

# Community Development and Local Government Assistance

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- Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Grant Program

## NEW YORK STATE CANALWAYS

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## OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND

# LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM



2026 GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

JUNE 16, 2026

# LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

The LWRP program provides technical and financial assistance for planning and implementation projects which achieve more resilient and accessible waterfront communities.

## Grant Categories:

- Preparing or Updating a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, including Updating an LWRP to be More Resilient to Climate Risks
- Preparing an LWRP Component, including a Watershed Management Plan
- Implementing an LWRP or LWRP Component

## 2026 Program Priorities:

### **Creating safe, accessible and inviting public waterfront destinations**

Implementation projects which prioritize in their design accessibility to people of all ages and all physical, cognitive, and sensory abilities. Project design and budget should explicitly incorporate Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and other creative solutions to maximize accessibility by making public spaces and facilities more inclusive.

## Eligible Applicants:

For general planning, such as preparation of an LWRP or Watershed Management Plan, an applicant must be a village, town, or city located along New York's coast or a designated inland waterway. Counties or Regional Planning Councils may also apply with the written consent and on behalf of one or more eligible villages, towns or cities.

For project-specific planning, feasibility, design, and/or marketing, the eligible applicant must be currently preparing or have an approved LWRP or LWRP Component.

For construction projects, the eligible applicant must have an approved or substantially complete LWRP or relevant LWRP Component.

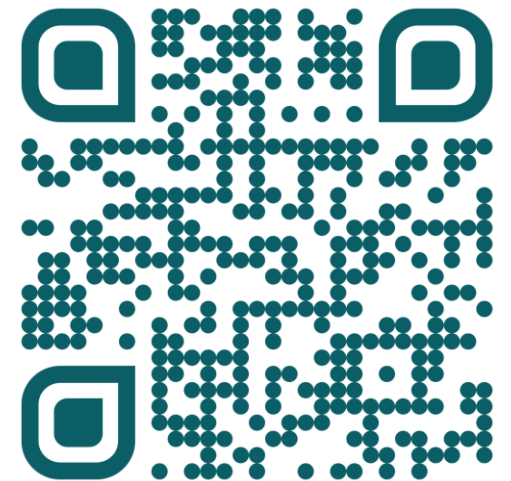
**State Assistance Request Minimum = \$75,000 and Maximum = \$2,000,000**

**State assistance 75%, local match 25%.**

**If the project is located in an environmental justice area or a disadvantaged community (DAC), then State assistance 85%, local match 15%.**

**For LWRP Request for Applications, scan the QR code or visit: [dos.ny.gov/26-27-EPF-LWRP](https://dos.ny.gov/26-27-EPF-LWRP)**

**Email Questions to [LWRP@dos.ny.gov](mailto:LWRP@dos.ny.gov) by June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Responses will be posted to DOS website on July 10<sup>th</sup>.**





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# Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program



