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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	<a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny">https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny</a>
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	<a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny">https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny</a>
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	<a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny">https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny</a>
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	<a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny">https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny</a>
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	<a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny">https://www.rd.usda.gov/ny</a>
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	<a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/working-with-us/grants/great-lakes-restoration-initiative">https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/working-with-us/grants/great-lakes-restoration-initiative</a>
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	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/wifia">https://www.epa.gov/wifia</a>
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	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance">https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance</a> <a href="http://www.dhses.ny.gov/recovery/">http://www.dhses.ny.gov/recovery/</a>
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	<a href="https://www.nfwf.org/coastalresilience/">https://www.nfwf.org/coastalresilience/</a>
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	<a href="https://www.nfwf.org/chesapeake/">https://www.nfwf.org/chesapeake/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.nfwf.org/lisff/">https://www.nfwf.org/lisff/</a>

# State Funding

Name	Source	Description	Eligible Applicants	Website
Hudson River Estuary Grant Program	NYS DEC	Funding to implement Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda priorities, conserve or improve clean water; fish, wildlife and their habitats; waterway access; and the resiliency of communities.	Municipalities and nonprofits located within estuary watershed boundary	<a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/">https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/</a>
Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning Grant*	NYS DEC	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	<a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html</a>
Trees for Tribs Grant Program*	NYS DEC	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) non-profits	<a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/113412.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/113412.html</a>
Water Quality Improvement Project Program*	NYS DEC	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, aquatic connectivity restoration, and MS4s.	Municipalities, MS4s, SWCDs, and nonprofits	<a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html</a>
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	<a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/81196.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/81196.html</a> <a href="https://www.efc.ny.gov/EPG">https://www.efc.ny.gov/EPG</a>
Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Programs (CWSRF and DWSRF)	NYS EFC	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, tribes, and water authorities; in some cases, non-municipalities are eligible for CWSRF	<a href="https://www.efc.ny.gov/loan-programs">https://www.efc.ny.gov/loan-programs</a>
Integrated Solutions Construction Grant Program	NYS EFC	Provides grants for projects that incorporate green infrastructure into CWSRF projects to 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	<a href="http://www.efc.ny.gov/ISC">www.efc.ny.gov/ISC</a>
Water Infrastructure Improvement Act	NYS EFC	Grants to assist municipalities in funding water quality infrastructure, both for drinking water and clean water projects that protect or improve water quality and/or protect public health.	Municipalities and municipal entities, tribes, and public authorities	<a href="https://www.efc.ny.gov/WIIA">https://www.efc.ny.gov/WIIA</a>
Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grants Program	NYS EFC	Grants for clean drinking water and sewage treatment projects that serve multiple municipalities.	Municipalities and municipal entities, tribes, and public authorities	<a href="https://www.efc.ny.gov/IMG">https://www.efc.ny.gov/IMG</a>
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	<a href="https://www.efc.ny.gov/GIGP">https://www.efc.ny.gov/GIGP</a>
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program*	NYS DOS	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	<a href="https://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/grantOpportunities/epf_lwrpGrants.html">https://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/grantOpportunities/epf_lwrpGrants.html</a>
Municipal Restructuring Fund	NYS DOS	The MRF is a local government assistance program designed to stimulate permanent property tax reductions resulting from shared services and municipal consolidations.	Local governments and school districts	<a href="https://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/lge/municipal-restructuring-fund.html">https://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/lge/municipal-restructuring-fund.html</a>
Local Government Efficiency Program*	NYS DOS	This program provides technical assistance and competitive grants to local governments for the development of projects that will achieve savings and improve municipal efficiency through shared services, cooperative agreements, mergers, consolidations and dissolutions.	Local governments	<a href="https://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/lge/index.html">https://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/lge/index.html</a>
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	<a href="https://parks.ny.gov/grants/grant-programs.aspx">https://parks.ny.gov/grants/grant-programs.aspx</a>
Community Development Block Grant	NYS HCR OCR	Provides funds to eligible small communities and non-urban counties to address drinking water/clean water/stormwater activities to principally benefit low- and moderate income persons.	Local governments	<a href="https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant">https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant</a>

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Name	Source	Description	Eligible Applicants	Website
Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant (CREG)	NYS DOS	Assists local government entities that are studying or implementing a "local government re-organization," which includes the dissolution or consolidation of a local government entity in accordance with General Municipal Law (GML), Article 17-A; or the establishment of a new town-village, which operates principally as either a town or a village (but not as both) in former place of a town and a village.	Local governments	<a href="https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants/NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=3">https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants/NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=3</a>

## 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	<a href="https://www.uppersusquehanna.org/usc/">https://www.uppersusquehanna.org/usc/</a>
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	<a href="https://www.uppersusquehanna.org/usc/">https://www.uppersusquehanna.org/usc/</a>
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	<a href="https://seagrant.sunysb.edu/articles/t/new-york-s-great-lakes-basin-small-grants-program-home">https://seagrant.sunysb.edu/articles/t/new-york-s-great-lakes-basin-small-grants-program-home</a>

## Acronyms

BMPs	Best Management Practices
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

**\*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>

This list is not exhaustive and funding programs are subject to change by the administrating agencies. Check websites for the latest program information.

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