



Long Island Sound Resilience Support Programs

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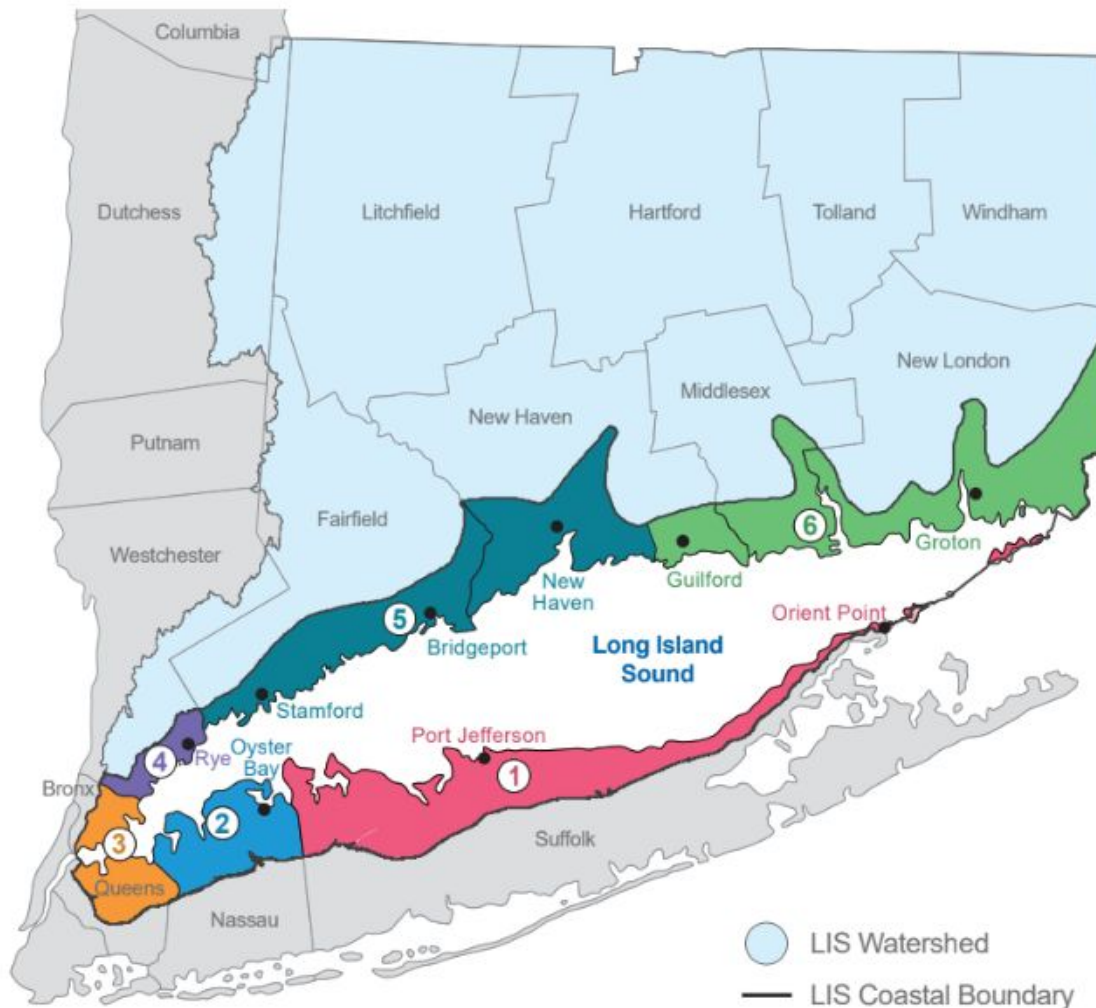


Sustainable and Resilient Communities Goal:

Empower Long Island Sound communities to plan for and respond to environmental challenges in ways that prioritize well-being for all.



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Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program

Goal: *To secure funding for
sustainable and
resilience-focused projects*

Type of Technical Assistance:
Grant Preparation and Writing
Support

Launched: November 2022



Award Amount

- Up to \$9,950 per application **directly to contractor**
- Applicants can submit multiple applications but each application should focus on one discrete project

Match

- None required

Application Period

- Open on a rolling basis

Submission Options

- Google form, email, mail

Supported Activities

- Budget preparation, mapping
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Writing & narrative development
- Application preparation & submission

Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities, nonprofits, community groups, etc.

