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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

February 14, 2011

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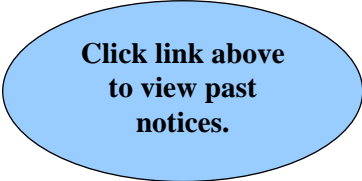
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Agriculture

NYSERDA

Agriculture Energy Efficiency Program (AEEP)

<http://www.nyserda.org/Programs/Agricultural/default.asp>

This opportunity was initially presented in the September 10, 2010 Grants Notice.

NYSERDA helps farmers and on-farm producers improve the energy efficiency of their farms by identifying and implementing a variety of electric and natural gas measures. Eligible farms and on-farm producers include, but are not limited to: orchards, dairies, maple producers, greenhouses, vegetables growers, vineyards, grain dryers, and poultry and egg producers. Your farm must be a customer of a New York State investor-owned utility and must contribute to the System Benefits Charge (SBC). Energy Audits: To better understand your energy needs, NYSERDA can perform an energy audit at no cost for audits up to \$1,500. For more complex audits exceeding \$1,500, NYSERDA offers a cost-sharing option to help you defray some of the expense. Project Implementation Incentives: Provide up to 75% of the eligible project costs and are capped at \$250,000. The farm must contribute at least 25% cash cost-sharing toward the project; incentives are based on total project cost as reflected in the invoices billed to the farm. Internal labor costs are not included as project costs.

Deadline: Funding for this program is limited. NYSERDA will process applications in the order received until program funds are fully committed.

NY Farm Viability Institute

Technical Assistance for Rural Biomass Energy Entrepreneurs

<http://www.nyfvi.org/default.aspx?PageID=2363>

The Technical Assistance for Customer-Sited Rural Biomass Energy Projects in New York State program provides technical assistance to rural entrepreneurs who have developed biomass energy projects past the concept phase, but in order to further develop the projects and secure additional financing require economic and engineering feasibility analyses. The program is being jointly administered by SUNY Cobleskill, the NY Farm Viability Institute and the NY Biomass Energy Alliance.

Deadline: March 1, 2011

Arts

National Endowment for the Arts

Our Town Grants Program

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html>

Through Our Town, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. Our Town will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, are looking to increase their livability, and specifically are seeking to: improve their quality of life; encourage creative activity; create community identity and a sense of place; and revitalize local economies. All Our Town applications must reflect a partnership that will provide leadership for the project. These partnerships must involve at least two organizations: one a nonprofit design or cultural organization, and one a government entity.

Deadline: Statements of Interest are due March 1, 2011; formal application deadline is April 25, 2011

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An organization may submit only one application through one of the following NEA FY 2012 opportunities: Art Works or Challenge America Fast-Track.

**National Endowment for the Arts
Art Works Applications, FY 2012**

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/>

The Art Works program is a reorganization of NEA funding – it combines what was previously two distinct programs: Access to Artistic Excellence and Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth.

Art Works supports the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts. Within these areas, innovative projects are strongly encouraged. An organization may request a grant amount from \$10,000 to \$100,000. **Eligibility:** Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Deadline: March 10 & August 11, 2011

**National Endowment for the Arts
Challenge America Fast-Track**

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP12/Challenge.html>

The Challenge America Fast-Track category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Age alone (e.g., youth, seniors) does not qualify a group as underserved; at least one of the underserved characteristics noted above also must be present. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. Grants are for \$10,000. This category encourages and supports the following two outcomes: Engagement - public engagement with diverse and excellent art; and Livability - the strengthening of communities through the arts.

Deadline: May 26, 2011

Economic/Community Development

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Sustainable Communities Building Blocks Program
<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/buildingblocks.htm>**

This initiative is designed to help interested communities adopt sustainable planning methods. The program will provide quick, targeted technical assistance to 20 local and/or tribal governments in the United States, using a variety of tools that have demonstrated results and widespread application. This technical assistance will help communities implement development approaches that protect the environment, improve public health, create jobs, expand economic opportunity, and improve overall quality of life. Each technical assistance project will include:

- Public engagement — for example, a one-day workshop that is open to the public.
- Direct consultation with relevant decision-makers.
- A memo outlining specific steps the community could take if it wants to implement the ideas generated during the site visit.