2026 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION

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# BOA Program Objective

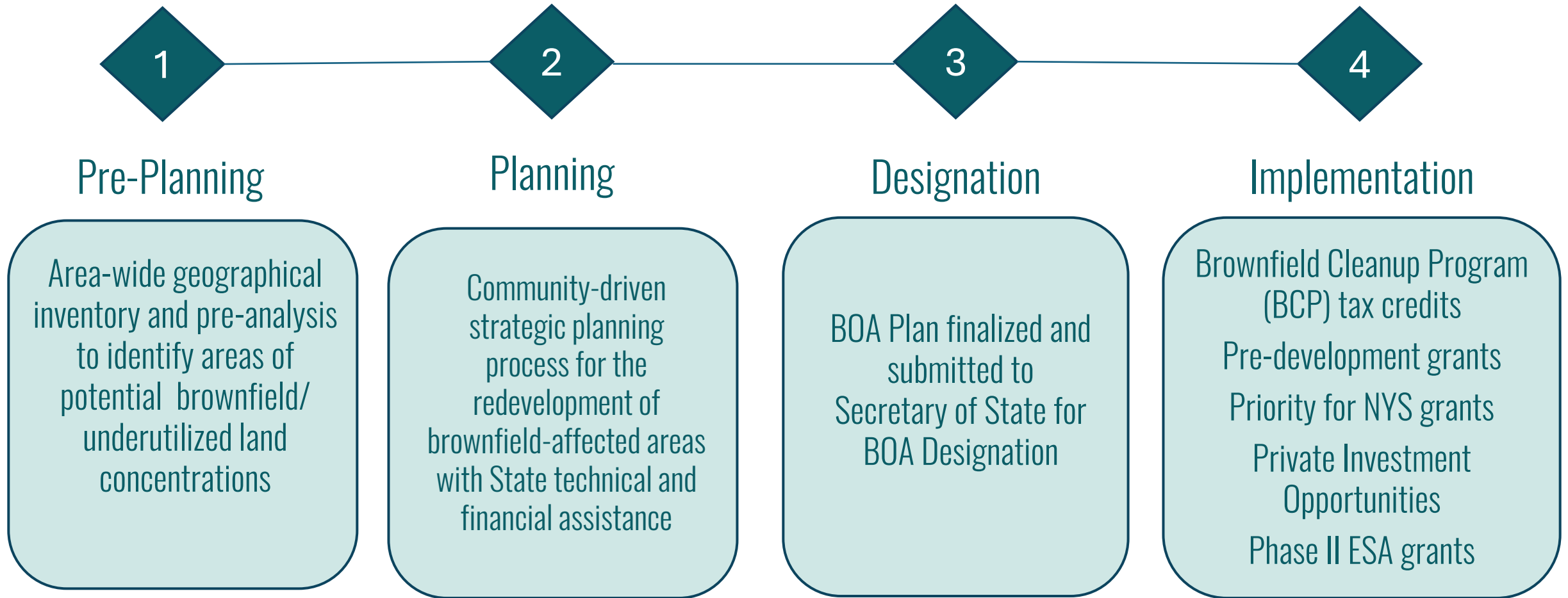
The BOA program applies a Smart Growth approach to brownfield assessment and redevelopment, facilitating the transition of areas of historical disinvestment into productive centers, creating jobs, housing, and public amenities for residents and visitors.



## Eligible Activities:

1. Pre-Planning: Brownfield Identification and Preliminary Analysis
2. Planning: Development or Update of a BOA Plan
3. Predevelopment Activities within a State-Designated BOA
4. Phase II Environmental Site Assessments within a State-Designated BOA

# BOA Program: A Multi-Step Process for Revitalization



# BOA Funding Assistance

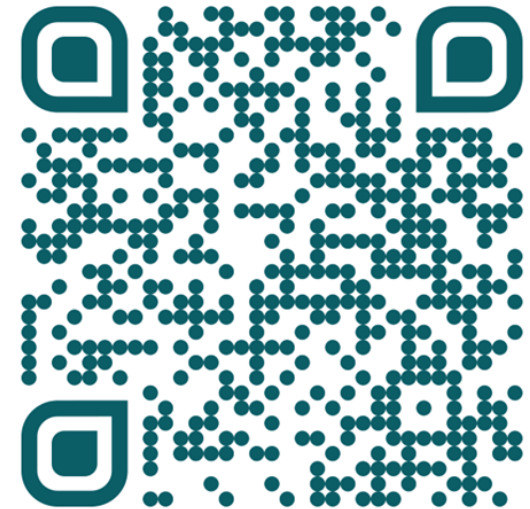
## State Assistance Request:

- Minimum = \$100,000 per application
- Maximum = \$300,000 per BOA Pre-Planning, BOA Plan (Nomination), and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Applications
- Maximum = \$400,000 per BOA Predevelopment Activities Application

State Assistance: Up to 90% of the total eligible project

Email BOA Questions to: [BOA@dos.ny.gov](mailto:BOA@dos.ny.gov) by June 12, 2026

BOA Request for Applications: <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>





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# SMART GROWTH COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM

RFA #26-OPDSG-18

JUNE 16, 2026



# DOS SMART GROWTH PRINCIPLES

1. Allow for and encourage neighborhoods with a mix of uses, such as residential, commercial and community spaces.
2. Enable a diverse mix of housing types, providing opportunity and choice for people of all ages, abilities and incomes.
3. Prioritize infill and redevelopment of existing buildings to revitalize neighborhoods and downtowns, including areas around public transit.
4. Provide well-planned, equitable, and accessible public spaces for people of all ages and abilities.
5. Encourage compact neighborhood design and concentrated development around existing infrastructure.
6. Preserve open space, agricultural resources and natural resources.
7. Prioritize transportation options that are safe and accessible for everyone, including pedestrians, cyclists and public transit users.
8. Promote climate resiliency and adaptation, preferably through nature-based solutions, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
9. Build on unique traits to create an attractive and welcoming community with a strong sense of place.
10. Engage in an inclusive, collaborative public planning process that considers the needs and character of the community.