Project Criteria

- Must impact communities within the Long Island Sound coastal boundary
- Must advance actions of the LIS Partnership CCMP

- ❑ **Sustainability/resilience plans or watershed plans**
- ❑ **Green infrastructure, stormwater management, and low-impact development**
- ❑ **Infrastructure improvements to increase resilience to sea level rise, storm surge, and intense storms and flooding** (generally excluding seawalls, groins, jetties, and bulkheads)
- ❑ **Right-sizing of culverts or dam removal**
- ❑ **Nature-based solutions** (e.g., living shorelines, wetland restoration, shellfish reef restoration, eelgrass restoration; generally excluding beach nourishment)
- ❑ **Retreat, relocation, or land acquisition to protect floodplain habitat**
- ❑ **Public engagement** relating to advancing sustainable and resilient communities

Applicant Information

- Name of organization or municipality
- Point of contact, address

Needs & Funding Request

- Consultant
- Describe type(s) of support needed
- Include a budget and budget justification

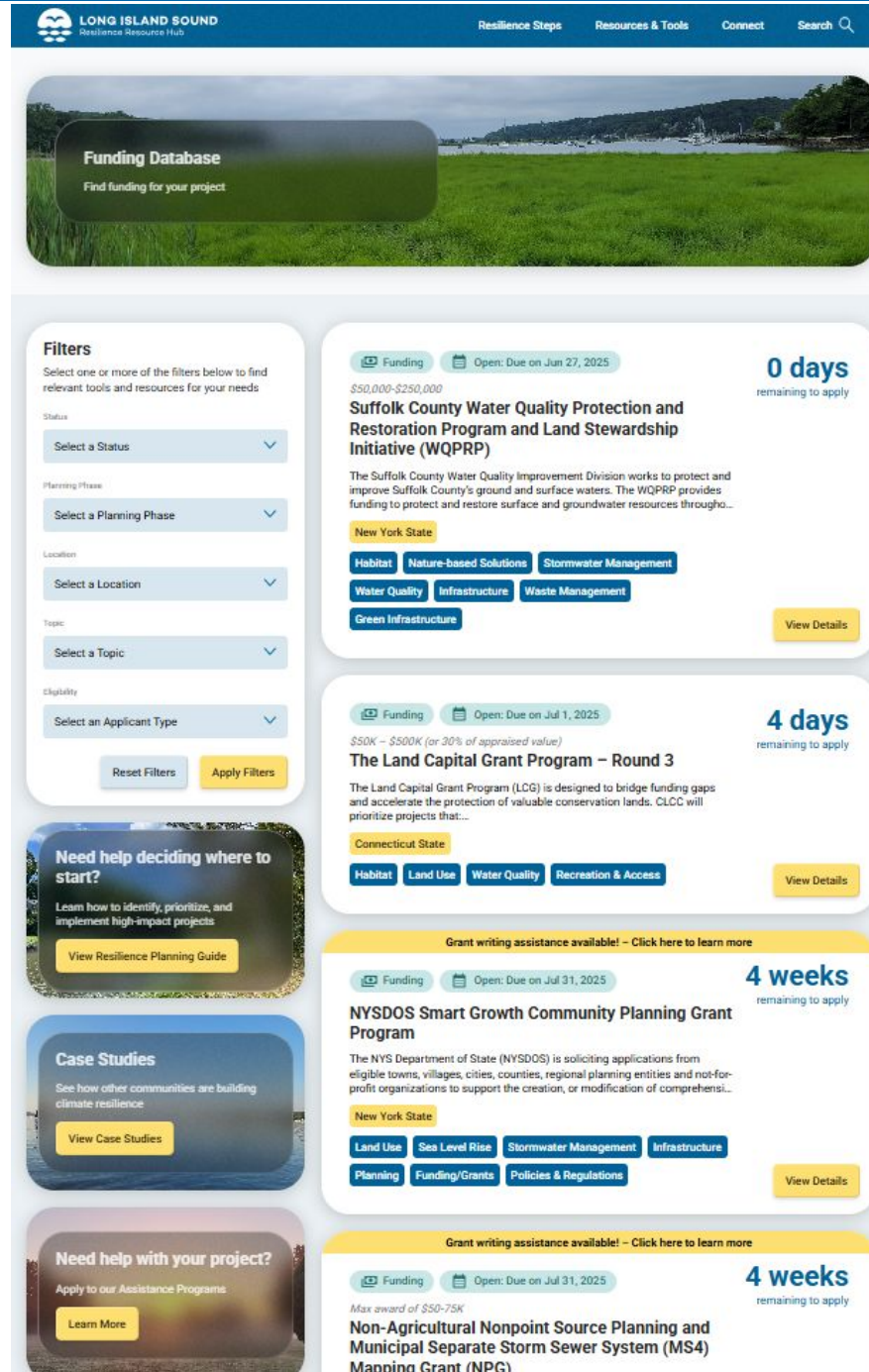
Funding Opportunity

- Identify targeted funding opportunity(ies)
- Identify who will receive the funds from the targeted opportunity(ies)

Project Description

- Location of project
- Describe how the project will advance sustainability & resilience
- Identify the project type (planning, design, implementation) and associated activities or desired outcomes for which funding is needed
- List the project team, including the lead applicant and any co-applicants
- (Optional) Describe any community engagement and/or relevant grant application history to date

