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## **GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**April 30, 2018**

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### **2018 NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)**

<http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>

Stay tuned for CFA workshop dates. Workshops are an invaluable opportunity to speak directly with agency representatives about the program(s) of interest to you. The following programs and agencies are in the 2018 CFA:

#### **Empire State Development**

- Up to \$150 million for ESD Grant Funds
- Up to \$75 million for Excelsior Jobs Program
- Up to \$1.37 million for Business Incubator Program
- Up to \$1 million for Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies
- Up to \$15 million for Market New York
- Up to \$300 million for Industrial Development Bond (IDB) Cap

#### **New York State Council on the Arts**

- Up to \$5 million for Arts, Culture and Heritage Projects
- Up to \$5 million for Arts & Cultural Facilities Improvement Program – Large Capital Project Fund

#### **Homes and Community Renewal**

- Up to \$20 million for New York State Community Development Block Grant Program
- Up to \$6.2 million for New York Main Street Program

#### **Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation**

- Up to \$19.5 million for Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF)

#### **Department of State**

- Up to \$15 million for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
- Up to \$4 million for Local Government Efficiency Grants

#### **New York State Canal Corporation**

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

#### **New York State Energy Research and Development Authority**

- Up to \$35 million for Energy Efficiency Programs
- Up to \$10 million for Net Zero Energy for Economic Development

#### **New York State Power Authority**

- Up to 143MW for the ReCharge NY Program

**Department of Environmental Conservation**

- Up to \$3 million for NYS DEC/EFC Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning
- Up to \$79 million for the Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP) Program
- Up to \$8.78 million for the Climate Smart Communities Program

**Environmental Facilities Corporation**

- Up to \$15 million for the Green Innovation Grant Program

**Department of Labor**

- Up to \$5 million for Workforce Development

**2018 CFA Deadline: July 27, 2018**

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**NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets  
Community Growers Grant Program 2018-2019 SFY**

<https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/RFPS.html>

The Community Growers Grant Program will have funds available to 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations, educational institutions and government entities to support the development and expansion of community gardens, school gardens and urban farms across the state. A total of \$500,000 is available; grants funds will cover up to 90% of the total project costs, not to exceed \$25,000. Grant recipients must provide a minimum of 10% of the project costs. Matching funds may include cash or donated goods and/or services. In-kind labor is not an eligible match. Eligible projects will establish new growing spaces, expand infrastructure in existing community growing spaces, and/or build capacity through programming and staff. Grant funds may be used for any of the following purposes directly related to the completion of an eligible project. Eligible costs include but are not limited to: equipment; supplies and materials; salaries and wages; trainings costs; contractor and or consulting costs; and soft costs.

**Deadline: May 21, 2018**

**USDA Rural Development  
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. For example, this program can link teachers and medical service providers in one area to students and patients in another. Eligible applicants include most entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including: most State and local governmental entities; Federally-recognized Tribes; non-profits; for-profit businesses; or a consortia of eligible entities. Grant funds may be used for: acquisition of eligible capital assets, instructional programming, or technical assistance and instruction. A minimum 15% match is required for grant-only awards (cannot be from another federal source).

**Deadline: June 4, 2018**

## **US Department of Housing and Urban Development**

### **Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Program**

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

**Search for Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6200-N-38**

The Choice Neighborhoods program leverages public and private dollars to support locally driven strategies that address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD assisted housing. Local leaders, residents, and stakeholders, such as public housing authorities, cities, schools, police, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers, come together to create and implement a plan that revitalizes distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding neighborhood. The program helps communities transform neighborhoods by redeveloping severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted housing and catalyzing critical improvements in the neighborhood, including vacant property, housing, businesses, services and schools. Choice Neighborhoods is focused on three core goals:

1. Housing: Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed income housing that is responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood;
2. People: Improve outcomes of households living in the target housing related to employment and income, health, and children's education; and
3. Neighborhood: Create conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community.

**Deadline: June 12, 2018**

## **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation**

### **2017 Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant Program**

[https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants\\_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoID=5001078](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoID=5001078)

The NYSDEC Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) provides funding through the Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant program to community-based organizations for projects that address exposure of communities to multiple environmental harms and risks. Projects must be located in a potential environmental justice area as defined by NYSDEC; see maps at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/911.html>. Approximately \$4,475,929 is available; the minimum grant amount is \$2,500 and maximum is \$100,000. Matching funds are not required. Eligible applicants are not-for-profit corporation (NFP) community-based organizations, or a community-based organization may partner with a NFP that will serve as their fiscal sponsor.

**Deadline: July 9, 2018**

## **NYSDEC**

### **Urban and Community Forestry Grants**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html>

Eligible project categories included tree inventories and management plans; tree planting, maintenance and education programming. At least \$2.2 million in funds are made available from the Environmental Protection Fund and will be managed and allocated by DEC. Communities may request from \$11,000 to \$75,000, depending on municipal population. Eligible project categories include tree inventories and management plans, tree planting, tree maintenance and education programming. Some categories require a 25% match of the grant amount. Grant proposals will be evaluated for cost effectiveness, projected benefits, use of recommended

standards in implementation, community outreach and education, support, and regional impact. Appropriate consideration should be given to under-served neighborhoods, as well as environmental issues that could be addressed with green solutions. DEC foresters will provide technical assistance to applicants and assist with tree lists for planting grants.

**Deadline: July 12, 2018**

**National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)**

**Our Town, FY2019**

<https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction>

or <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

**Search for Funding Opportunity Number 2018NEA01OT**

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative placemaking grants program. Grants support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. A key to the success is involving the arts in partnership with committed governmental, nonprofit, and private sector leadership. All applications must demonstrate a partnership that will provide leadership for the project. These partnerships must involve two primary partners: a nonprofit cultural (arts or design) organization; and a local government entity. There are two program areas:

**Place-Based Projects:** Through arts engagement, cultural planning, design, and/or artist/creative industry support, these projects contribute to improved quality of life in local communities. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000, with a minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount.

**Knowledge Building Projects:** These projects build and disseminate knowledge about how to leverage arts, culture, and design as mechanisms for strengthening communities. These grants are available to arts service or design service organizations, and/or other national or regional membership, policy, or university-based organizations. These projects require a partnership that will facilitate the knowledge sharing and/or exchange. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000, with a minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount.

**Deadline: August 9, 2018**

**Fuel Up to Play 60**

<https://www.fueluptoplay60.com/funding/general-information>

Fuel Up to Play 60 is an in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by the National Dairy Council and National Football League, in collaboration with the United States Drug Administration. Through the program, grants of up to \$4,000 will be awarded to qualified K-12 schools enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60 to jumpstart healthy changes in the lifestyles of young people. Examples of projects supported by the program include projects to increase in-school breakfast participation, farm-to-school projects focused on the benefits of eating fresh, locally grown dairy and farm-raised foods, cafeteria makeovers, and healthy snack programs. To be eligible, schools must be enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60, have a registered program advisor, and participate in the National School Lunch Program.

**Deadlines: June 13, 2018 & November 7, 2018**

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