

# **THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE**

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## **GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**February 21, 2017**

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### **St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) 2017 Community Development and Environmental Improvement Fund**

<http://www.slvra.com/>

This program was designed to assist communities and not-for-profit organizations in St. Lawrence County that are planning to undertake a project that will provide a clear and demonstrable economic, environmental or community benefit. Both the applicant entity and the proposed projects must be principally located in St. Lawrence County. Total funds available in 2017 are \$329,000. The guidelines include no required minimum or maximum grants requests.

**Deadline: April 14, 2017**

### **U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) CommunityWINS<sup>SM</sup> Grant Program**

[http://www.usmayors.org/communitywins/?utm\\_source=Design+February+2017&utm\\_campaign=Design+February+2017+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.usmayors.org/communitywins/?utm_source=Design+February+2017&utm_campaign=Design+February+2017+Newsletter&utm_medium=email)

Member communities of USCM are eligible to nominate up to three initiatives or programs through an eligible local nonprofit that addresses one of the following categories: neighborhood stabilization - projects designed to stimulate growth and stability while assisting in the removal of blight and the rebuilding of neighborhoods; economic development - projects designed to promote business development; or job creation - projects designed to aid in local job creation or assist in job training.

**Deadline: March 17, 2017**

### **Farmer Veteran Coalition (FVC) Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund**

<http://www.farmvetco.org/>

The Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund provides direct assistance to veterans in agriculture and has awarded more than \$1 million since it was established in 2011. The fellowship awards, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per person, are paid to third-party vendors of the awardees choosing for purchases that make the largest impact on the farmer veteran's operation, such as livestock, fencing, tractor implements, barns and greenhouses.

**Deadline: March 20, 2017**

## **New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) FY2018**

<http://www.arts.ny.gov/public/guidelines/index.htm>

NYSCA funds in the following categories are currently available:

- Architecture + Design
- Arts Education
- Dance
- Electronic Media & Film
- Facilities
- Folk Arts
- Individual Artists
- Literature
- Museum
- Music
- Presenting
- Special Arts Services
- State & Local Partnerships
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

**Deadline: March 21, 2017**

## **NYSDEC**

### **Municipal Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) & ZEV Infrastructure Rebate Program**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76910.html>

This program offers rebates to municipalities for purchase/leasing of clean vehicles and infrastructure projects that support public use of clean vehicles. An eligible clean vehicle is propelled in part by an electric motor drawing electricity from a battery (including plug-in hybrid electric vehicles) with at least 4 kWh capacity and can be recharged from an external source of electricity or from a hydrogen fuel cell. Eligible clean vehicle purchase costs are those costs incurred on or after April 1, 2016, by a municipality to own, or to lease for at least 36 months, a new eligible clean vehicle for its fleet. Eligible infrastructure costs must be incurred during the term of the rebate award contract. Eligibility: Counties, cities, towns and villages in NYS.

**Deadline: March 31, 2017**

## **New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I)**

### **Community Grants Program**

[https://www.rit.edu/affiliate/nysp2i/community-programs/community-grants?utm\\_source=2017-18+CGP+RFA+Request&utm\\_campaign=CGP+RFA+2017-18+%281%29&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.rit.edu/affiliate/nysp2i/community-programs/community-grants?utm_source=2017-18+CGP+RFA+Request&utm_campaign=CGP+RFA+2017-18+%281%29&utm_medium=email)

NYSP2I invites applications from NYS-based community organizations, municipal departments, and other public sector and non-profit entities to the Community Grants Program. The goal of the Community Grants Program is to support projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level, with the goal of improving the health, environmental quality, and economic vitality of New York State communities. NYSP2I encourages applicants to review past projects on the NYSP2I website.

**Deadline: March 31, 2017**

## NYS DEC

### School Seedling Program

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/9393.html>

Schools across New York are eligible to receive free seedlings for spring planting through the DEC School Seedling Program, which provides 50 tree seedlings or a mixed packet of 30 wildlife shrubs to any public or private school that would like to participate. The seedlings can be planted on school grounds or other community spaces, and offer teachers a great resource to enhance environmental lessons. Applications to participate are available at DEC's School Seedling Program website, or by contacting the Saratoga Tree Nursery at (518) 581-1439. Interested schools can also contact the nearest DEC regional forestry office to request a "School Seedlings" brochure, which contains all the information necessary to place an order.