Among the tools that will be used are zoning code reviews, walkability assessments, parking policy analysis, climate action planning, commuter benefits, complete streets, and fiscal and economic tools.

Deadline: February 23, 2011

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**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
2010 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/50029.html>

DEC seeks proposals for planning initiatives which link environmental protection, economic development and community livability within the special conditions of the Adirondack Park. The Program will give special consideration to strategic planning projects for economic development and job creation. Projects should be geared toward one of the following categories: Village, Hamlet and Town Center Revitalization; Sustainable Economic Development; and/or Cultural, Environmental and Natural Adirondack Resources. Projects must be located wholly within the Park and an applicant must be a municipality located wholly or partially within the Park. State assistance may fund up to 100 percent of approved project-related costs.

Deadline: March 18, 2011

**Preservation League of New York State & New York State Council on the Arts
Preserve New York Grant Program**

http://preservenys.org/01_what_grants_presny.html

Preserve New York provides support for three types of projects: cultural resource surveys, historic structure reports, and historic landscape reports. (Note: these types of reports are very useful, even critical, in later applications for bricks & mortar projects). Eligibility: An applicant must be a not-for-profit group with tax-exempt status or a unit of local government. State agencies and religious institutions are not eligible to apply. The program generally provides only partial support on a competitive basis. Grants are likely to range between \$3,000 and \$10,000. In 2011, the Preservation League especially encourages projects that advance the preservation of neighborhoods and downtowns that qualify for the NYS Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit; preserve architecture and landscapes of the recent past; and continue the use of historic public buildings. For more information or to discuss your proposal, please contact the League's regional directors of Technical and Grant Programs: for Eastern New York, including St. Lawrence County, contact Erin Tobin at 518-462-5658 x12.

Deadline: May 2, 2011

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

<http://www.slcldc.com/slrvra>

The RVRDA is accepting applications for grants from its \$800,000 Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program, which is aimed at providing clear and demonstrable benefits to St. Lawrence County communities. The program will be funded by proceeds from sale of the agency's low cost hydropower allotment once it is able to execute its power contract with the New York Power Authority.

Priority is given to those projects which most clearly support and advance community development, environmental improvement, and employment opportunities. Examples of such activities include:

- Projects that support a local or county Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or similar community development plan.
- Projects that promote local entrepreneurs and small business development.
- Projects that target funds to maintain or rehabilitate existing infrastructure that relates to economic development projects that service an existing business/industry or new business.
- Projects that target funds to extend existing infrastructure related to economic development projects
- Projects that utilize Brownfield sites and/or underutilized/abandoned properties and buildings.
- Projects that promote building development or redevelopment for business use.
- Projects that support development of research/technology/IT facilities and businesses.
- Projects which either leverage, or have demonstrated an ability to leverage, other sources of financing.

Eligible applicants will include communities, not-for-profit organizations, institutions and other incorporated entities that are planning to undertake a project that will provide a clear and demonstrable community benefit. A non-refundable \$100 application fee is required.

Deadline: February 28, 2011

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National Endowment for the Arts

Your Town: The Citizens' Institute on Rural Design

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Your Town: The Citizens' Institute on Rural Design is a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) funded opportunity for non-profits, community organizations, and local governments to tackle critical regional planning issues through design by bringing design professionals to your community for a multi-day workshop. Your Town is an NEA leadership initiative conducted in partnership with SUNY Syracuse's Department of Landscape Architecture and consultant Shelley Mastran, Professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Since 1991, nearly 60 workshops have been held in all regions of the country. Timing: Workshop must occur between March 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Eligibility: Applicant towns must have a population of less than 50,000 people and/or be located in a non-metropolitan county or a metropolitan county on the urban fringe.

