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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 non-profits 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 non-profits and tribes create a revolving loan fund to increase access to clean, reliable water and septic systems for households in eligible rural areas.	Non-profits 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 non-profits create revolving loan funds that can provide financing to extend and improve water and waste disposal systems in rural areas.	Non-profits 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, 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, non-profits, federally recognized tribes	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs
Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants	USDA-RD	This program helps communities plan and develop applications for direct loan/grant or loan guarantees for USDA Rural Development water or waste disposal projects in rural areas and towns of 10,000 or less, with median household income below the poverty line.	Most state and local governments, non-profits, 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, non-profits, 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 non-profits to identify and evaluate solutions to water and wastewater problems, helps non-profits prepare loan/grant applications for water and wastewater disposal, and assists in improving operations and maintenance for existing facilities in eligible rural areas.	Non-profits and associations capable of providing technical assistance to rural areas with 10,000 or fewer people or to 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, non-profits, federally recognized tribes	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 wastewater, drinking water and stormwater projects.	Local, state, tribal, and federal government entities, Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs	https://www.epa.gov/wifia
National Coastal Resilience Fund	NFWF	This fund restores, increases and strengthens natural infrastructure to protect coastal communities and enhance fish and wildlife habitats. 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.	Federal and state government agencies, local, municipal, and tribal government, non-profits, and K-12 and higher education institutions	https://www.nfwf.org/programs/chesapeake-bay-stewardship-fund

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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.	State government agencies, local, municipal, and tribal overnments, non-profits, and educational institutions.	https://www.nfwf.org/programs/long-island-sound-futures-fund
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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 non-profits 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 non-profits	https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/grant-applications/wqip-program
Resilient Watersheds Grant Program	NYS DEC	Provides competitive grants to implement flood mitigation and risk reduction projects that further enhance climate resilience, particularly to future flooding and extreme weather events. Eligible applicants will have completed a DEC-approved flood study by the time funding is awarded.	Municipalities, state agencies, SWCDs, and non-profits	https://dec.ny.gov/Environmental-protection/water/water-quantity/resilient-ny#rwg
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
Green Resiliency Grant	NYS EFC	Provides competitive grants for green infrastructure and nature-based enhancements that improve resiliency of stormwater infrastructure, particularly to sewer overflows and extreme weather events	Municipalities	https://efc.ny.gov/grg
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

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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 non-profits	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
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

Stay Tuned - New Long-Term Water Infrastructure Investments

New York State is planning a significant, five-year \$3.75 billion investment to help communities upgrade water and sewer systems. This includes \$750 million per year to support clean drinking water, replace aging pipes (including lead service lines), and address emerging contaminants like PFAS.

Smart Growth Water Grant Program

A new grant program will support water and sewer projects that directly enable new housing and job creation. These grants will help communities build the infrastructure needed for sustainable development while protecting groundwater resources.

FloodSafe NY Initiative

The State will expand efforts to help communities understand and manage flood risk. FloodSafe NY will align watershed studies, implementation grants, and stream monitoring to identify flood-prone areas and fund practical mitigation solutions. Improvements to the State's stream gauge network will enhance early warning and resiliency planning.

Strengthening Essential Cybersecurity for Utilities and Resiliency Enhancements (SECURE)

Competitive grants will soon support cybersecurity assessments and system upgrades for drinking water and wastewater utilities. These funds will help systems comply with DOH and DEC requirements to strengthen defenses and ensure reliable water service.

Habitat Restoration on Public Lands

A new grant opportunity is anticipated for ecosystem restoration projects, including wetland, floodplain, and stream restoration efforts that improve habitat health and community resilience.

Additional financing through the Pro Housing Community Supply Funds and Lead Infrastructure Forgiveness and Transformation (LIFT) program may become available, supporting water and sewer system upgrades and lead service line inventory and removal.

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/usc-teams/buffer-team/trees-for-tributaries/
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.	non-profits, municipalities, and educational institutions	https://small-grants-program-ccegeomaps.hub.arcgis.com/

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><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	