

**Ulster County Planning Board  
Grant Announcements  
April 7, 2010 Meeting**

**Apply for:**

**Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants -DEC**

The grants help rural fire departments enhance their wildfire fighting capabilities. The grant program is funded by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by DEC. The deadline for applications is May 15.

**Eligibility-**

Only expenses directly related to fire suppression efforts are eligible for funding. Expenditures not directly related to firefighting, such as acquisition of land, construction of buildings and facilities are not eligible for funding. Eligible fire companies include those that serve a single town with a population of 10,000 or less and those that serve multiple communities one of which is a rural town of less than 10,000 residents. Fire companies in towns with a population of 10,000 or more may be eligible if they meet the requirements listed on the application. Fire departments must provide half the cost of the project being funded. All funded projects should be completed by October 31, 2010. Preference will be given to fire departments that have not received funding in the past five years.

**Applying**

For applications or further information about the grant program, contact DEC at (518) 402-8839, or write to DEC, Division of Forest Protection, 625 Broadway 8th Floor, Albany, NY, 12233-2560 or visit DEC website.

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**Landowner Incentive Program –DEC**

**Management and Protection of Bog Turtle Habitat -DEC**

Private landowners and not-for-profit groups working on private land will be able to apply for funding for the protection of at-risk species and their habitats, specifically bog turtles and their habitat. Eligibility is limited to privately-owned land within portions of following counties: Columbia, Greene, Ulster, Dutchess, Putnam, Sullivan and Orange. A total of approximately \$150,000 will be made available for projects. Eligible landowners will compete for funding, with individual grants limited to a minimum amount of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$50,000. The cost effectiveness of a project will have a direct impact on an application's score. All grants require a minimum of 25% in matching funds from non-federal and non-state funding sources.

**The deadline for pre-application submission is June 1, 2010.**

**Information at** <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/grants.html> or contact:

Marcelo J. del Puerto

Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources

625 Broadway

Albany, NY 12223-4754

518-402-8942

E-mail: [F&WLIP@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:F&WLIP@gw.dec.state.ny.us)

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## **Marine & Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration –Fish America**

The FishAmerica Foundation announces the availability of approximately **\$1 million** for local efforts to accomplish meaningful on-the-ground restoration of marine, estuarine and riparian habitats, including salt marshes, seagrass beds, mangrove forests, and freshwater habitats important to anadromous fish species (fish like salmon and striped bass that migrate to and from the sea). Approximately \$200,000 of the available funding will be dedicated specifically to stream barrier removal projects.

Complete announcement at <http://www.fishamerica.org>

Projects must result in the implementation of locally-driven habitat restoration projects that emphasize stewardship and yield ecological and socioeconomic benefits and should involve community participation through an educational or volunteer component tied to the restoration activities. Projects focusing on the management or removal of aquatic invasive/nuisance species will not be considered.

Applications received by **May 17, 2010 by 5:00 PM (EDT)**. Not a postmark deadline. Electronic and faxed applications will NOT be accepted.

All submissions must be sent to:

FAF/NOAA RFP - Grant Applications

FishAmerica Foundation

225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 420

Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Funding is expected to be announced in October 2010.

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## **Farmers Market Promotion Program – AMS**

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has announced the availability of approximately \$5 million in competitive grant funds in fiscal year (FY) 2010 to be awarded through the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). This competitive program is designed to promote the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding direct producer-to-consumer marketing opportunities. Direct producer-to-consumer marketing proposals that may be funded include projects addressing issues related to farmers markets, roadside stands, community supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer marketing channels.

AMS hereby requests proposals from the following eligible entities: 1) agricultural cooperatives, 2) producer networks, 3) producer associations, 4) local governments, 5) non-profit corporations, 6) public benefit corporations, 7) economic development corporations, 8) regional farmers market authorities, and 9) Tribal Governments.

**AMS will not award any organization grant funds in two consecutive years.**

Award per grant \$2,500 - \$100,000. **Project work should begin in October 2010 and end not later than October 2012.** Matching funds are not required.