**Deadline: March 31, 2017**

## NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)

### Connect Kids to Parks Transportation Grant Program

<https://parks.ny.gov/environment/connect-kids/grant-program.aspx>

The *Connect Kids Transportation Reimbursement Grants Program* will reimburse up to \$750 of the transportation costs for public school children to visit a New York State park, nature center or historic site or DEC's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve and Environmental Education Center, Rogers Environmental Education Center, Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center, or Norrie Point Environmental Center. Grants are available on a first come, first served basis and may reimburse bus costs, tolls, and the fee for the bus to enter into the park or historic site. Schools will pay for services upfront and then be reimbursed. K-12 educators in Title 1 schools are eligible to apply. Each class is eligible for one transportation grant per academic year. Prior to completing the transportation grant application, educators will make required arrangements with staff at the field trip destination.

**Deadline: Applications will be accepted starting July 1, 2016 for field study trips during the 2016-2017 academic year; grants are available on a first come, first served basis.**

## Baseball Tomorrow Fund

[http://web.mlbcommunity.org/programs/baseball\\_tomorrow\\_fund.jsp?content=overview](http://web.mlbcommunity.org/programs/baseball_tomorrow_fund.jsp?content=overview)

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) is a joint initiative of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association. BTF awards grants to nonprofit organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and softball programs and facilities. The funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment needed for youth baseball or softball. Grants are intended to provide funding for incremental programming and facilities for youth baseball and softball programs, not for normal operating expenses or as a substitute for existing funding or fundraising activities. BTF does not specify a maximum grant award; however, the average grant amount is approximately \$40,000. To be eligible, applicants must be a U.S.-based or international nonprofit and tax-exempt organization involved in the operation of youth baseball and/or softball programs and facilities.

**Deadline: Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis after a thorough and selective review process. Quarterly review deadlines are January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.**

**St. Lawrence Health Initiative**

**Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grants Program**

[http://gethealthyslc.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=84&Itemid=275](http://gethealthyslc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=84&Itemid=275)

With funds from the New York State Department of Health, the Health Initiative is recruiting work sites, municipalities, and community-based organizations interested in making healthful changes for its employees and volunteers. For more information and to confirm eligibility, contact Karen Bage, Community Coordinator, at (315) 261-4760 extension 228.

**Action for Healthy Kids**

**School Breakfast Grants & Game On Grants**

<http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/tools-for-schools/apply-for-grants>

Action for Healthy Kids combats childhood obesity, undernourishment, and physical inactivity by helping schools become healthier places where kids can lead healthier lives. The organization partners with dedicated volunteers — teachers, students, moms, dads, and school-wellness experts — from within the ranks of its more than sixty-thousand-strong network to create healthful school changes. To that end, the organization has issued a Request for Proposals for its 2017-18 Breakfast for Healthy Kids and Game on Grants programs. Award amounts will be based on building enrollment, project type, potential impact of the project, and a school's ability to mobilize parents and students around school-wellness initiatives.

- 1) School Breakfast Grants: Up to five hundred and fifty schools will receive grant awards ranging between \$500 and \$3,000 to support increased breakfast participation. Eligible schools may apply to pilot or expand their school breakfast programs (including alternative or universal alternative).
- 2) Game On Grants: Up to five hundred schools will be awarded grants for physical activity and nutrition initiatives that support schools in becoming nationally recognized as a health-promoting school. Grants will range between \$500 and \$1,000.

**Deadline: April 7, 2017**

**Crayola & National Association of Elementary School Principals  
2017 Creative Leadership Grant**

<http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/ccac-landing/grant-program.aspx>

The program will award up to twenty grants of \$2,500 each for innovative, creative, leadership-building programs in elementary schools. In addition, each program will receive an in-kind grant of Crayola products valued at \$1,000. Applications will only be accepted from school principals who are members of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP).

**Deadline: June 23, 2017**

**Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)  
Economic & Infrastructure Development (EID) Investment program**

<http://www.nbrc.gov/>

Applications will be available in March 2017 and due by mid-June.

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