



Dear Stakeholder,

I am sharing some grant opportunities below, in case you have not already seen them. If you know of someone who would find this email round-up useful, please forward this along and invite them to subscribe by emailing my office at levenbergd@nyassembly.gov.

Best,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Deadlines approaching soon

Climate-Adaptive Design Studio Opportunity for Hudson Waterfront Communities

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) recently announced an opportunity for Hudson riverfront municipalities to host the Climate-adaptive Design studio this fall. The Climate-adaptive Design (CaD) studio links Cornell University students in landscape architecture with riverfront communities to explore design alternatives for more climate resilient and connected waterfront areas. The CaD studio is a collaboration between the DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and the Cornell University Department of Landscape Architecture. Student design teams meet with local stakeholders to develop an understanding of the unique waterfront opportunities and challenges, focusing on public access, economic development, as well as ecological and climate resilience.

DEC has awarded competitive grants in the amount of \$125,000 to communities that have previously hosted a CaD studio to advance the design and implementation of CaD-inspired projects on their riverfronts. In 2019 the village of Piermont and the city of Kingston received grants, and in 2021 the town and village of Ossining and the city of Hudson received funding to work with design firms to advance resilient waterfront project ideas.

Interested municipalities can [learn more about the CaD studio](#) by visiting Cornell's website. A letter of interest must be submitted to Libby Zemaitis at Libby.Zemaitis@dec.ny.gov by **May 15, 2023**. Visit the [application page on Cornell's website](#) for instructions on submitting a letter of interest.

Environmental Justice Thriving Communities: EPA has made available up to approximately \$550 million for its [Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking \(EJ TCGM\) Program](#). Through this program, EPA will fund up to 11 Grantmakers from around the nation to reduce barriers to the Federal grants application process and increase the efficiency of the awards process for environmental justice grants. Grantmakers will design competitive application and submission processes, award environmental justice subgrants, implement a tracking and reporting system, and provide resources and support to communities. Eligible applicants are community-based nonprofit organizations, partnerships between community-based nonprofit organizations, partnerships between federally recognized Tribal governments and community-based

nonprofit organizations, and partnerships between institutions of higher education and community-based nonprofit organizations. **Applications are due by May 31, 2023.**

EPA Region 2 Technical Assistance and Funding Resources: Senator Schumer's office recently shared the EPA's Region 2 guide for technical assistance and funding resources. The PDF is attached. You may use the clickable section headings and the list of funding opportunities on the first two pages to easily navigate through the guide. If you have questions or would like support for your application from the Senator's office, contact Hudson Valley Regional Director Megan Glander at Megan_Glander@schumer.senate.gov.

Spotlight on Grants Received

[Field Hall Foundation](#) has announced \$253,251 in new grants through its Winter 2022/23 grant cycle. Thirteen grants, ranging from \$4,050 to \$50,000, have been awarded to organizations that will provide services to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers in Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester Counties. Congratulations to the following grant recipients serving residents in AD95:

- Catholic Charities of Westchester and Putnam (\$50,000 to provide case management and emergency relief funding to seniors in need)
- Pace Women's Justice Center (\$50,000 to provide civil legal services to protect seniors from all forms of elder abuse)
- Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester (\$40,480 to expand their geriatric care navigation program to at-risk, low-income seniors)
- Caring for the Hungry & Homeless of Peekskill (\$15,000 to provide healthy groceries to food insecure older adults)
- Hillside Food Outreach (\$15,000 to support their program delivering nutritious foods to homebound seniors in Putnam and Westchester Counties)
- Parole Preparation Project (\$15,000 to provide direct support and assistance to formerly incarcerated elders returning home from prison in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester Counties)

Field Hall is now accepting letters of inquiry for the Fall 2023 cycle; the deadline for submission is May 31, 2023. For more information visit www.fieldhallfoundation.org or contact Patti Lavan Horvath, Program Officer at 914-813-9103 or phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org.

Additional Opportunities

Connect-Kids-to-Parks Field Trip Grant Program: The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation offers New York State school children the opportunity to visit state parks, nature centers, forests, fish hatcheries and historic sites through the Connect-Kids-to-Parks Field Trip Grant Program. The program funds transportation and program costs to connect students throughout the state to nature and history.