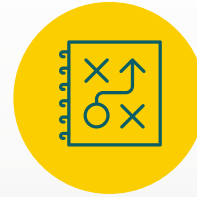
# ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

Approximately \$3.9 Million available in FY 2026:

Eligible applicants are:

- Towns, village, cities, and counties
- Counties on behalf of towns, villages or cities
- Non-profit organizations on behalf of towns, villages, cities, and counties
- Regional Planning entities on behalf of eligible municipalities and counties
- Towns, villages, and cities with a non-profit or regional planning board jointly

All eligible projects **MUST** incorporate DOS' Smart Growth Principles



Preparation and local adoption of a new or updated comprehensive plan for an entire town, village, city, or county



Preparation and local adoption of new or updated community wide zoning regulations for a town, village, or city that implement a comprehensive plan



Amendment of existing zoning regulations for part of a town, village, or city to implement an existing comprehensive plan or previously adopted area plan

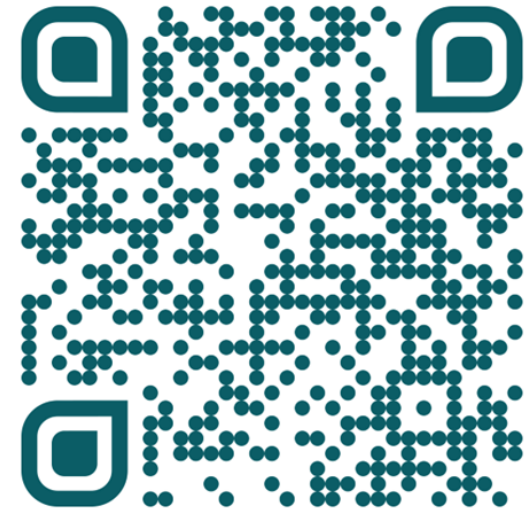


Preparation and local adoption of a new or updated area plan for part of a town, village, or city

\*may be paired with zoning update

# APPLICATION OVERVIEW

- **Approximately \$3.9 Million** available in FY 2026
- Minimum State Assistance request: \$75,000
- State assistance shall not exceed 75% of eligible project costs, up to 85% of eligible costs for qualifying communities
  - Environmental Justice or DAC
  - Housing Burden
  - Child Care Desert
- Email SGCP Questions to [Smart.Growth@dos.ny.gov](mailto:Smart.Growth@dos.ny.gov) by June 12, 2026
- SGCP Request for Applications (RFA# 26-OPDSG-18) : <https://www.dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>



# Canalway Grant Program Overview

- Awards up to \$1 million dollars annually in competitive grants for Canal-related capital projects across the NYS Canal System.
- Applicants may include eligible counties, municipalities, units of local government, 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, and federally recognized Native American Nations.
- Grant award amounts range from a minimum of \$25K to a maximum of \$150K.
- Awardees must demonstrate a 1:1 grant match if awarded funding. Reimbursement based program.
- Eligible match may include federal, local, private and other agency state funding, in-kind services, force account labor, materials and supplies, professional services, real property, and/or cash.
- Projects must be located in communities adjacent to one of the Canal System's four canal segments (Erie, Champlain, Oswego or Cayuga-Seneca), along trail linkages or connections to existing trail segments, or along the historic Erie Canal alignment.
- Projects must be located on land owned by the applicant and/or Canal Corporation.
- Projects must be completed within 2-years of being awarded.



