

Sullivan County

CFA Alert

For Municipalities, Small
Businesses, and Not-for-Profits

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Round 15 Competitive
Applications due
July 31, 2026



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What is the CFA?

The Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) and the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) were created to advance efforts to improve New York's business climate and expand economic growth. The REDCs support the state's innovative approach to economic development, which empowers regional stakeholders to establish pathways to prosperity, mapped out in regional strategic plans. The Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) is a single, streamlined application for state economic development resources from numerous state agencies. It is designed to give economic development project applicants expedited and streamlined access to a combined pool of grant funds and tax credits from dozens of existing programs. This year, economic development applicants will find over 20 state programs participating in the CFA which include a combination of grant funds and tax credits .

Who can apply for CFA grants?

The following are eligible applicants for CFS grants:

- Counties
- Municipalities
- For-profit businesses
- Not-for-profit corporations
- Business improvement districts
- Local development corporations
- Public benefit corporations
- Economic development organizations
- Research and academic institutions
- Incubators
- Technology parks
- Regional planning units
- Councils
- Tourist attractions
- Community facilities



New York State drives economic growth by making investments that enforce four interconnecting strategies:

- **Placemaking** - The notion that where investment occurs matters. In order to attract a talented workforce, our built environment must emphasize creating accessible job centers, sustainable infrastructure, and livable communities.
- **Workforce** - The belief that people drive the economy. Targeted job training and education ensures that jobs in high-paying, in-demand, tradeable sectors are filled in an equitable way.
- **Tradeable Sectors** - The industries New York State is targeting to increase export-based employment opportunities. They are the industry sectors that are part of a global market like manufacturing, agricultural products, and energy.
- **Innovation** - The strategy of investing in and creating synergies between research and commercialization to drive the economy forward.

What programs are included in the CFA?

The CFA includes economic and community development programs administered by a variety of State agencies and authorities, including Empire State Development (ESD), Homes & Community Renewal (HCR), Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation (OPRH), Department of State (DOS), Canal Corporation, NYS Energy Research and Development Authority, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and NYS Power Authority.

Programs fall under several categories, including:

- Direct assistance to business and other organizations
- Community Development, Strategic Planning, & Tourism
- Environmental Protection
- Water Infrastructure
- Waterfront Revitalization, Smartgrowth, and Brownfields
- Energy
- Housing
- Child Care
- Education/workforce development
- Low-cost financing



**All CFA grants are subject to the New York State Executive Law Article 15-A, which requires, where applicable, the establishment of 30 percent minority-and women-owned business enterprises (MWBE) contract goals.*

How do I apply?

- First, discern if your organization is grant ready.
- Clearly lay out the scope and details of your proposed project.
- Prepare a project budget. (Be prepared to adhere to State procurement guidelines.)
- Consider program(s) to which you are applying.
- Obtain any necessary authorizations required by your organization.

A step-by-step guide to using the application is available on the CFA website, <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>.

Round 15 competitive program applications will be due by 4 pm on July 31, 2026. There will be another round of program applications around the same time next year. "Open Enrollment" programs are not subject to the July 31 deadline. Refer to the **[2026 Available Resources Guide](#)** for information.



Available Resources in 2026

Programs Subject to July 31, 2026 4:00 PM deadline:

New York State Empire State Development: Up to \$84.875 million

- Up to \$60 million for Regional Council Capital Funds (now includes Market New York capital funding)
- Up to \$11.875 million for New York State Business Incubator and Innovation Hot Spot Support Program
- Up to \$7 million for Market New York (working capital only)
- Up to \$5 million for New York KICKS Program*
- Up to \$1 million for Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies

New York State Homes and Community Renewal: Up to \$29.2 million

- Up to \$25 million for New York State Community Development Block Grant Program- Public Infrastructure *
- Up to \$4.2 million for New York Main Street Program

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: Up to \$28.75 million

- Up to \$28.75 million for Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF)

New York State Department of State: Up to \$20.775 million

- Up to \$13.975 million for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)
- Up to \$4.8 million for the Smart Growth Community Planning Program*
- Up to \$2 million for the Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (BOA)

New York State Canal Corporation: Up to \$1 million

- Up to \$1 million for the Canalway Grant Program

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority: Up to \$25 million

- Up to \$25 million for Building Cleaner Communities Competition (BCCC)**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: At least \$96 million

- At least \$75 million for the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program*
- Up to \$18 million for the Climate Smart Communities Grant Program*
- Up to \$3 million for the Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Planning Grant Program*

Open Enrollment Programs:

Programs included as Open Enrollment will continue to accept applications on an ongoing basis and are not subject to the July 31st, 2026, 4:00PM EST deadline.

