by a domestic violence advocate and we will respond within one business day.

Deadline: Open

Safe Housing Grants for domestic violence and animal organizations

Grants of up to \$60,000 are offered to nonprofit domestic violence and animal organizations across the United States. Funding may be used to build or renovate spaces dedicated to housing survivor's pets, begin a foster program to care for survivor's pets, pay for temporary boarding for survivor's pets, or a combination of services that will best serve your community. Grant funds may also be used for routine veterinary care, emergency veterinary care, and pet deposits.

Deadlines: March 1, June 1 and September 1, annually.

Safe Housing Grants for nonprofit homeless shelters

RedRover is also offering grants of up to \$60,000 to nonprofit homeless shelters to become pet friendly. These grants will follow the same guidelines as RedRover's other Safe Housing grants, with the focus for this funding being solutions to keep people and pets in shelter together. Please note that homeless shelters have their own application.

Deadlines: March 1, June 1 and September 1, annually.

**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 and 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.

Deadline: Rolling

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

Small Budget, Big Impact: A Nonprofit Marketing Playbook

Sponsored by the United Way Northern New York

11:45am-1:00pm September 11, 2025 via Zoom

This session will explore innovative, cost-effective marketing strategies that help nonprofits maximize their impact without breaking the bank, including digital marketing, social media, branding, content marketing, partnerships, leveraging your board and advocates, and media planning. More information and registration at:

<https://unitedway-nny.org/events/lunch-learn-united-small-budget-big-impact-a-nonprofit-marketing-playbook/>