Eligible organizations include public schools; county, city, town or village youth bureaus; schools for the deaf and blind; and BOCES programs. Private schools that are eligible for Title 1 funding can also apply. Select not-for-profits providing after-school, extracurricular, and summer youth programs may also be eligible. All not-for-profits must be pre-qualified in the [Grants Gateway](#). Non-school field trip applicants may be asked to submit additional trip information prior to approval.

Since the debut of the program in 2016, Connect Kids has reimbursed over \$3.8 million. More than 4,700 grants have been awarded, providing over 300,000 school students with a direct connection to the

environment and history through school field trips, outdoor recreation programs, and overnight summer camps. [Click here](#) to read more on the Connect Kids webpage.

Office of Strategic Workforce Development (OSWD): Round 4 of the OSWD grant programs is open. Updated guidelines and materials can be found on [the program home page](#). Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis and awards will be announced every three months. **The deadline for Q2 of 2023 is Friday, June 30, 2023, 11:59 PM.**

Safe Streets and Roads 4 All (SS4A): SS4A was created in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help communities both plan and carry out projects that help reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our highways, streets, and roads. Click [here](#) to read the US Department of Transportation's press release on the new program. The Notice of Funding Opportunity can be found [here](#). **Applications are due on or before July 10 at 5pm EST.**

Water Infrastructure Improvement grants: Governor Hochul recently announced that \$425 million will be made available through the next round of the State's Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) and Intermunicipal Grant (IMG) programs. This round of funding is bolstered by the first spending under the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 and will continue to prioritize grant awards for drinking water projects that address emerging contaminants, as well as critical wastewater projects.

Disadvantaged Communities will receive at least 35 percent of the benefits of the combined WIIA/IMG and Environmental Bond Act funding. Applications and full eligibility criteria should become available at efc.ny.gov today. **The application deadline is July 28.**

Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants: Governor Hochul announced an additional \$6 million in grants for environmental justice initiatives last week. Click [here](#) to read the announcement and learn more about the new program. For more details and to apply, visit the [State's Grants Gateway portal](#).

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program: The Department of Energy's EECBG Program is designed to assist states, local governments, and tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency. Click [here](#) to learn more about the program. If you have completed a [pre-award information sheet](#) for the program, you have until January 31, 2024 to submit a full application for funding.

The DOE is hosting two webinars for applicants soon:

- a technical assistance webinar on **May 4** at 3pm ET. Hear from DOE about the range of technical assistance available from DOE to manage EECBG Program awards and enhance their impacts. Access the link to attend [here](#).
- Justice40 Webinar: **May 11** at 3pm ET. Learn how to incorporate energy justice into your EECBG program goals. Access the link to attend [here](#).

All local governments are eligible to receive technical assistance to develop their Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategies through the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). For more information, see [the EECBG Program Technical Assistance Webpage](#).

Grants Action News

Every month, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie's office produces a newsletter, Grants Action News, that contains a round-up of state and federal grants and details on how to access them. [Here](#) is a link to the May 2023 edition; this month, it contains opportunities for municipal governments, government agencies, school districts, BOCES programs, not-for-profits, health agencies, colleges and universities, film students and military dependents. To get this newsletter sent directly to your inbox, email grants@nyassembly.gov.

Upcoming Opportunities

Coming soon: Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund. \$150 million will be made available for mixed-use housing, transit-oriented development, and infrastructure projects throughout the Mid-Hudson Region. Click [here](#) for more information about the program and [here](#) to sign up for updates so you are alerted when the application becomes available.

Other relevant opportunities

Passing along two non-grant opportunities that are relevant to many members of this mailing list:

- **Green Purchasing Communities program:** Administered by DEC and the Office of General Services, Green Purchasing Communities simplifies the green purchasing process for local governments and recognizes municipalities for committing to following the State's GreenNY purchasing specifications. Congratulations to the Village of Croton for being one of the first municipal members of the program. To learn more about the program and apply, visit the [Green Purchasing Communities webpage](#).
- **Westchester Charities Symposium:** The office of Attorney General Letitia James is hosting its [Westchester Charities Symposium](#) at Westchester Community College on May 17th. See the attached flier for more details. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.