

**Ulster County Planning Board
Grant Announcements
August 5, 2009 Meeting**

Apply for:

NYS Department of State- Local Waterfront Revitalization Program- EPF 2009-2010

Funding is available to cities, towns, villages and counties to prepare, refine or implement Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs (LWRP). The LWRP encourages communities to plan for the future of their waterfronts and undertake improvement projects to implement their plans. NYS DOS is soliciting grant applications for the following grant categories:

- Visioning and development of local or regional revitalization strategies
- Completing or implementing a Local or Regional Waterfront Revitalization Program
- Adapting to climate change
- Downtown and hamlet revitalization
- Preparing or implementing a local or regional watershed management plan
- Urban waterfront redevelopment
- Creating a blueway trail
- Interpreting waterfront resources - NYS Coastal Resources Interpretive Program

This is a reimbursement program. State assistance awarded and paid shall not exceed 50% of the total eligible project costs set forth in the application. A municipality may submit applications for more than one project. Each project must be submitted as a separate application. Information at http://www.nyswaterfronts.com/grantopps_EPF.asp Applications at www.nyswaterfronts.com, call 518-474-6000, or e-mail request to coastal@dos.state.ny.us. For general questions, please call Ken Smith at (518) 474-6000 or e-mail kenneth.smith@dos.state.ny.us .

Applications must be RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 Fax And E-Mail transmissions will not be accepted.

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NYS Dept. of State -NYS Smart Growth Grant Program - Lower Hudson Valley Region

The Department of State is soliciting applications from municipalities and/or not-for-profits for grants from the NYS Smart Growth Grant Program in the Lower Hudson Valley (LHV) Region. \$500,000 is available for the following activities:

- Revitalization and redevelopment of municipal and regional centers (max \$250,000)
- One award for a preparation of a regional plan analyzing the connection among land use, vehicle miles traveled and climate change (a minimum of \$250,000 available)

For the purposes of this Grant Program, LHV includes only the Towns of Gardiner, Lloyd, Marlborough, Plattekill, Shawangunk and Wawarsing within the County of Ulster. State assistance will be provided up to 100% of the eligible cost of the activity.

Application forms are available online at www.dos.state.ny.us. For general questions or to request an application, please call at (518) 473-3355 or e-mail localgov@dos.state.ny.us. An applicant may submit applications for more than one project. Each project must be submitted as a separate application. Applications must be received not later than 4:00pm on Wednesday, Sept 16th 2009. Fax And E-Mail Transmissions Will Not Be Accepted.

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NYS Dept. of State - Local Government Efficiency Grant

The goal of the LGE program is to reduce municipal expenses and property taxes, by incentivizing cooperative activities between municipalities. The following is a brief description of the four types of grants available:

- High Priority Planning Grants are for a city or a county charter revision to implement functional consolidation or increased shared services which will achieve savings and management improvements; municipal mergers, consolidations or dissolutions, countywide shared services or the transfer of local functions to the county, multi-county or regional services or a plan for sustainable reductions in police, fire and highway services costs.
- General Efficiency Planning Grants are competitive grants to help identify and evaluate opportunities to improve local government efficiency and cost savings, including health plan consolidations.
- Efficiency Implementation Grants are competitive grants to assist applicants implementing plans to improve local government efficiency and cost savings.
- 21st Century Demonstration Project Grants are competitive grants to promote large-scale, transformative change in municipalities and to serve as living laboratories for municipal innovation.

Additional information may be found at: www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/shareservices

Eligible “municipalities” are defined as counties, cities, towns, villages, special improvement districts, fire districts, public libraries, association libraries, water authorities, sewer authorities, regional planning and development boards, school districts, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). Each participating municipality is required to include a resolution passed by the governing board.

Deadlines:

General Efficiency Planning/ Efficiency Implementation /21st Century Demonstration Project Grant due Wednesday at 4:00pm on September 23, 2009

High Priority Planning Grant Wednesdays at 4:00pm on;

- August 19, 2009 • December 16, 2009
- September 16, 2009 • January 20, 2010
- October 21, 2009 • February 17, 2010
- November 18, 2009 • March 17, 2010

Review of High Priority Planning Grant applications will occur each month.

High Priority Planning Grant applications received after the deadline will be held until the next month’s deadline, applications received after March 17, 2010 will be returned to the applicant.

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Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Programs

The NYS DEC provides funding for projects to improve water quality through two Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) programs:

- Statewide Grant Program provides funding for projects demonstrating direct environmental benefits that will help reduce polluted runoff, improve water quality and restore habitat in New York State waters. Application materials are available for download. **Applications for the Statewide Grant Program are being accepted until October 16, 2009.**
- New York City Watershed Protection Grant Program provides financial assistance for projects that protect and enhance the quality of source waters of the New York City water

supply system. Funding is limited to projects within the geographic boundary of the New York City Watershed. Application materials are available for download.

