

**Lewis County Planning Department**  
**Grants & Community Opportunities**  
**January 7, 2021**

Submit online requests for grant support to: <https://www.lewiscounty.org/departments/planning/grantassistance>

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**Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS)**

**[Green Innovation Grant Program](#)**

**Deadline:** Friday, February 12, 2021 at 4 PM

**Funding available:** \$17 million total, past awards as high as \$2.5 million

**Description:** The Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) supports projects across New York State that utilize unique stormwater infrastructure design and create cutting-edge green technologies. GIGP-funded projects may range from rain gardens to green roofs, permeable pavement, and stream "daylighting" projects. The GIGP will provide up to \$17 million in grants on a competitive basis to projects that improve water quality and mitigate the effects of climate change through the implementation of one or more of the following green practices:

- Green Stormwater Infrastructure (*10% match*)
- Energy Efficiency (*25% match*)
- Water Efficiency (*25% match*)

EFC will host a webinar to present the GIGP program on January 13, 2021 at 11 AM. You can register to attend the webinar [here](#).

**Eligibility:** Municipalities, private entities, state agencies, and soil and water conservation districts.

**Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS)**

**[Engineering Planning Grant Program](#)**

**Deadline:** Friday, February 12, 2021 at 4 PM

**Funding available:** Grants up to \$30,000 for municipalities with population less than 50,000; Grants up to \$100,000 for inflow and infiltration projects because of an Order on Consent or State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit Compliance Schedule.

**Description:** EPG grants can help municipalities pay for the initial planning of eligible Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) water quality projects. Up to \$2 million has been made available for this round of the Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) program. The goal of the EPG program is to encourage communities to advance water quality projects to construction by funding the development of an engineering report so the community may be prepared to seek financing through the CWSRF program, Water Quality Improvement Project program, or other funding entities to further pursue the identified solution.

EFC will host a webinar to present the GIGP and EPG programs on January 13, 2021 at 11 AM. You can register to attend [here](#).

**Eligibility:** Municipalities with median household income equal to or less than \$70,000 according to the US Census, 2017 American Community Survey.

## **Empire State Development** **Restaurant Recovery Fund**

**Deadline:** Applications open on January 11, 2021

**Funding available:** Up to \$5,000

**Description:** To support small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Raising the Bar Restaurant Recovery Fund offers approximately \$3 million in reimbursement grants for up to \$5,000 to eligible businesses. The program is intended to support full-service restaurants – the industry hit hardest by the pandemic – during the winter months when outdoor dining is limited and as restaurants adjust to New York State’s COVID-19 safety restrictions and new mandates.

### **Eligibility:**

- Full-service restaurants or establishments engaged in providing food services and meals prepared on-premises to patrons who traditionally order and are served while seated, including on-premises food and drinking establishments licensed through the State Liquor Authority.
- Establishments providing take out or grab and go food service due to COVID-19 restrictions are also eligible.
- Franchises are **not** eligible
- Have no more than \$3 million in 2019 revenue
- Operational on or before March 1, 2019
- Certify and demonstrate that they have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19.
- Agree to comply with NYS and local reopening guidance and COVID-19 health and safety policies.

## **Pratt-Northam Foundation** **Community Grants Program**

**Deadline:** January 13, 2021; June 2, 2021; July 30, 2021; September 29, 2021

**Description:** The Pratt-Northam Foundation seeks to provide support to not-for-profit organizations fulfilling community needs which neither government nor private enterprise could reasonably accomplish. Such needs, the directors have maintained, may be cultural, educational, or civic. One of the principal responsibilities of the Foundation’s Board of Directors is the review and consideration of applications from community and governmental organizations for financial assistance. Grant applications are only considered as part of a regularly scheduled board meeting.

\*\*\*Criteria used for the evaluation and potential approval of grant applications are:

- Projects and opportunities for young people
- Initiatives that have broad community support and can demonstrate substantial matching funds.