GWA Program details

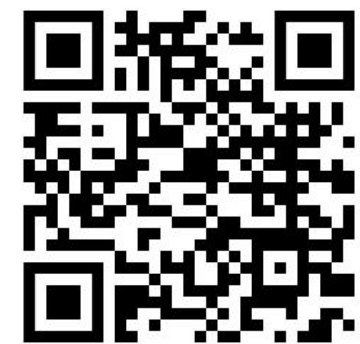


The screenshot displays the 'Funding Database' section of the Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub. The header includes the organization's name and navigation links for Resilience Steps, Resources & Tools, Connect, and Search. A large banner image shows a green field with a body of water in the background. Below the banner, a 'Filters' sidebar on the left allows users to select by Status, Planning Phase, Location, Topic, and Eligibility. The main content area lists three funding opportunities:

- Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program and Land Stewardship Initiative (WQPRP)**: A \$50,000-\$250,000 grant for New York State, open until June 27, 2025. Topics include Habitat, Nature-based Solutions, Stormwater Management, Water Quality, Infrastructure, Waste Management, and Green Infrastructure. 0 days remaining to apply.
- The Land Capital Grant Program – Round 3**: A \$50K – \$500K (or 30% of appraised value) grant for Connecticut State, open until July 1, 2025. Topics include Habitat, Land Use, Water Quality, and Recreation & Access. 4 days remaining to apply.
- NYS DOS Smart Growth Community Planning Grant Program**: A grant from the New York State Department of State, open until July 31, 2025. Topics include Land Use, Sea Level Rise, Stormwater Management, Infrastructure, Planning, Funding/Grants, and Policies & Regulations. 4 weeks remaining to apply.

Additional resources at the bottom include 'Need help deciding where to start?', 'Case Studies', and 'Need help with your project?'.

