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Funding Source Guide

Resiliency Funding Sources for New York State
Watersheds and Water Infrastructure
(Non-Agricultural)

Federal Funding

Name	Source	Description	Eligible Applicants	Website
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)	USDA-RD	This grant helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water.	Most state and local governments, federally recognized tribes and nonprofits providing technical assistance to rural areas with 10,000 or fewer people	https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny
Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities (SEARCH)	USDA-RD	This program assists low-income communities with initial planning and development of applications including but not limited to predevelopment feasibility studies, design and engineering assistance, and technical assistance for funding applications.	Most state and local governments that serve populations 2,500 or less, nonprofits	https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny
Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants	USDA-RD	This program assists low-income communities with initial planning and development of applications for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee programs, in rural areas and towns of 10,000 or less, with median household income.	Most state and local governments, nonprofits	https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny
Water and Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program in New York	USDA-RD	This program provides funding for projects involving drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas and towns of 10,000 or less.	Most state and local governments, nonprofits	https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny
Water and Waste Water Disposal Technical Assistance and Training Grants	USDA-RD	This program helps nonprofits to identify and evaluate solutions to water and wastewater problems, helps nonprofits prepare grant applications for water and wastewater disposal loans/grants, and assists in improving operations and maintenance for existing facilities in eligible rural areas.	Nonprofits and associations capable of providing technical assistance to rural areas with 10,000 or fewer people	https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	USDA- Forest Service	This competitive opportunity funds projects that address invasive species, nonpoint source pollution impacts on nearshore health, and coastal habitat restoration activities to improve water quality in the Great Lakes Basin.	Most state and local governments, nonprofits	https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/working-with-us/grants/great-lakes-restoration-initiative
Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program	USEPA	The WIFIA program accelerates investment in water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.	Local, state, tribal, and federal government entities, Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs	https://www.epa.gov/wifia
Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program	FEMA / NYS DHSES	PDM and FMA funds are available for projects and plans that: reduce overall risk to people and structures from future events and decrease reliance on Federal funding in future disasters (PDM Program), and reduce or eliminate long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (FMA program).	Local and state government authorities and agencies and Federally-recognized Tribal governments; must apply through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance http://www.dhses.ny.gov/recovery/
National Coastal Resilience Fund	NFWF	This fund restores, increases and strengthens natural infrastructure to protect coastal communities and enhances habitats for fish and wildlife. Eligible activities include site design and assessments, final project design and implementation, and restoration and monitoring.	Most state and local governments and non-profits	https://www.nfwf.org/coastalresilience/
Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund – Small Watershed Grants	NFWF	The Small Watershed Grants promote community-based efforts to implement conservation strategies to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.	Local governments, municipalities, Indian tribes, K-12 Educational Institutions	https://www.nfwf.org/chesapeake/
Long Island Sound Futures Fund	NFWF	NFWF's Long Island Sound Futures Fund supports projects in local communities that aim to protect and restore the Long Island Sound.	Non-profit organizations, state government agencies, municipalities, Indian tribes, and educational institutions.	https://www.nfwf.org/lisff/