**Applications postmarked by April 15, 2010. Grants.gov applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EST on April 15, 2010.**

**For more info: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/FMPP>**

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## **Ashokan Watershed Projects – Cornell Cooperative Extension of UC**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program is accepting applications for the 2010 Mini Grant and Matching Grant Programs. Information and applications are available on the Ashokan Watershed SMP Website [www.ashokanstreams.org](http://www.ashokanstreams.org) .

Applications are accepted continuously, but are reviewed at quarterly advisory council meetings. The next round of applications will be reviewed in July 2010.

Contact Elizabeth Higgins, Ashokan Watershed SMP Coordinator at (845) 688-3047 or by e-mail at [emh56@cornell.edu](mailto:emh56@cornell.edu).

The Mini Grants and Matching Grants are specifically for programs and projects in the Ashokan Watershed that help to implement Ashokan Watershed Stream Mgmt. Plan recommendations, or increase the knowledge and skills that municipal employees, elected officials, and watershed residents have in managing land and infrastructure that is either adjacent to, or that otherwise impacts streams in the watershed. Eligible activities include: education programs, speaker fees, funds for training and professional development, research and monitoring projects, aquatic and riparian habitat improvement, stream clean-ups, and other community activities and programs that increase and enhance public stream access. Mini Grants are for up to \$5000. Matching Grants are for up to \$100,000 or 25% of the project cost, whatever is less. The Matching Grants can be used to provide funds to enhance an existing project when the enhancement can be demonstrated to increase the project's benefit to the Ashokan Watershed.

The funding for these grants has been provided by the NYC DEP through its Stream Mgmt. Program. All funds for this program will be obligated by May 2012.

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### **Technical Assistance Grants – NYS DEC**

The DEC is providing financial assistance through Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs). TAGs are citizen participation tools that community groups can use to increase public awareness and understanding of remedial activities taking place in their community. TAGs are intended to help grant recipients understand existing environmental data developed about the site, comment on site remedial activities and proposals and share the information obtained with the public.

**Eligibility:** Non-profit community organizations.

**Funding:** Contact the DDEC for figures.

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

**For more information:** Larry Ennist DEC Div.of Env.Remediation  
625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233 518-402-9751 [ldennist@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:ldennist@gw.dec.state.ny.us)  
[www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2590.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2590.html)

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## Landfill Gas-Management Projects - NYS DEC

The DEC is providing financial assistance for municipal landfill gas-mgmt.projects that promote improved air quality at solid waste landfills and encourage energy recovery from landfill gas.

**Eligibility:** Non-hazardous solid waste landfills that are municipally owned or operated. The landfills may be active or inactive. Active landfill gas systems must meet current landfill gas-mgmt.requirements. In addition, only landfill gas-mgmt. costs incurred after April 1, 1993, are eligible for grant reimbursement.

**Funding:** The funding for this grant has been reduced. Applicants will be placed on a waiting list to receive funding. Contact the DEC for more information.

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

**For more information:**

Vincent Fay

DEC Bureau of Solid Waste, Reduction and Recycling

625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233

518-402-8705

[vkfay@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:vkfay@gw.dec.state.ny.us)

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/49845.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/49845.html)

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## New Era Rural Technology - National Institute of Food and Agriculture

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture is accepting applications for the New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program. Grants will be provided to projects that are focused on technology development, applied research and/or training to develop an agriculture-based renewable energy workforce to serve rural communities. Projects should produce graduates who can strengthen the nation's technical, scientific and professional workforce in the fields of bioenergy, pulp and paper manufacturing, and agriculture-based renewable energy resources.

**Eligibility:** Public and private non-profit community colleges and advanced technological centers that are located in a rural area.

**Funding:** A total of \$850,000 is available. Individual awards up to \$300,000.

**Deadline:** Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

**For more information:**

Gregory Smith, National Education Program Leader

Higher Education Programs

USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture

1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 2251

Washington, DC 20250

202-720-2067

[gsmith@NIFA.usda.gov](mailto:gsmith@NIFA.usda.gov)

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## Science, Technology & Economics - Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation supports original research and broad-based education that is related to science, technology and economics. The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation believes that a carefully reasoned and systematic understanding of the forces of nature and society—when applied inventively and wisely—can lead to a better world for all.