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

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Awarded:

US. Dept. of Energy - State Energy Program

The US. Dept. of Energy (DOE) has approved NY's plan for federal stimulus funding through the State Energy Program (SEP) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The \$123 million SEP plan will create jobs in the clean energy sector by complementing current State programs. The SEP funds will allow the NYSERDA to provide additional financial support for the installation of energy efficiency measures and renewable energy systems across the State, and for the introduction of alternative fuel vehicles into fleets.

NY's approved SEP plan includes the following programs:

Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program (\$91.2 million)

This program will provide grants to municipalities, schools, hospitals, public colleges and universities, and not-for-profit organizations for the installation of eligible energy efficiency measures, renewable energy systems, and purchase of alternative fuel vehicles. Projects may include: lighting, cooling, heating, motor, and building envelope measures; combined heat and power and geothermal installations; solar thermal and photovoltaic (PV) systems; and light- and medium-duty vehicles fueled by natural gas, propane, hydrogen, or those that use electricity either stored or generated on board as the primary fuel. Technical assistance studies also qualify.

Energy Code Program (\$4.4 million)

In cooperation with the NYS Department of State, NYSERDA will support NYS's effort to adopt more stringent energy codes for buildings. Various implementation and support services will be available to the entire building community, including local jurisdictions charged with implementation of the state energy code, architects, engineers, and homebuilders, to work aggressively to achieve at least 90 % compliance in the commercial and residential sectors.

NYSERDA also has submitted its plan to administer a \$29 million Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program exclusively for small communities (cities and towns with less than 35,000 pop. and counties with less than 200,000 pop.) not receiving direct federal assistance. Projects that reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency will be considered for funding through a competitive solicitation. An announcement will be made in the future that includes eligibility criteria .

A synopsis of the SEP can be found at: <http://www.nyserda.org/Economicrecovery/sep.asp>

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Stimulus \$ for Hudson Valley Transportation Infrastructure

More stimulus funding for transportation projects in the Hudson Valley through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has been announced. These investments will provide for essential highway and bridge repairs and other long-term transp.improvements. The certifications are for the following projects in/relating to Ulster County:

- \$2.4 million in ARRA funding for an enhancement project to construct a single-shaft elevator and a stairway from ground level to the Walkway Over the Hudson Bridge near Water St. in Poughkeepsie. Completion by the end of next year;
- \$1.2 million in ARRA funding to rehabilitate the Beckley Dr. bridge over the Fantine Kill in the town of Wawarsing.. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2009;
- \$200,000 in ARRA funding for a \$1.5 million project to construct a pedestrian walkway along the Rondout Creek waterfront from Ravine Street to Route 9W in the city of Kingston. The project will build approximately .25 mi. of walkway and 400 ft of bulkhead along the creek to be completed by the end of 2010.
- \$894,000 in ARRA funding for a transportation enhancement project to construct sidewalks from the Gardiner Library to the Gardiner Reformed Church in the town of Gardiner. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2010.

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More than \$1 Million in Local Govt. Efficiency Grants for Hudson Valley

More than \$1 million in Local Government Efficiency (LGE) program grants for the Hudson Valley area has been announced. The LGE awards support projects that consolidate local government services to eliminate waste, make operations more effective and reduce costs. The Hudson Valley region was awarded 11 grants that total \$1.35 million and are expected to save area taxpayers more than \$6 million.

Ulster County, in partnership with seven additional municipalities, will receive \$500,000 to help streamline highway maintenance services and is estimated to save taxpayers more than \$4.7 million. The grant will help to reduce the duplication of highway maintenance activities, decreasing the need for equipment replacement, increasing energy efficiency and streamlining highway service delivery. With the funds, the County will have assistance as it develops the deployment of 241 highway vehicles that will be unrestricted by the jurisdictional boundaries.

Other recipients in Ulster County: \$49,500 for the Town of New Paltz to fund a Municipal Shared Services and Consolidation Study. The Town and Village of New Paltz will assess potential municipal shared service and consolidation opportunities to improve governmental efficiency and lower taxes. This project will consider all potential governance models and incorporate recommendations that will produce better government for the benefit of all current and future citizens.

For more information and a complete list of the grant awards <http://www.dos.state.ny.us>.

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\$11 Million in Stimulus for NYS Infrastructure Projects

Over \$11 million in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funding for projects that will help to modernize NY’s infrastructure. The economic recovery funds for these projects will be administered by the NYS Community Development Block Grant program and were approved by the State’s Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC).

In Ulster County: Town of Wawarsing – Kerhonkson Water Main Replacement Project. For a total project cost of \$613,111, the Town of Wawarsing will upgrade the aged Kerhonkson Water District including the installation of deteriorated pipes and fire hydrants. The system serves 467 persons of whom 73 percent are low- and moderate-income and are unable to bear the cost of these improvements. Jobs: 23