

# WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (WQIP) PROGRAM



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## Program Description

The Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program is a competitive, statewide grant program that funds projects that directly address documented water quality impairments or protect drinking water supplies. Match requirements are specific to the project type; they typically range from 25% to 60%. Combatting the impacts of harmful algal blooms (HABs) in our waters is a high priority for New York State and the WQIP program.

## Application Details

- Apply through the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) Consolidated Funding Application ([regionalcouncils.ny.gov](http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov))
- Approximate timeframe to submit applications: early May through the end of July
- To view the 2018 WQIP Program Overview, visit DEC's website: [www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html)
- Note that program priorities and requirements are subject to change from year to year

## Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities
- Municipal corporations
- Soil and water conservation districts
- Not-for-profit corporations (for specific project types)

## Eligible Activities

- Wastewater treatment improvement
- Non-agricultural nonpoint source abatement and control
- Land acquisition for source water protection
- Salt storage
- Aquatic habitat restoration
- Municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4)

## Pre-Application Requirements

- All municipalities and soil and water conservation districts must register in the NYS Grants Gateway system to be eligible for this grant ([grantsreform.ny.gov](http://grantsreform.ny.gov)).
- All not-for-profits must register and prequalify in the NYS Grants Gateway system to be eligible for this grant ([grantsreform.ny.gov](http://grantsreform.ny.gov)).

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