

**Ulster County Planning Board  
Grant Announcements  
January 5, 2011 Meeting**

**Apply for:**

**NYS Homes and Community Renewal - 2011 NOFA**

The NYS Housing Trust Fund Corp. and the NYS Affordable Housing Corp.'s Office of Community Renewal anticipate the availability of approximately \$96 million of State and Federal funds for the following programs:

- \$40 million - NYS Community Development Block Grant funding for the Annual Competitive Round and Open Round Economic Development Program
- \$25 million - Affordable Home Ownership Development Program
- \$20 million - HOME Local Program\*
- \$5 million - New York Main Street
- \$4 million - Access to Home Local Program
- \$2 million - RESTORE

For the complete Notice that describes the programs and eligibility got to:

[http://nysdhcr.gov/Funding/NYSCDBG/2011/2011NOFA\\_HCR\\_OCR.pdf](http://nysdhcr.gov/Funding/NYSCDBG/2011/2011NOFA_HCR_OCR.pdf)

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**DEC – Urban Forestry Grants**

The DEC is making grants available to support urban forestry projects across NYS. Eligible projects include tree inventories and management plans, tree and shrub planting and maintenance, and green infrastructure projects such as green roofs and rain gardens. Communities impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer can also seek funding for projects that include removal of at-risk trees or new tree plantings.

Applicants can include municipalities, public benefit corporations, public authorities, school districts and not-for-profit organizations that have a public ownership interest in the property or are acting on behalf of a public property owner. Grants range from \$2,500 to \$62,500 depending on municipal population, with a 50/50 match requirement. Additionally, \$1,000 “Quick Start Arbor Day” grants - with no match requirement - will be available to help communities generate support for a tree program with an Arbor Day celebration.

Grant proposals should discuss the scope of work to be done and how the project will provide environmental, economic, and/or social benefits in the community. In selecting sites, appropriate consideration should be given to under-served neighborhoods, as well as targeting local environmental issues. Applicants are encouraged to form regional partnerships and submit proposals that help to implement watershed protection and smart growth initiatives with green solutions.

Applications and forms at [www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html).

Grant applications must be postmarked by Feb. 10, 2011.

For more information, call DEC at (518) 402-9425.

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## USDA/NRCS Funding for NY Organic Producers

\$775,000 in funding is available to help NY organic producers and transitioning producers implement soil and water conservation practices on their agricultural operations. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis, with the funding cutoff date set for March 4, 2011.

Eligible producers include those certified through USDA's National Organic Program, those transitioning to certified organic production, and those who meet organic standards but are exempt from certification because their gross annual organic sales are less than \$5,000. The program provides up to \$20,000 a year per person or legal entity, with a maximum total of \$80,000 over six years.

Producers interested in applying must submit applications through **their** local USDA Service Center, which can be located online at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=NY>.

Additional information is available online at [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov). NRCS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider.

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## The RGK Foundation

The RGK Foundation is committed to supporting innovative projects in the areas of health, education, human services and community affairs. The foundation strives to advance knowledge, improve society and help realize human potential.

- **Eligibility:** Non-profit organizations.
- **Funding:** Visit The RGK Foundation website for a listing of grants by year.
- **Deadline:** Letters of Inquiry are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- **Contact:** The RGK Foundation  
1301 W. 25th St., Suite 300  
Austin, TX 78705  
512-474-9298  
[www.rgkfoundation.org](http://www.rgkfoundation.org)

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## **Awarded:**

## CDBG Community Development Planning Grant

Ulster County has been awarded \$40,000 in CDBG funds for a Community Planning Grant to create a Smart Growth Shovel Ready Plan for the County. The Plan will identify key parcels and structures for development within priority growth zones and guide investment to support development of these parcels. The Plan will also provide a model code for municipalities that encourages the development of concept plans for these parcels in a cooperative fashion.

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