# Canalway Grant Program Overview

## Program Priority Pillars:

1. Strengthening Communities and Local Economies
2. Preserving and Showcasing Canal History
3. Promoting Environmental Stewardship
4. Alignment with the Canal Recreationway Plan 2050

## Project Evaluation Criteria:

- Strategic Alignment
- Project Support and Advocacy
- Implementation and Project Readiness
- Overall Effectiveness and Impact
- Financial Viability and Funding Leveraged

## Project Examples and Themes

- Constructing or rehabilitating docks or bulkheads for the purpose of public access to and from the Canal System.
- Constructing or rehabilitating existing playground, park, or other recreation-based infrastructure and amenities.
- Constructing or renovating existing buildings or restroom facilities.
- Site preparation and improvements associated with a project such as excavation, demolition, roadways, sidewalks, exterior lighting, sprinkler systems, utility hook-ups).
- Accessible amenities for individuals with developmental, physical, or other disabilities including accessible kayak launches, adult changing stations, playground equipment, ramps, signage, and sensory and technological aids.
- Wayfinding and signage projects.
- Renovations to existing trail segments, the creation of new trail segments, and/or the implementation of trail amenities.
- Rehab or construction of new parking lots and trailheads.
- Creative placemaking projects, art installations, and other cultural amenities that highlight historic or existing connections to the New York State Canal System.

# Canalway Grant Program

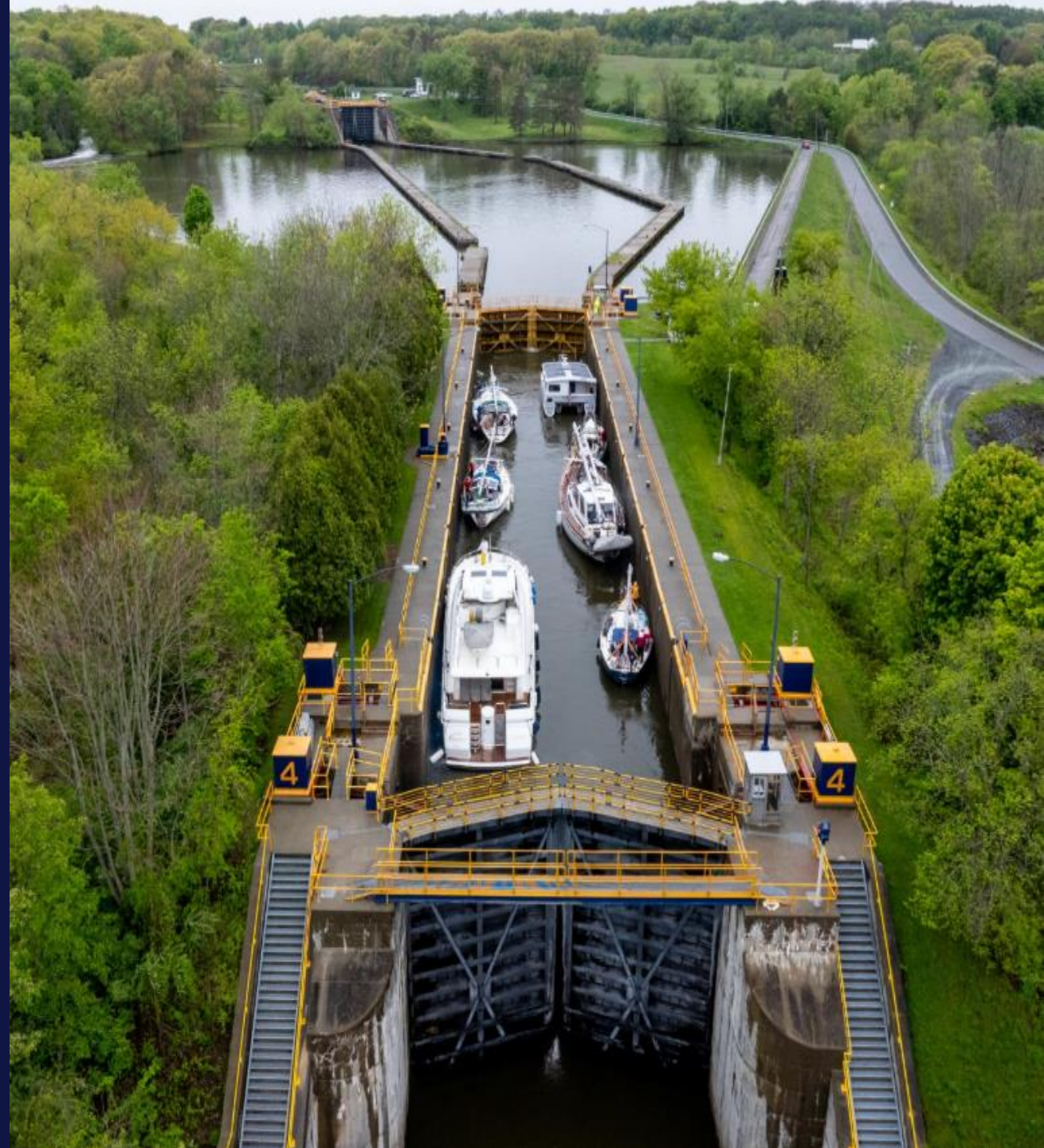
## Questions?