Funding Database





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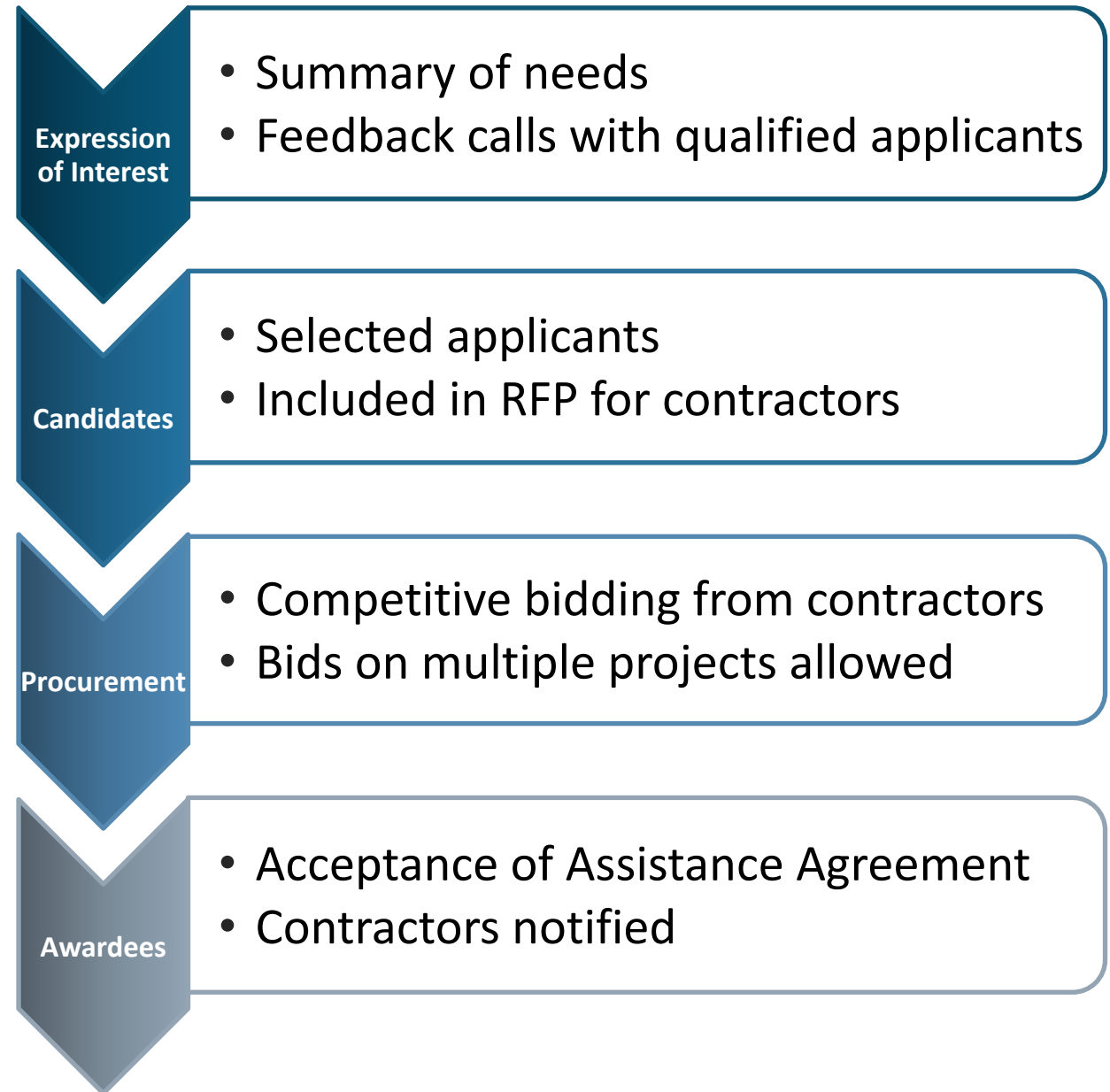
Goal: *To advance sustainable and resilience-focused projects to a design or implementation grant-ready phase*

Type of Technical Assistance:
Project scoping and planning

Launched: October 2023



- **Funding Available**
 - ~\$600,000 for NY
- **Award Amount**
 - Not specified
- **Match**
 - None required
- **Application Period**
 - Oct-Dec 2023 (1st round)
 - Dec-Feb 2024 (2nd round)
- **Eligible Applicants**
 - Municipalities, nonprofits, community groups, etc.