**Eligibility:** Non-profit organizations.

**Funding:** Contact the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation for figures.

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

**For more information:**

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation  
630 Fifth Ave., Suite 2550  
New York, NY 10111  
www.sloan.org  
212-649-1649

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**Outreach Programs & Partnerships - Blockbuster**

Blockbuster is committed to supporting outreach programs and partnerships that are designed to deliver measurable, positive results in communities that its members and employees call home. Wherever possible, Blockbuster incorporates cash contributions with volunteerism and in-kind donations to help achieve maximum impact.

**Eligibility:** Non-profit organizations.

**Funding:** Contact Blockbuster for figures.

**Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**For more information:**

Blockbuster Inc.  
Office of Corporation Contributions  
1201 Elm St.  
Dallas, TX 75270  
214-854-3000  
www.blockbuster.com/corporate/communityRelations

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**Homes for Working Families - NYS Housing Trust Fund Corp.**

Funding for not-for-profit entities and for-profit entities to construct and/or rehabilitate housing for low income persons/households under the Homes for Working Families Program.

Applications are available on the DHCR web site - [www.nysdhcr.gov](http://www.nysdhcr.gov).

Applications due 5:00 PM, Wednesday, December 1, 2010.

Based on historic levels of appropriation, the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) expects to have \$7 million in HWF available.

For questions regarding the HWF Program and/or technical assistance for application preparation, contact

NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal  
Lynn Kopka, Regional Director  
Hampton Plaza, 2nd Floor  
38-40 State Street  
Albany, New York 12207  
(518) 486-5012

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## **Green Fund Capacity Building Grant – Home Depot/HAC**

The Home Depot Foundation awarded a generous grant to the Housing Assistance Council (HAC) for the pursuit of activities designed to promote green building and healthy homes in affordable rural housing. HAC has created the Green Fund Capacity Building Grant Program, a re-granting program of awards up to \$15,000, to fund local rural, sustainable affordable housing developments. Selected grant recipients must use the awarded funds to support green building/healthy home techniques and practices in their housing development activities.

Grants will be awarded to both experienced green developers and those affordable housing developers new to green/healthy homebuilding; novice green builders must demonstrate clear plans to pursue green/healthy homes.

Uses of the HAC Green Building/Healthy Homes Initiative grant funds are flexible. Some examples of uses include construction and development costs, staff support, and training. Units built must be for low-income households in rural areas.

**This competitive program opens March 8, 2010, with applications due by April 5, 2010. Awards announced in late May 2010. See website below for application.**

[http://www.ruralhome.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=314:gb-grant&catid=61](http://www.ruralhome.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=314:gb-grant&catid=61)

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## **Municipal Waste Reduction & Household Hazardous Waste – DEC**

The DEC accepts applications from municipalities on an ongoing basis for funding under the Municipal Waste Reduction & Recycling (MWRR) State Assistance Program and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) State Assistance Program. Both programs provide up to 50 % reimbursement to local governments for eligible project costs, with reimbursement limited to \$2.0 million per project. Funding subject to appropriations.

### **Eligible Applicants:**

Counties, cities, towns, villages, local public authorities, local public benefit corporations, school districts, supervisory districts and improvement districts, Native American tribes or Nations residing in New York State, or any combination of the above.

### **Description of Eligible Projects:**

**MWRR Recycling Capital Projects** - Projects that enhance municipal recycling infrastructure through purchasing equipment or construction of recycling and composting facilities.

**MWRR Recycling Coordinator Projects** - Recycling Coordinator salaries and public education programs to expand local recycling and waste reduction programs and increase participation in those programs.

**Household Hazardous Waste Projects** - For HHW collection days and construction of permanent HHW collection facilities in order to provide a safe alternative for recycling or disposal of household hazardous materials.