## Office of Homes and Community Renewal

### Community Development Block Grant – Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities, and Community Planning

**Deadline:** March 5, 2021 at 4 PM

#### **Funding available:**

- **Public Infrastructure:** Up to \$1 million for municipalities, \$1.5 million for joint applicants
- **Public Facilities:** Up to \$300,000
- **Planning:** \$50,000 (5% match)

#### **Description:**

- **Public Infrastructure:** Consists of two funding activities: drinking water/clean water/storm water and public works. Eligible projects for NYS CDBG Public Infrastructure may include the repair or replacement of existing systems, construction of new systems, or expansion of existing systems into areas previously unserved that are in compliance with the NYS Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Act (Chapter 433 of the Laws of 2010) and principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
- **Public Facilities:** Program activities include, but are not limited to, structures to house or serve special needs populations; senior services; health care centers; child care centers; removal of architectural barriers for the disabled (installing lifts, automatic doors, ramps, etc.); sidewalks; and multi-purpose buildings housing several qualifying activities where benefits are provided principally to low- and moderate-income persons. Removal of architectural barriers is not eligible in new construction.
- **Planning:** May consist of one of two activities: Community Needs Assessments and Preliminary Engineering Reports. Any Planning proposal must address an activity which, if implemented, meets at least one of two national objectives under the CDBG program. That is, it must be shown that either 1) at least 51% of the persons who would benefit from implementation of the plan are low- and moderate-income persons, or 2) the plan addresses a slum or blighted area in the community.

**Eligibility:** Cities, towns, and villages located in non-entitlement areas with a population under 50,000 and counties with an unincorporated population of 200,000 are eligible to apply for CDBG funding. Eligible applicants must be in substantial compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws, regulations, and Executive Orders that pertain to the CDBG Program.

## Iroquois Gas Transmission

### Community Grant Program

**Deadline:** Applications reviewed twice per year: May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>

**Funding available:** \$2,500 - \$10,000

**Description:** If your organization is developing a community or environmental initiative designed to provide long-term, lasting benefits, we invite you to contact us for possible funding under Iroquois' Community Grant Program. This competitive-based program, with grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000, is reserved exclusively for communities where Iroquois facilities are located. Priority is given to those proposals that meet established criteria and rank high with the program's intent.

**Eligibility:** The following entities located in pipeline host communities (Diana, Croghan, New Bremen, Watson, Greig, Turin, West Turin, and Leyden):

- Local governments
- Tax-exempt, not-for-profit environmental organizations and land trusts
- Private tax-exempt organizations under IRS 501(c)(3)

**Contact:** Jill Johnson, Communications & Public Relations Specialist, (203) 925-7215

### [Lewis County Chamber of Commerce](#)

#### **Community Mural Initiative**

**Description:** Murals are a great way to beautify blank spaces and showcase a community's identity and history. Interested towns and villages can reach out to the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce for more information.

**Contact:** Kristen Aueter, 315-376-2213  
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Mural at Harrisville Free Library

### **New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)**

#### [Charge Ready NY](#)

**Funding available:** \$4,000 rebate per charging station

**Deadline:** Rolling application

**Description:** Charge Ready NY offers public and private organizations that install Level 2 EV charging stations at public parking facilities, workplaces, and multi-family apartment buildings rebates of \$4,000 per charging port they install. *Charging stations are an eligible high impact action item to earn Clean Energy Communities designation and funding.*

#### **Eligible Locations:**

- *Public parking lots:* Includes municipal lots, parking at retail locations, parks, schools, hotels/motels, etc. that have a minimum of 10 parking spots and are open to the general public at least 12 hours per day, 5 days per week.
- *Workplaces:* Schools, hospitals, office buildings, and businesses with a minimum of 15 employees regularly working at the site.
- *Multi-unit dwellings:* Apartment buildings with at least eight parking spaces that serve five or more housing units.

**Northern New York Community Foundation**

**[Safe Schools Endeavor Fund](#)**

**Region served:** Jefferson and Lewis counties

**Funding available:** Schools may request any amount, but typical grants fall in a range of \$1,000 to \$2,500.

**Deadline:** Available in 2021 (TBD)

**Description:** Support for programs, projects, or initiatives to improve safety within a public or private school. Proposals that are student-led or involve close collaboration with students may receive additional weight as funding is considered.