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## More Information?

NYS Canal Corporation Website:  
[www.canals.ny.gov](http://www.canals.ny.gov)

Canalway Grant Program Website:  
<https://www.canals.ny.gov/Doing-Business/Grants/Canalway-Grant-Program>





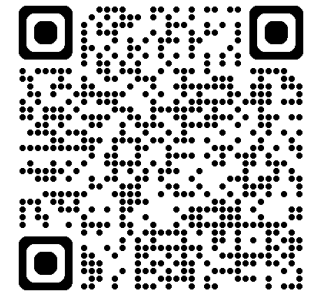
New York State  
Parks, Recreation and  
Historic Preservation

CONSOLIDATED FUNDING  
APPLICATION 2026

# **Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage**

- **Parks**
- **Historic Preservation**
- **Heritage Areas**
- **Planning**
- **Acquisition**
- **Development**

[parks.ny.gov/grants/environmental-protection-fund.aspx](https://parks.ny.gov/grants/environmental-protection-fund.aspx)



# Eligible Applicants:

- ❖ Municipalities
- ❖ Not-for-profit organizations
- Must have ownership interest in the property



# Funding:



- Reimbursement
  - 50% (50% Local Match)
  - 75% if poverty > 10% (25% local match)
- \$675,000 maximum grant



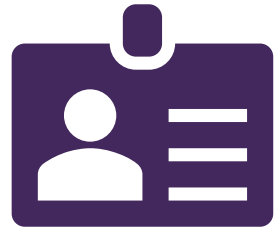
Homes and  
Community Renewal

**NEW YORK MAIN STREET (NYMS) PROGRAM**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

2026 CFA

# 2026 NEW YORK MAIN STREET PROGRAM



## Eligible Applicants

Counties

Cities, Towns, Villages designated as a Pro-Housing Community

Organizations incorporated under NYS Not-For-Profit Corporation Law



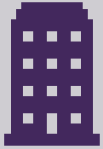
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Downtown Stabilization

Target Area Building Renovation

Downtown Anchor

# 2026 NEW YORK MAIN STREET PROGRAM



## Downtown Stabilization

\$100,000 to \$500,000

Environmental testing and remediation, building stabilization

Innovative approach to stabilizing and re-developing mixed use buildings. Match required



## Target Area Building Renovation

\$50,000 to \$500,000

Matching grant for renovation of mixed-use buildings in target area

Up to \$50,000 per building, up to \$25,000 per residential building

Maximum \$100,000 per building



## Downtown Anchor

\$100,000 to \$500,000

Assist with standalone, single site, shovel ready project  
Must be key to local revitalization efforts. Match required

# 2026 CDBG PROGRAM



## Eligible Applicants

Counties  
Cities  
Towns  
Villages



## Eligible Activities

Public Infrastructure  
Public Facility  
Economic Development & Microenterprise Assistance  
Community Planning (CP)  
Imminent Threat

*Applicants must be non-entitlement municipalities eligible to receive NYS CDBG funding through the State*

# 2026 CDBG PROGRAM



## Public Infrastructure

Up to \$2,000,000  
Drinking Water Systems  
Wastewater Systems  
Stormwater Management



## Public Facility

Up to \$1,000,000  
Accessibility Modifications  
Senior Centers – Congregate Meal Sites – Community Center  
Emergency Facility and Equipment



## Economic Development

From \$25,000 up to \$750,000  
Assistance to businesses creating permanent jobs  
Microenterprise assistance available for very small businesses (5 or fewer employees)  
Up to \$35,000 available per microenterprise business



## Community Planning

Up to \$50,000  
•Preliminary Engineering  
•Needs Assessment  
•Downtown Market Analysis



## Imminent Threat

Up to \$1,000,000  
Clearance and demolition of blighted buildings  
Pose a public health or safety concern

[OCR\\_CFA@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:OCR_CFA@hcr.ny.gov)



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