New York State Empire State Development: Up to \$75 million

- Up to \$75 million for Excelsior Jobs Program*

Homes & Community Renewal: Up to \$20 million

- Up to \$20 million for New York State Community Development Block Grant Program – Open Round *

New York State Power Authority: Up to 22.7 Megawatts

- Up to 22.7 Megawatts for the ReCharge NY Program

*REDCs will be made aware of projects applying to these programs but REDCs will not score these projects.

**Deadline for the NYSERDA Building Cleaner Communities Competition (BCCC) is August 14, 4pm EST.

For detailed information, refer to the 2026 Available Resources Guide.

Strategic Focus Areas for the ESD Grants Program

Projects supporting the strategic focus areas below may be eligible for an increased project award through the ESD Grants program.

- **Innovative Public-Private Partnerships:** Projects that support innovative public-private partnerships which leverage unique regional assets to advance a region's economic development strategies. Innovative public-private partnerships are intended for higher education institutions with a focus on innovation and research partnerships.
- **Projects located in severely distressed communities:** Support projects in economically distressed communities to encourage investment and spur economic growth in these communities. Strong projects in this focus area should be able to demonstrate a community and economic benefit as a result of the project or demonstrate the populations that will benefit from the project.
- **Childcare Projects:** Focusing on projects that will improve access to quality childcare and build additional capacity in the number of childcare offerings available will help strengthen the state's economy and address challenges that affect the business community.



For additional information, see the REDC Guidebook 2026

What is the review process for CFA ?

Applications are reviewed by the Regional Council and State Agency. Regional Council endorsement counts for 20 percent of the total review, while the State agency's review counts for 80 percent of the total application score. Each region's strategic plan and progress report are available on the region's webpage, which can be found at www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov.

STATEWIDE ENDORSEMENT STANDARDS

For each CFA, the Regional Council reviewer will determine the degree to which the application implements the regional strategic plan and assign the corresponding number of points as a score.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN	DEGREE	POINTS
The proposal is identified as a priority project by the Regional Council.	Priority	20
The proposal is identified in the plan and has regional benefits.	Very Strong	15
The proposal advances the plan and has local benefits.	Strong	10
The proposal is consistent with the plan and has project level benefits.	Moderate	5
The proposal has limited relationship to the plan.	Weak	0

How are awards announced?

Awards are based on the State agency's review and the Regional Council's endorsement. Each award is subject to final approval by the funding agency, and every agency has in place an approval and disbursement process, which may require applicants to sign contracts or letters of commitment and submit supporting documents, such as verifications of eligibility, tax status, and municipal resolutions.



**2026 CFA Guidebook &
Available Resources**
www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov



PREVIOUS AWARDS TO SULLIVAN COUNTY THROUGH CFA

Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, DEC Award - \$100,000

For the development of a plan to support active transportation to connect common destinations within population centers.

Sullivan County Organic Waste Management Plan, DEC Award-\$77,500

To contract with a consulting engineering firm to conduct an organics composting feasibility study with preliminary siting and conceptual design. The resulting Organics Management Plan outlines the best method and means for the County to implement organics waste management, and will also be a component of the County's required Solid Waste Management Plan.

Hamlet of Kohlertown Flood Risk Reduction Project, DEC Award - \$934,084

To construct an overflow pipeline to alleviate repetitive flooding in the hamlet of Kohlertown. Excessive storm water flow to a tributary of the East Branch of the Callicoon Creek causes flooding of residences, businesses, and several roads in the in the area.

Sullivan County O&W Rail Trail, ESD Award Amount-\$22,500

To advance work being done to complete the 50-mile stretch of the OW Rail Trail that traverses the County to create a continuous trail that links to businesses and amenities and to increase visitation to the area.

Sullivan County O&W Rail Trail Project, Parks Award -\$127,000

To advance work being done to complete the 50-mile stretch of the O&W Rail Trail that traverses the County from Summitville to Livingston Manor. Funds used to analyze completed and undeveloped segments and develop a regional plan with cost estimates for repairs, upgrades and new segments.