**Application Forms:**

Applications are available on-line at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4776.html> or you may call (518) 402-8706 to request a paper copy of the applications.

**MWRR Recycling Capital or Coordinator Program contact:**

Sharon Smith - E-mail: [spsmith@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:spsmith@gw.dec.state.ny.us)

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program contact:**

Christian Glander - E-mail: [cxglande@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:cxglande@gw.dec.state.ny.us)

For both programs

DEC – Div. of Solid and HazMat - Bureau of Solid Waste, Reduction & Recycling

625 Broadway, 9th Floor

Albany, NY 12233-7253

Phone: (518) 402-8706

Fax: (518) 402-8681

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**Sustainable Neighborhoods Program - NYS HTFC and AHC**

The Sustainable Neighborhoods Demonstration Program (SNDP) is intended to assist local governments, municipal housing authorities, and not-for-profit corporations in addressing vacant and blighted properties across Upstate NY. A joint application and application instructions for SNDP funds is available on the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) Website, [www.nysdhcr.gov](http://www.nysdhcr.gov), and NYS Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) website, [www.nyhomes.org](http://www.nyhomes.org).

The SNDP plans to make up to \$2,000,000 available for awards to spur the rehabilitation of vacant and/or blighted residential properties and redevelopment of vacant lots. SNDP will make approximately \$500,000 available for **Sustainable Neighborhoods Planning Grants** to assist in the development of neighborhood revitalization plans that will result in building-specific strategies to rehabilitate vacant and/or blighted residential properties or redevelopment of vacant lots within certain targeted neighborhoods. Approximately \$1,500,000 is expected to be available for **Sustainable Neighborhoods Implementation Awards** to fund costs associated with the rehabilitation of vacant and/or blighted residential properties or redevelopment of vacant lots that have been identified for rehabilitation or redevelopment as part of an existing neighborhood revitalization plan.

This RFP describes the requirements for SNDP applications and describes the process by which HTFC and AHC will evaluate applications requesting funding.

Deadlines - Applications may be submitted beginning March 19, 2010 and will be accepted on a continuous basis until the funds are committed.

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**Awarded:**

**\$40 Million in Stimulus Funding for State Energy Program Projects**

\$40 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding has been awarded to NY municipalities, public schools, universities and colleges, hospitals and not-for-profit agencies to support 118 energy conservation projects. The energy efficiency, renewable energy and clean fleet projects will reduce energy and operating costs by \$13.5 million annually and fully return the initial investment in just under 7 years.

Measures funded include installation of lighting and lighting controls, heating, cooling and controls, building envelope, photovoltaic systems, high efficiency biomass boilers, solar thermal, small wind generators and alternative-fuel refueling stations and vehicles.

In Ulster County :

Town of Esopus \$96,790 to install a 23kW photovoltaic system that will save an estimated \$4558 annually,

SUNY New Paltz \$291,220 to install a 47 kW photovoltaic system that will save an estimated \$11,844 annually.

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**\$24 Million in for Clean Energy Projects in Small Municipalities**

\$24 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding has been awarded to 206 energy conservation projects. These energy efficiency and renewable energy projects will help 137 municipalities throughout the State reduce energy and operating costs by \$3.3 million annually and fully return the initial investment in less than nine years.

The projects were competitively selected through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program and are projects that municipalities have identified as local priorities to reduce energy costs and increase energy efficiency in buildings, transportation systems, waste management practices, and other operations.

These funds will benefit a variety of facilities, including fire stations, libraries, town halls, wastewater treatment plants, and others. Measures funded include installation of lighting, heating, and cooling systems and controls to increase efficiency; building envelope improvements; renewable energy measures including photovoltaic systems, high efficiency biomass boilers, solar thermal systems, and small wind generators; and recycling programs.

In Ulster County

City of Kingston, \$ 52,486 To hire a full time energy management employee to inventory municipal GHG emissions and develop a Climate Action Plan for the City of Kingston.

City of Kingston, \$ 111,498 To implement a trash metering system and a recycling incentive program to serve the City of Kingston.