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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/programs-services/water-environmental-programs
Rural Decentralized Water Systems Grant Program	USDA-RD	This grant helps qualified nonprofits and tribes create a revolving loan fund to increase access to clean, reliable water and septic systems for households in eligible rural areas.	Nonprofits that have lending capabilities and can promote safe use of household wells systems	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs
Revolving Funds for Financing Water and Wastewater Projects (Revolving Fund Program)	USDA-RD	This program helps qualified nonprofits create revolving loan funds that can provide financing to extend and improve water and waste disposal systems in rural areas.	Nonprofits that have legal authority to operate a revolving loan fund and capacity to comply with relevant state/federal laws and regulations	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs
Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities (SEARCH)	USDA-RD	This program assists low-income communities with initial planning and development of applications USDA-RD 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, federally recognized tribes	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs
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, federally recognized tribes	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs
Water and Waste Disposal Loan and 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, federally recognized tribes	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs
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 or tribal lands in rural areas	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs
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/main/r9/workingtogether/grants
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/grants/mitigation/floods
Building Resilience Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program	FEMA	The BRIC fund provides financial assistance for projects that enhance the ability for the current workforce to improve mitigation assistance; increase resilience and public safety, reduce injuries and loss of life, and reduce destruction and damage to property; and reimburse administrative expenses associated with special mitigation projects or measures.	States, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local communities; must have Hazard Mitigation Plan	https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/disaster-recovery https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities

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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)	FEMA	The program provides funding for the development of hazard mitigation plans and rebuilding for the purpose of reducing or mitigating future disaster losses in communities.	State, local, tribal, and territorial governments; must develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans to receive funding	https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation
Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund Program	FEMA	The Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation (STORM) authorizes FEMA to provide revolving loan funds that provide hazard mitigation assistance to reduce risks from natural hazards and disasters.	States, federally-recognized tribes, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia	https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/storm-rlf
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/programs/national-coastal-resilience-fund
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/programs/chesapeake-bay-stewardship-fund
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/programs/long-island-sound-futures-fund

State Funding

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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	https://dec.ny.gov/nature/waterbodies/oceans-estuaries/hudson-river-estuary-program/grants-funding-opportunities
Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant	NYS DEC	Funds planning reports for nonpoint source water quality improvement projects such as green infrastructure, beach restoration, culvert repair, streambank stabilization, and wetland creation. Also provides grants to MS4s for mapping.	NYS municipalities and Soil and Water Conservation Districts	https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/grant-applications/non-agricultural-nonpoint-source-planning-ms4-mapping-grant
Trees for Tribes 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	https://dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/saratoga-tree-nursery/trees-for-tribes
Water Quality Improvement Project Program*	NYS DEC	Reimburses projects that directly improve water quality or aquatic habitat, promote flood risk reduction, restoration, and enhanced flood and climate resiliency, or protect a drinking water source. Eligible projects include wastewater treatment improvement, non-agricultural nonpoint source abatement/control, vacuum trucks in MS4 areas, land acquisition for source water protection, salt storage, dam repair/rehabilitation, aquatic connectivity restoration, and marine district habitat restoration.	Municipalities, MS4s, SWCDs, and nonprofits	https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/grant-applications/wqip-program
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://efc.ny.gov/EPG
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, nonmunicipalities are eligible for CWSRF	https://efc.ny.gov/cwsrf https://efc.ny.gov/dwsrf
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	https://efc.ny.gov/WIIA
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	https://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://efc.ny.gov/GIGP
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	https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program
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	https://dos.ny.gov/municipal-restructuring-fund-mrf
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	https://dos.ny.gov/about-local-government-efficiency-0

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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	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	https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant
Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant (CREG)	NYS DOS	The grant assists local government entities that are studying or implementing a "local government reorganization," 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	https://dos.ny.gov/2020-2022-local-government-efficiency-citizens-re-organization-empowerment-grant-creg-program https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?Navitem1=3

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 administering agencies. Check websites for the latest program information.</p> <p><i>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.</i></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 Municipal	
MS4s	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	