Sullivan County Microenterprise Assistance Program, HCR (CDBG) Award-\$200,000

For the establishment of the Sullivan County Microenterprise Assistance Program.

2025 AWARDS TO SULLIVAN COUNTY BUSINESSES, NOT-FOR-PROFITS & MUNICIPALITIES

Town of Thompson-Spring Brook Culvert Replacement Project - \$200,000

Friends of the Upper Delaware River - Willowemoc Tributary Reconnection Project - \$220,900

Village of Liberty - Phase 2 Water System Improvements Project - \$1,497,159

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts - Preserving the Historic Core of Woodstock: Phase 1 Implementation If Landscape Stewardship Plan - \$121,488

Evergreen Meadow Services, Inc. - Evergreen Meadow Academy Project - \$2,000,000

For a complete list of awards throughout the Mid-Hudson Region and across New York State, visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2025-12/2025-CFA-Award-Booklet.pdf>



THE IMPORTANCE OF PROJECT PLANNING

The first and most critical step in preparing a grant application is Project Planning. Thorough and effective Project Planning will “make or break” an application, impact your ability to see a project through to completion, and obtain funding reimbursement.

The **Project Needs Assessment Questionnaire** below may serve as a very basic tool to help stakeholders brainstorm, identify key ideas, and to form a basis for fleshing out a more detailed plan. It is your first step toward developing a highly detailed grant proposal.

PLANNING PROJECT NEEDS ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What is the problem? Who is affected, where, what is the issue, and why is it an issue?
2. What is the solution? You can frame your answer by describing your proposed project.
3. Do you have the data? Can you justify need, or is additional research required?
4. What is in the way? What are the obstacles preventing you from implementing the solution? (Obstacles can be related to capacity, financial resources, sustainability, lack of technical knowledge, etc.)
5. What information is lacking? What information do you need in order to fully flesh out a plan? What are your “unanswered questions” related to your project that might require the input of experts/model agencies, etc.?

For additional grant resources visit:

<https://www.sullivanny.gov/Departments/grants>

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Find the following resources at: <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>

- CFA Web Portal & Application
- Webinars
- CFA Resource Manual
- CFA Application Manual

QR Code to
Access CFA
Resources



**New to
grants?**

- FREE Grants Orientation Webinar is provided by the Sullivan County Department of Grants Administration at <https://sullivanny.gov/Departments/grants>
- SUNY Sullivan, in collaboration with ed2go, offers a grantwriting course, “A to Z Grantwriting.” Visit: <https://www.ed2go.com/sullivan/online-courses/grant-writing-a-to-z/>



Are you grant ready?

Interested in applying for grant funding? Before you begin, make sure you are “grant ready” by gathering important information you will need on hand.

Organizational Information

- o History (Narrative)
- o Year Established
- o Articles of Incorporation & By-Laws
- o EIN Number
- o Address, Phone, Web Address
- o Mission/Values Statement
- o Service Area/Target Population
- o Current Program/Services Description

Governance

- o Organizational Structure/Chart
- o Board of Directors (affiliations and contact info)
- o Strategic Plan/Business Plan
- o Executive Director/CEO Bio

Tax Documentation

- o Tax exemption status letter
- o IRS Form 990
- o W-9

Technical Requirements

- Required for federal grants
- o UEI (Unique Entity Identifier or SAM, formerly DUNS number)
- o SAM Registration
- o Grants.gov Registration

Financial Information

- o Annual Operating Budget
- o Year-End Financial Statements
- o Audit, if applicable
- o Sources of Funding

Program or Project Information

- o Program/Project Description
- o Target Population
- o Staffing Structure/Organizational Chart
- o Year Established
- o Program/Project Budget
- o Measurable Outcomes (number served, current outcomes)
- o Success Story Narratives

Other Documentation:

- o Annual Report
- o Letters of Support
- o Collaborating Partners (with Memorandums of Agreement)
- o Policies and Procedures
- o History of Grants/Funding Received or Denied
- o News Articles/Photographs/Video Clips/Media
- o Staff Information
- o Cost Estimates and Vendor Information (equipment)

For additional resources, visit the Sullivan County Grants Administration website:
www.sullivanny.gov/Departments/grants