

RONDOUT CREEK WATERSHED SUMMIT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (NYS DEC/EFC)

At least \$125 million is expected to be available for community grants for drinking water and wastewater projects, to cover up to \$5 million per project. Projects that improve water quality in communities that meet EFC hardship criteria are favored.

Application Process: Open now.

Deadline: April 15.

Web: <http://www.efc.ny.gov/nyswatergrants>

Contact: NYSWaterGrants@efc.ny.gov

Hudson River Estuary Grants (NYS DEC)

Projects funded vary and have not yet been published. In the past, project areas have included watershed planning, culvert assessment, open space planning and other relevant project types.

Application Process: TBD

Deadline: TBD

Web: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5091.html>

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (NYS DEC/EFC)

Provides zero- and low-interest rate financing to municipalities to construct water quality protection projects such as sewers and wastewater treatment facilities, nonpoint pollution control projects such as stormwater management, and certain other projects.

Application Process: Two-step process to list project in Intended Use Plan (IUP) and then apply.

Deadlines: Hardship Application/Income Survey (April 1); Project Listing for draft FY2017 IUP (April 22); FY2017 IUP Comment Deadline (August 1), FY2017 Application (March 1, 2017).

Web: www.efc.ny.gov/cwsrf

Asset Management Program (NYS DEC)

Application deadline for pilot program has passed. Look for opportunities in the coming years to implement best practices for managing a wastewater system's critical components ("assets") in a way that protects public health and the environment, minimizes total cost of ownership and operation, and delivering desired services.

Web: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/101419.html>

Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (EPA)

WIFIA provides low interest rate financing for large dollar-value projects.

Web: www.epa.gov/wifia/learn-about-water-infrastructure-finance-and-innovation-act-program

NYS Water Resources Institute (Cornell U. w/ USGS, DEC Hudson R. Estuary Program)

Open for RFPs in October/November to researchers affiliated with a New York institution of higher learning.

Web: <https://wri.cals.cornell.edu/grants-funding>

CFA Grants (Consolidated Funding Application)

The NYS CFA is the coordinated process for applying to many state grant programs, including the programs listed below that are *anticipated* to be available in 2016.

Application Process: TBA (typically late Spring)

Deadline: TBA (typically mid-summer)

Web: <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/>

Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant (NYS DEC/EFC)

Funds often essential preliminary engineering work necessary to compete for other sources of wastewater infrastructure funding, including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Water Quality Improvement Program and the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act.

Water Quality Improvement Project Program (NYS DEC)

Funds projects that address documented water quality impairments, including non-point sources such as urban and agricultural stormwater runoff.

Green Innovation Grant Program (NYS EFC)

Funds projects that improve water quality and demonstrate green stormwater infrastructure

Community Development Block Grant Program (federal)

Provides small communities and counties funding to undertake activities that focus on community development needs, including planning or implementation of public drinking water, wastewater or stormwater infrastructure and public facilities projects.

Empire State Development Grant Funds (NYS)

Water or sewer infrastructure projects, or planning for them, that attract new or expand existing businesses are one category that qualifies for funding.

Cleaner, Greener Communities Program, Phase II Implementation Grants (NYSERDA)

The Community-Scale Sustainability Projects, one category of funding, may pay for “showcase or anchor construction projects, as well as innovative projects or programs that stimulate market transformation,” such as a green streets program to reduce sewage overflows and energy use at a wastewater treatment plant.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (NYS DOS)

Only municipalities along the tidal portion of the Rondout Creek are eligible (*unless and until Rondout Creek communities seek the help of their state representatives to be designated an “inland waterway”*), though upstream municipalities may be included in projects such as preparing or implementing local waterfront revitalization plans, planning or constructing land-or water-based trails, preparing or implementing watershed revitalization plans, preparing or implementing community resilience strategies, and other projects.



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