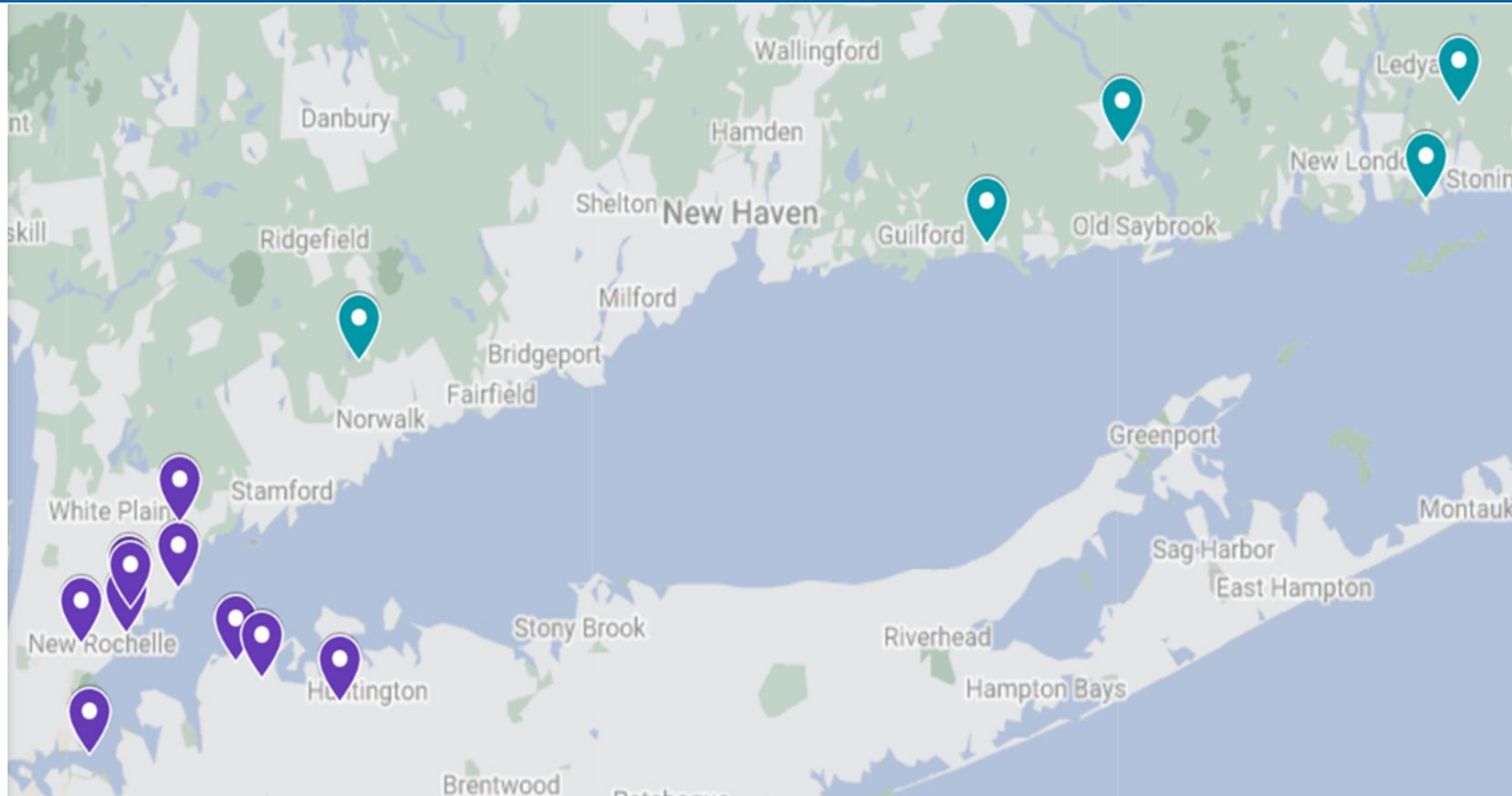
Eligible Project Types

- ❑ Climate risk and/or vulnerability assessment
- ❑ Strategy development and project planning
- ❑ Project prioritization and funding guidance
- ❑ Preliminary community engagement
- ❑ Project site feasibility and conceptual design

Criteria

- ❑ Foster a sustainable and resilient Long Island Sound
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1st Round Awardees of Planning Support Program



In the first round of the Program, New York Sea Grant and Connecticut Sea Grant have awarded nearly \$1.1 million in planning support to support resilience-focused projects in 15 coastal communities in the Long Island Sound region. The fifteen projects—five in CT and 10 in NY— described in the [2024 Award Slate](#) and featured on the [interactive map](#).

Want to learn more?

Visit our *Assistance Programs* page on the Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub:



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