Deadline: February 25, 2011

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Education

U.S. Department of Education

Improving Literacy Through School Libraries (FY) 2011

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/2011-1672.htm>

The purpose of this program is to improve student reading skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists. The estimated range of awards is \$100,000-\$600,000. Eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) may use funds for the following activities: purchasing up-to-date school library media resources, including books; acquiring and using advanced technology that is incorporated into the curricula of the school in order to develop and enhance the information literacy, information retrieval, and critical-thinking skills of students; facilitating Internet links and other resource-sharing networks among schools and school library media centers, and public and academic libraries, where possible; providing professional development for school library media specialists and providing activities that foster increased collaboration among library specialists, teachers, and administrators; and providing students with access to school libraries during non-school hours, including before and after school, weekends, and summer vacation periods. Eligibility: LEAs, including charter schools and State-administered schools that are considered LEAs under State law, in which at least 20 percent of the students served are from families with incomes below the poverty line based on the most recent satisfactory data available from the Census Bureau.

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Verizon Foundation

<http://www.verizonfoundation.org/grant/guidelines.shtml>

The Verizon Foundation is in the business of improving lives in literacy, knowledge and a readiness for the 21st Century; more specifically helping people to: increase their literacy and educational achievement; avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence; achieve and sustain their health and safety. Online guidance and a short eligibility quiz are available for each of the following project categories: Education, Literacy, Domestic Violence Prevention, Healthcare and Accessibility, and Internet Safety

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Roads to Reading

Annual Competitive Book Donation Program

http://www.pwirtr.org/annual_donation_prog.html

This program is designed to donate books for ages 6 months to young adult to literacy programming in underserved small and rural communities. All programs must have a strong focus on remedial reading programming or a tutoring component as part of the program. Eligibility: Non-profit organizations with a 501(c) 3-tax status. Faith-based, grass-root organizations in under served communities are eligible to apply. The program's primary focus has to be remedial reading in a structured environment. The program must hold meetings for a period of time and be continually and consistently under the direct supervision of professionals, paraprofessionals or volunteers. Examples of this would be after-school, summer, or reading programs at libraries or community centers. We will provide books to childcare centers, head-start programs and libraries for story-times and to establish small reading centers for the facility. The program must have at least a six-month history. School Districts may not apply for grants, but individual schools may. Individual Libraries are eligible, but not Library Districts. Demographic restrictions: Small and rural communities, with a population of fewer than 50,000 and which are for the benefit of low-income people. We define a community with a median income under \$41,000 per household.

Deadline: March 30, 2011

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

National Programs to Improve the Health and Educational Outcomes of Young People

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/basic.do>

(Search for funding opportunity number: CDC-RFA-DP11-1101)

Approximately \$6,000,000 will be available to fiscal year 2011 to fund 25 awards. The purpose of this program, National Programs to Improve the Health and Educational Outcomes of Young People, is to improve child and adolescent health by helping schools and communities create an environment that fosters a culture of wellness and makes healthy choices the easy choice. Eligible applicants are organizations with nonprofit IRS status. Eligibility is limited to nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) including public and private nonprofit organizations that serve education organizations, state and local education and/or health agencies, institutions of higher education, juvenile justice and correctional centers, alternative schools, shelters for homeless and runaway youth, and for Priority Area 2 (2A, 2B, 2C) only, youth at high risk for HIV, STD, and teen pregnancy.

Deadline: March 4, 2011

Health

U.S. EPA

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program (EJSG)

<http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>

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U.S. EPA

Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE)

<http://www.epa.gov/care/>

Under this RFP, EPA will award CARE grants through cooperative agreements at two levels that support different types of activities: Level I cooperative agreements range from \$75,000 to a maximum of \$100,000, with an average project funding of about \$90,000 and will support the following types of activities: working with the funded entity to form community-based collaborative partnerships; identifying and developing an understanding of the many local sources of risk from toxic pollutants and environmental concerns; and setting priorities for the reduction of the identified risks and concerns of the community. Level II cooperative agreements range from \$150,000 to a maximum of \$300,000, with an average project funding of about \$275,000 and will support activities to identify and implement actual “on the ground,” community-based projects for the reduction of the prioritized risks and concerns in their community. Level II agreements are for communities that have already completed the actions typically taken in a Level I agreement. Eligibility: applicants must fall within the statutory terms of EPA’s research and demonstration grant authorities. Local, public non-profit institution/organizations, federally-recognized Indian tribal government, Native American organizations, private non-profit institution/organization, quasi-public nonprofit institution/organization both interstate and intrastate, local government, colleges, and universities could be eligible to apply for CARE funds.