State Funding

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Hudson River Estuary Grant Program	NYS DEC	DEC provides funding through the Hudson River Estuary Program to implement Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda priorities, to conserve or improve clean water; fish, wildlife and their habitats; waterway access; the resiliency of communities; and river scenery.	Municipalities and nonprofits located within estuary watershed boundary	https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/
Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning Grant*	NYS DEC	This competitive, reimbursement grant program funds planning reports for nonpoint source water quality improvement projects such as green infrastructure retrofits, beach restoration, culvert repair, streambank stabilization, and nature-based shoreline projects.	NYS municipalities and Soil and Water Conservation Districts	https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html
Trees for Tribs Grant Program*	NYS DEC	The Trees for Tribs Grant Program supports efforts to reforest New York's tributaries, or small creeks and streams, which flow into and feed larger rivers and lakes.	Municipalities, Academic Institutions, and 501(c)(3) nonprofits	https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/113412.html
Water Quality Improvement Project Program*	NYS DEC	This grant program reimburses projects that directly address documented water quality impairments or protect a drinking water source. Eligible projects include wastewater treatment improvement, non-agricultural nonpoint source abatement/control, land acquisition for source water protection, salt storage, aquatic connectivity restoration, and MS4s.	Municipalities, MS4s, SWCDs, and nonprofits	https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html
Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Program*	NYS DEC/EFC	Grants are available for municipalities to help pay for the initial planning of eligible Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) water quality wastewater projects. Successful applicants will use the grant to finance engineering and planning services to produce an engineering report.	Municipalities, see website for median household income requirements	https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/81196.html https://www.efc.ny.gov/EPG
Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Programs (CWSRF and DWSRF)	NYS EFC	The CWSRF provides interest-free or low-interest rate financing for wastewater and water quality improvement projects to municipalities throughout New York State. The DWSRF, jointly administered by EFC and the NYS Department of Health, provides a financial incentive for municipally and privately owned public water systems to undertake needed drinking water infrastructure improvements.	Municipalities and municipal entities, Indian Nations or tribes, and water authorities; in some cases, non-municipalities are eligible for CWSRF	https://www.efc.ny.gov/loan-programs
Integrated Solutions Construction Grant Program	NYS EFC	This program provides grants for projects that incorporate green infrastructure into CWSRF projects to encourage and support green infrastructure alternatives and solutions. Successful applicants will construct projects that remove stormwater from combined, sanitary, or storm sewers.	See website for eligibility criteria	www.efc.ny.gov/ISC
Water Infrastructure Improvement Act	NYS EFC	The New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2017 (WIIA) grant program provides at least \$1 billion in competitive grants to assist municipalities in funding water quality infrastructure. WIIA grants are available for both drinking water and clean water projects that protect or improve water quality and/or protect public health.	Municipalities and municipal entities, Indian Nations or tribes, and public authorities	https://www.efc.ny.gov/WIIA
Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grants Program	NYS EFC	This program provides grants for both drinking water and sewage treatment works (clean water) projects that serve multiple municipalities, such as a shared water quality infrastructure project or the interconnection of multiple municipal water systems.	Municipalities and municipal entities, Indian Nations or tribes, and public authorities	https://www.efc.ny.gov/IMG
Green Innovation Grant Program*	NYS EFC	This program provides funding for green infrastructure practices such as riparian buffers, floodplains, and/or wetlands, stream daylighting, and more. Projects that spur innovative approaches to stormwater management are favored.	Municipalities, state agencies, SWCDs, Private entities	https://www.efc.ny.gov/GIGP
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program*	NYS DOS	This program provides matching grants on a competitive basis to eligible villages, towns, cities, and counties located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways for planning, design, and construction projects to revitalize communities and waterfronts.	Municipalities	https://www.dos.ny.gov/odp/grantOpportunities/epf_lwrpGrants.html
Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for Parks, Preservation, and Heritage*	NYS OPRHP	The Parks program provides matching grants for the acquisition, planning, and development of parks and recreational facilities to preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structures for park, recreation or conservation purposes.	Municipalities and nonprofits	https://parks.ny.gov/grants/grant-programs.aspx
Community Development Block Grant	NYS HCR OCR	The Public Infrastructure/Public Facilities program provides funds to eligible small communities and non-urban counties to address drinking water/clean water/stormwater activities such as water source development, sanitary sewage collection and treatment, flood control and storm water drainage, to principally benefit low- and moderate income persons.	Local governments, may need to be coordinated at the county level	https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant

Institutional Funding

Name	Source	Description	Eligible Applicants	Website
Trees for Tributaries Coordination and Riparian Buffer Technical Assistance	USC	USC coordinates the NYS DEC Trees for Tributaries as part of a comprehensive riparian buffer program in the Upper Susquehanna River watershed; the state provides plant stock and materials to reforest tributaries.	USC-member SWCDs	https://www.uppersusquehanna.org/usc/
Stream Corridor Assessment and Rehabilitation Technical Assistance	USC	USC provides designs and project plans for specific stream sites in the Upper Susquehanna River watershed to re-establish stable channel conditions and natural stream functions. Technical assistance delivered through requests by USC members for municipalities and landowners.	USC-member SWCDs	https://www.uppersusquehanna.org/usc/
New York's Great Lakes Basin Small Grants Program	NY SG	The Small Grants program supports local projects that lead to larger-scale activities described in the Great Lakes Action Agenda.	Nonprofits, municipalities, and educational institutions	https://seagrant.sunysb.edu/articles/t/new-york-s-great-lakes-basin-small-grants-program-home

Acronyms

BMPs	Best Management Practices	<p>*A note about New York's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA): Many of the grant funding opportunities listed on this matrix require use of the CFA, a single application that allows applicants to be considered for multiple sources of funding. Interested community members and officials can attend a CFA Workshop through your Regional Economic Development Council: https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov</p> <p>This list is not exhaustive and funding programs are subject to change by the administrating agencies. Check websites for the latest program information.</p> <p>This material is based upon work supported under a grant by the Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Any opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this material are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Rural Utilities Service.</p>
CFA	Consolidated Funding Application	
CWSRF	Clean Water State Revolving Fund	
DEC	Department of Environmental Conservation	
DHSES	Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	
DOS	Department of State	
DWSRF	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	
EFC	Environmental Facilities Corporation	
HCR OCR	Homes and Community Renewal Office of Community Renewal	
MS4s	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems	
NYS	New York State	
NFWF	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	
NY SG	New York Sea Grant	
OPRHP	Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation	
SWCD	Soil and Water Conservation District	
USC	Upper Susquehanna Coalition	
USDA- RD	United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development	
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency	