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## **APPENDIX F: GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

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Government Grant Opportunities - STATE GRANTS

Funding Agency	Grant Program	Program Description	Deadline	Website	Funding Type	Eligible Applicants	Eligible Uses
NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation	Clean Water State Revolving Loan Program	Provides low interest rate financing to municipalities for water pollution control projects including waste water treatment facilities, sewers, and non-point source projects such as salt storage facilities. In addition, the Green Project Reserve (GPR) requires all CWSRF programs to direct a portion of their grants toward projects that address green infrastructure, water efficiency, energy efficiency or other environmentally innovative activities.	rolling	<a href="http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/cwsrf/cwsrf_index.cfm">http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/cwsrf/cwsrf_index.cfm</a>	Interest free short term loans with terms up to 3 years, and low-interest rate long term financing with terms up to 30 years.	Municipalities and public financing authorities in NYS	Projects that protect, maintain or improve water quality. Projects that are ready to proceed and score above the annual funding line are generally funded.
NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation	Clean Water State Revolving Fund Hardship Assistance	Funds municipal wastewater treatment projects where financial hardship exists.	rolling	<a href="http://www.nysefc.org/">http://www.nysefc.org/</a>	Reduced interest rate financing as low as 0% with terms up to 30 years.	Municipalities with projects under \$14 million that serve residential areas.	To be eligible, total estimated annual sewer service charge must exceed a target service charge as determined by EFC based on Median Household Income (MHI.)
NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and NYS Department of Health	Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund	Provides low interest rate financing for drinking water projects including upgrades, treatment facilities, storage facilities, transmission and consolidation of water supplies.	rolling	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwsrf.html">http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwsrf.html</a>	Interest free short term loans with terms up to 3 years, and low-interest rate long term financing with terms up to 30 years.	Community water systems, both public and privately owned, and non-community, non-profit projects.	Projects must have a public health benefit, and are scored and prioritized. Projects that are ready to proceed and score above an established funding line are generally funded.
NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and NYS Department of Health	Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Hardship Assistance	Provides interest free 20 year and up to 30 year financing and grants for projects previously described.	rolling	<a href="http://www.nysefc.org">http://www.nysefc.org</a>	Interest free 20 year and up to 30 year financing and grants of up to \$2 million or 75% of eligible costs, whichever is less.	Same as previously mentioned but only for projects less than \$14 million.	Grant money is only offered if community cannot achieve target user fee with a zero interest financing at 20 or 30 years. Communities above statewide average MHI are eligible for reduced interest rate financing, but not grants. To be eligible, total estimated annual water service charge must exceed a target service charge based on MHI. Project must score above the "funding line" in order to be funded.

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NYS Environmental Protection Fund-NYS DEC	Hudson River Estuary Program	The Estuary Program protects and improves the natural and scenic Hudson River watershed for all its residents. The program was created in 1987; its work focuses on the tidal Hudson and its adjacent watershed from the federal dam at Troy to upper New York harbor. Its core mission is to: Ensure clean water, protect and restore fish, wildlife and their habitats, provide water recreation and river access, adapt to climate change, and conserve scenery.	Last round of RFA's were due March-April 2013.	<a href="http://www.neiwpcc.org/contractors/opportunities.asp">http://www.neiwpcc.org/contractors/opportunities.asp</a>	Minimum grant award is \$5,000 and maximum is \$10,000, with a 50% local match.	Municipalities (counties, cities, towns or villages) and not-for-profit corporations with a 501 (c) (3) designation.	Eligible projects must implement one or more of the goals and targets identified in the 2010-2014 Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda.
NYS Department of State-EPF Funding-CFA	Local Waterfront Revitalization Program	Funds can be used to prepare, refine or implement Local Waterfront Improvement Plans.	There is no current EPF LWRP solicitation. Last round of applications were due July 2012.	<a href="http://www.dos.ny.gov/communitieswaterfronts/grantOpportunities/epf_lwrpGrants.html">http://www.dos.ny.gov/communitieswaterfronts/grantOpportunities/epf_lwrpGrants.html</a>	50/50 matching program, no minimum or maximum awards	Any municipality located on State's designated inland waterway or a county that encompasses an eligible waterbody/waterway and is working in partnership with an eligible municipality.	Funding may be used for all aspects of the planning phase required to complete a Local Waterfront Implementation Plan. Implementation funding may include: project specific planning, feasibility, design, or marketing needed to implement an approved LWRP, construct projects necessary to implement an approved LWRP, develop systems for defining and measuring progress and success in community and waterfront revitalization, and develop regional, intermunicipal or local GIS to improve management of coastal areas and resources.
NYS DEC	Water Quality Improvement Program	NYS DEC supports water quality improvements through WQIP Statewide Grant Program. The WQIP program is a competitive reimbursement grant program that directs funds from the NYS EPF to projects that reduce polluted runoff, improve water quality and restore habitat in New York's waterbodies.	Last round was due December 2013	<a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html</a>	Depending on project, reimbursement is available up to 85% of total project cost.	Municipalities, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Not for Profit Corporations	Five basic types of projects eligible for funding: Municipal Wastewater Treatment, Municipal Storm Sewer Systems, Nonagricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control, Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Water Quality Management

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NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation-CFA	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Engineering Planning Grant	EFC, in conjunction with DEC, offers a grant program for municipalities that need to construct or improve their municipal wastewater system.	Summer 2013	<a href="http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/">http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/</a>	Up to \$30,000 with a 20% local match required.	Municipalities with a population under 30,000 and with MHI equal or less than \$55,000.	The CWSRF Engineering Planning grant program will provide funding for the preparation of an engineering report and planning activities to determine the scope of water quality issues. Priority will be given to municipalities proposing projects required by an Order on Consent; required by a SPDES permit; to upgrade or replace an existing wastewater system; to construct a wastewater treatment and/or collection system for an unsewered area. Projects must be publically owned.
NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation-CFA	Green Innovation Grant Program	Funding for green stormwater infrastructure projects. All projects must meet or exceed standards set forth in the NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual.	Summer 2013	<a href="http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/">http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/</a>	TBD	Municipalities, state agencies, public benefit corporations, public authorities, not-for-profit corporations, for-profit corporations, individuals, firms, partnerships, associations, and soil and water conservation districts.	Projects must include at least one of the practices listed below in order to be considered eligible: Permeable pavement, bioretention, green roofs, street trees or urban forestry programs to manage stormwater, construction or restoration of wetlands, floodplains or riparian buffers, stream daylighting, downspout disconnection, or stormwater harvesting and reuse.
NYS Department of State	NYS Local Government Efficiency Grants (LGEG)	Local Government Efficiency grants may be used to develop plans for implementation or to implement projects that reduce municipal expenses and property taxes. Projects may range from the creation of a single service cooperative agreement or a complete reorganization of a service on a regional basis. Specific projects may include: the regionalization of water or wastewater infrastructure services.	Last round was due March 13, 2013	<a href="http://www.dos.ny.gov/lge/">http://www.dos.ny.gov/lge/</a>	Planning-\$25,000 for each local government participating, not to exceed \$200,00. Implementation-\$200,00 for each local government participating, not to exceed \$1 million.	Counties, towns, cities, villages, special improvement districts, water authorities and sewer authorities.	May be used to cover costs including, but not limited to, legal and consultant services, capital improvements and certain equipment purchases and transitional personnel costs that are integral to project implementation. Must promote development that meets the principles of "Smart Growth."

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U.S. Department of Commerce	Economic Development Grants for Public Works and Development Facilities	The Economic Development Administration (EDA) provides grants to economically distressed areas for public works projects, including water and wastewater facilities.	Quarterly	<a href="http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=knDpQzXGJ6gWnzy1h6Tn3D1fjKBNK9Fw40vITDxWx3xrJGpLpCN4!-861966415?oppId=208353&amp;mode=VIEW">http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=knDpQzXGJ6gWnzy1h6Tn3D1fjKBNK9Fw40vITDxWx3xrJGpLpCN4!-861966415?oppId=208353&amp;mode=VIEW</a>	EDA may award grants or cooperative agreements to eligible applicants to help support economic development activities.	States, cities, counties, and other political subdivisions	Projects must promote economic development; create long term jobs; and/or benefit low-income persons or the long-term unemployed. Projects must fill a pressing need of the area (i.e. help establish or expand industrial or commercial plants or facilities or help create long term employment.)
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service	Rural Utilities Service Water and Waste Disposal Program	Will fund almost anything related to getting water, wastewater, and solid waste systems up and running in small municipalities. For instance, funds may be used to install, repair, improve or expand rural or wastewater disposal facilities.	Rolling	<a href="http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/">http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/</a>	The WWD program provides both loans and grants to rural communities (10,000 people or fewer) for drinking water, wastewater, solid waster, and storm drainage projects.	Municipalities, counties, districts, authorities, associations, cooperatives, nonprofit corps.	Will fund legal fees, engineering fees, capitalized interest, equipment, initial operation and maintenance costs, construction, land acquisition, project contingencies and related costs for completing the project.
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Division of Bird Habitat Conservation	Standard Grants Program and Small Grants Program	Fish & Wildlife provides competitive, matching grants that support public-private partner projects in the U.S. that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands associated migratory birds.	Standard Grants: March 1, 2013 and July 26, 2013; Small Grants: October 31, 2013	<a href="http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/grants/nawca/Standard/US/index.shtml">http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/grants/nawca/Standard/US/index.shtml</a>	Standard grants up to \$1 million, Small grants up to \$75,000. Both require 1:1 match, non-federal.	Unrestricted	Eligible expenses include direct and indirect costs associated with long-tem migratory bird and wetlands conservation work including: acquisition, wetland restoration, wetland enhancement and wetland establishment.

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	State Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	The CDBG program provides loans and grants for community and economic development activities, wastewater and drinking water facilities, housing and public infrastructure projects.	Annual Competitive Round and Economic Development Open Round	<a href="http://www.nyshcr.org/AboutUs/Offices/CommunityRenewal/">http://www.nyshcr.org/AboutUs/Offices/CommunityRenewal/</a>	Annual Round Competition: Grants up to \$400,000 for cities, towns and villages; \$600,000 for counties and joint applications. ED Open Round: \$100,000-\$750,000 (at \$15,000 per job created/retained)	Non-entitlement communities, units of local government with a population of less than \$50,000 and non-urban counties. The only Orange County municipalities eligible are Village of Kiryas Joel and City of Port Jervis. All other municipalities must apply through the Orange County Office of Community Development at: <a href="http://www.orangecountygov.com/content/124/620/default.aspx">http://www.orangecountygov.com/content/124/620/default.aspx</a>	Must benefit low and moderate income persons or help correct or prevent public health and safety problems, slums, or blight. There are three types of eligible projects: neighborhood revitalization projects that emphasize private housing rehabilitation; economic development projects that can expand employment and water, sewer and other public facilities projects that protect public health and reduce environmental risk.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Urban Waters Small Grants	The EPA will consider proposals for projects that will contribute to improved water quality in urban areas. The goal of the Urban Waters Small Grants is to fund research, studies, training and demonstration projects that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization.	Last round was due December 16 2013	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/funding">http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/funding</a>	\$40,000-\$60,000 with a \$2,500 non federal required match.	States, local governments, public or private not-for-profits, interstate agencies, and public and private universities or colleges.	In general, projects should promote a comprehensive understanding of local water quality issues; identify and support activities that address these issues at the local level, engage, educate and empower communities surrounding the urban water body; and benefit surrounding communities, including those that have been adversely impacted by the water pollution issues affecting the urban water body.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Environmental Justice Small Grants Program	The EPA Small Grants program is designed to provide financial assistance to community based organizations to work on local solutions that address local environmental or public health issues. The program helps to build the capacity of communities and supports the creation of self-sustaining community based partnerships that address environmental and public health issues.	Last round was due January 7, 2013	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html">www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html</a>	Up to \$30,000 per award.	Incorporated, non-profit, community based organizations.	The EPA's top seven priorities for funding are: reducing greenhouse gas emissions; improving air quality; managing chemical risks; cleaning up hazardous waste disposal sites; protecting America's water; expanding the conversation on environmentalism and working for environmental justice.

**Government Grant Opportunities -FOUNDATIONS**

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National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (in partnership with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA))	Five Star Restoration Program	Grants to support community-based wetland, riparian and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities.	Applications open late fall	<a href="http://www.nfwf.org/pages/grants/home.aspx">http://www.nfwf.org/pages/grants/home.aspx</a>	Competitive grants ranging from \$10,000-\$40,000, with a minimum 1:1 match required.	Any entity that can receive grants. Should partner with a state or federal agency, but the agency cannot be the lead applicant.	Five star projects include, but are not limited to, creating stream buffers to improve local water quality and habitat, building riverfronts, wetlands or coastal habitats for outdoor classrooms, ecotourism and recreation, restoring natural function and community value to native ecosystems by enhancing parks and natural areas, and empowering communities to support spaces for learning, recreation, and growth, while protecting vital resources.