Deadline: March 22, 2011

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Deadline: March 4, 2011

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Drug Free Communities Support Program

http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2011/sp_11_002.aspx

The purpose of the DFC Program is to establish and strengthen collaboration to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth; it will fund programs at up to \$125,000 per year for up to five years. Eligibility: The coalition must consist of one or more representatives from each of the following required 12 sectors: Youth (18 or younger); Parent; Business; Media; School; Youth-serving organization; Law enforcement; Religious/Fraternal organization;

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Civic/Volunteer groups; Healthcare professional; State, local, or tribal governmental agency with expertise in the field of substance abuse (including, if applicable, the State agency with primary authority for substance abuse); and Other organization involved in reducing substance abuse. The coalition must demonstrate that members have worked together on substance abuse reduction initiatives for a period of not less than 6 months at the time of the application, acting through entities such as task forces, subcommittees, or community boards. The coalition must also demonstrate substantial participation from volunteer leaders in the community. The coalition must have as its principal mission the reduction of substance abuse, which, at a minimum, includes the use and) abuse of drugs in a comprehensive and long-term manner, with a primary focus on youth in the community. The coalition must have developed a Strategic/Action Plan to reduce substance use among youth which targets multiple drugs of abuse.

Deadline: March 18, 2011

Human/Community Services

U.S. Department of Labor

Workforce Investment Act: Civic Justice Corps Grants

http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

This program provides support for community service programs that provide young offenders the opportunity to repair the harm they may have caused to the community in which they expect to return. Priority will be given to proposed programs that include the following components: meaningful community service projects and service-learning opportunities; educational interventions that lead to a credential and increase placement opportunities in post-secondary education and/or vocational training; community connections that result in opportunities for young offenders to rebuild trust and for the community to view them as assets rather than liabilities; high staff to participant ratios, including close adult supervision on community service projects; a career development component that seeks to place each participant in a job in which skills will be learned, including post-secondary education, a registered apprenticeship, or career technical training that leads to an industry-recognized credential; and post-program support and follow-up.

Deadline: March 15, 2011

Unitarian Universalist Association

Fund for a Just Society

<http://www.uua.org/giving/fundingprogram/102186.shtml>

The Fund for a Just Society provides grants to non-Unitarian Universalist nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and Canada that address issues of social and economic justice. The Fund supports organizations that use community organizing to bring about systemic change leading to a more just society and mobilize with those who have been disenfranchised and excluded from resources, power, and the right to self-determination. Consideration is given to projects that are less likely to receive conventional funding because of the innovative or challenging nature of the work or the economic and social status of the constituency. The maximum grant amount is \$15,000; however, most grants range between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

Deadline: Requests are reviewed two times per year; the next application deadline is March 15, 2011

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Annual Competitive Book Donation Program

http://www.pwirtr.org/annual_donation_prog.html

This program is designed to donate books for ages 6 months to young adult to literacy programming in underserved small and rural communities. All programs must have a strong focus on remedial reading programming or a tutoring component as part of the program. Eligibility: Non-profit organizations with a 501(c) 3-tax status. Faith-based, grass-root organizations in under served communities are eligible to apply. The program's primary focus has to be remedial reading in a structured environment. The program must hold meetings for a period of time and be continually and consistently under the direct supervision of professionals, paraprofessionals or volunteers. Examples of this would be after-school, summer, or reading programs at libraries or community centers. We will provide books to childcare centers, head-start programs and libraries for story-times and to establish small reading centers for the facility. The program must have at least a six-month history. School Districts may not apply for grants, but individual schools may. Individual Libraries are eligible, but not Library Districts. Demographic restrictions: Small and rural communities, with a population of fewer than 50,000 and which are for the benefit of low-income people. We define a community with a median income under \$41,000 per household.

Deadline: March 30, 2011

Preservation League of New York State & New York State Council on the Arts

Preserve New York Grant Program

http://preservenys.org/01_what_grants_presny.html

Preserve New York provides support for three types of projects: cultural resource surveys, historic structure reports, and historic landscape reports. (Note: these types of reports are very useful, even critical, in later applications for bricks & mortar projects). Eligibility: An applicant must be a not-for-profit group with tax-exempt status or a unit of local government. State agencies and religious institutions are not eligible to apply. The program generally provides only partial support on a competitive basis. Grants are likely to range between \$3,000 and \$10,000. In 2011, the Preservation League especially encourages projects that advance the preservation of neighborhoods and downtowns that qualify for the NYS Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit; preserve architecture and landscapes of the recent past; and continue the use of historic public buildings. For more information or to discuss your proposal, please contact the League's regional directors of Technical and Grant Programs: for Eastern New York, including St. Lawrence County, contact Erin Tobin at 518-462-5658 x12.

Deadline: May 2, 2011

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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Sustainable Communities Building Blocks Program**
<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/buildingblocks.htm>

This initiative is designed to help interested communities adopt sustainable planning methods. The program will provide quick, targeted technical assistance to 20 local and/or tribal governments in the United States, using a variety of tools that have demonstrated results and widespread application. This technical assistance will help communities implement development approaches that protect the environment, improve public health, create jobs, expand economic opportunity, and improve overall quality of life. Each technical assistance project will include:

- Public engagement — for example, a one-day workshop that is open to the public.
- Direct consultation with relevant decision-makers.
- A memo outlining specific steps the community could take if it wants to implement the ideas generated during the site visit.

Among the tools that will be used are zoning code reviews, walkability assessments, parking policy analysis, climate action planning, commuter benefits, complete streets, and fiscal and economic tools.

Deadline: February 23, 2011

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

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Deadline: February 25, 2011

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2010 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program**
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/50029.html>

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U.S. EPA

Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE)

<http://www.epa.gov/care/>

Under this RFP, EPA will award CARE grants through cooperative agreements at two levels that support different types of activities: Level I cooperative agreements range from \$75,000 to a maximum of \$100,000, with an average project funding of about \$90,000 and will support the following types of activities: working with the funded entity to form community-based collaborative partnerships; identifying and developing an understanding of the many local sources of risk from toxic pollutants and environmental concerns; and setting priorities for the reduction of the identified risks and concerns of the community. Level II cooperative agreements range from \$150,000 to a maximum of \$300,000, with an average project funding of about \$275,000 and will support activities to identify and implement actual "on the ground," community-based projects for the reduction of the prioritized risks and concerns in their community. Level II agreements are for communities that have already completed the actions typically taken in a Level I agreement. Eligibility: applicants must fall within the statutory terms of EPA's research and demonstration grant authorities. Local, public non-profit institution/organizations, federally-recognized Indian tribal government, Native American organizations, private non-profit institution/organization, quasi-public nonprofit institution/organization both interstate and intrastate, local government, colleges, and universities could be eligible to apply for CARE funds.

Deadline: March 22, 2011

Natural Resources

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Acres for America

http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter_Programs_List&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=60&ContentID=17798

Acres for America, a partnership between Walmart Stores, Inc. and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation was established to provide funding for projects that conserve important habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants through acquisition of interest in real property. The goal of the Acres for America program is to offset the footprint of Walmart's domestic facilities on at least an acre by acre basis through these acquisitions. All grant awards require a minimum 1:1 match of cash or contributed goods and services. Preference will be given to acquisitions that are part of published conservation plans (North American Waterfowl Management Plan, Partners in Flight, etc.), State Wildlife Action Plans, or Endangered Species Act Recovery Plans. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation regional director in their area to discuss project ideas prior to applying.

Deadline: Pre-proposals are due April 1, 2011; invited full proposals are due June 1, 2011

NY Farm Viability Institute

Technical Assistance for Rural Biomass Energy Entrepreneurs

<http://www.nyfyi.org/default.aspx?PageID=2363>

The Technical Assistance for Customer-Sited Rural Biomass Energy Projects in New York State program provides technical assistance to rural entrepreneurs who have developed biomass energy projects past the concept phase, but in order to further develop the projects and secure additional financing require economic and engineering feasibility analyses. The program is being jointly administered by SUNY Cobleskill, the NY Farm Viability Institute and the NY Biomass Energy Alliance.

Deadline: March 1, 2011

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U.S. EPA

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program (EJSG)

<http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>

The EJSG is designed to provide funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an affected community. The EJSG Program is a multi-statute program designed to help communities understand and address their exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. The long-term goals of the EJSG Program are to help build the capacity of the communities with environmental justice concerns and create self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve local environments in the future. The EPA will award grants that support two types of activities: 1) Activities designed to educate, empower and enable communities to understand the environmental and public health issues and to identify ways to address these issues at the local level; and 2) Research activities...need not be limited to academic studies. The EPA has interpreted “research” to include studies that extend to socioeconomic, institutional, and public policy issues, as well as the “natural” sciences. Eligibility: Incorporated non-profit community-based organizations—including environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions; Federally recognized tribal governments; or tribal organizations.

Deadline: March 31, 2011

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

<http://www.slcldc.com/slrvrva>

The RVRDA is accepting applications for grants from its \$800,000 Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program, which is aimed at providing clear and demonstrable benefits to St. Lawrence County communities. The program will be funded by proceeds from sale of the agency’s low cost hydropower allotment once it is able to execute its power contract with the New York Power Authority.

Priority is given to those projects which most clearly support and advance community development, environmental improvement, and employment opportunities. Examples of such activities include:

- Projects that support a local or county Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or similar community development plan.
- Projects that promote local entrepreneurs and small business development.
- Projects that target funds to maintain or rehabilitate existing infrastructure that relates to economic development projects that service an existing business/industry or new business.
- Projects that target funds to extend existing infrastructure related to economic development projects
- Projects that utilize Brownfield sites and/or underutilized/abandoned properties and buildings.
- Projects that promote building development or redevelopment for business use.
- Projects that support development of research/technology/IT facilities and businesses.
- Projects which either leverage, or have demonstrated an ability to leverage, other sources of financing.

Eligible applicants will include communities, not-for-profit organizations, institutions and other incorporated entities that are planning to undertake a project that will provide a clear and demonstrable community benefit. A non-refundable \$100 application fee is required.

Deadline: February 28, 2011

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Public Safety/Law Enforcement

U.S. Department of Labor

Workforce Investment Act: Civic Justice Corps Grants

http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

This program provides support for projects focused on community service programs that provide young offenders the opportunity to repair the harm they may have caused to the community in which they expect to return. Priority will be given to proposed programs that include the following components: meaningful community service projects and service-learning opportunities; educational interventions that lead to a credential and increase placement opportunities in post-secondary education and/or vocational training; community connections that result in opportunities for young offenders to rebuild trust and for the community to view them as assets rather than liabilities; high staff to participant ratios, including close adult supervision on community service projects; a career development component that seeks to place each participant in a job in which skills will be learned, including post-secondary education, a registered apprenticeship, or career technical training that leads to an industry-recognized credential; and post-program support and follow-up.

Deadline: March 15, 2011

Verizon Foundation

<http://www.verizonfoundation.org/grant/guidelines.shtml>

The Verizon Foundation is in the business of improving lives in literacy, knowledge and a readiness for the 21st Century; more specifically helping people to: increase their literacy and educational achievement; avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence; achieve and sustain their health and safety. Online guidance and a short eligibility quiz are available for each of the following project categories: Education, Literacy, Domestic Violence Prevention, Healthcare and Accessibility, and Internet Safety

Deadline: The Verizon Foundation accepts grant requests 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, January through the last business day of September (i.e. September 30, 2011) through the application process.

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