

# Consolidated Funding Application Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program



## Eligible Applicants

- Villages, towns, or cities, located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways
- Counties with the consent and on behalf of one or more villages, towns, or cities

Coastal Waterbodies and Designated Inland Waterways List <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/>

# Grant Categories

- Preparing or Implementing Regional and Local Strategies for Community and Waterfront Revitalization
- Redeveloping Hamlets, Downtowns and Urban Waterfronts
- Planning or Constructing Land and Water based Trails
- Preparing or Implementing a Watershed Management Plan

Funds may be used for planning, design, and construction related to these grant categories – with Implementation funds tied to prior planning

# Preparing or Implementing Regional and Local Strategies for Community and Waterfront Revitalization

- Prepare and/or implement a Regional or Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
- Develop regional or local strategies that are the framework for developing Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs, or implement existing regional or local strategies



# Redeveloping Hamlets, Downtowns and Urban Waterfronts

- Spurring appropriate economic activity in previously-developed hamlet, downtown and waterfront areas
- Catalyzing appropriate economic activity through development of water-dependent and water-enhanced uses and activities
- Redeveloping underutilized abandoned buildings and brownfield sites
- Improving the recreational, cultural, environmental and economic value and quality of waterfronts
- Linking downtowns and hamlets with nearby waterfronts
- Creating a positive image of a hamlet center, downtown commercial district, and/or waterfront



# Planning or Constructing Land and Water based Trails

- To undertake the planning and design of local land and water based trails or regional land and water based trails (greenways and blueways)
- To construct land and water based trails - with an approved LWRP or relevant component substantially completed



# Preparing or Implementing a Watershed Management Plan

- Prepare or update a watershed management plan
- With an approved LWRP or relevant component substantially completed – apply to implement a watershed management plan



Watershed Plans: Protecting and Restoring Water Quality (guidebook) at

<http://www.dos.ny.gov/communitieswaterfronts/waterResourcesMgmt/progsummary.html>

# Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated to assess the degree to which they meet the elements of each criterion

## **Vision (4 points)**

- Regional Economic Development Strategy
- regional or local vision for capitalizing on community assets

## **Process (8 points)**

- Public Engagement
- Local Commitment

## **Strategies (28 points)**

- Regional Significance
- Local Significance
- Public Value
- Community Livability
- Sustainability
- Economic Value
- Natural Resource Value

## **Implementation (12 points)**

- Scope of Work
- Time Frame
- Project Readiness

## **Leveraging (12 points)**

- Resources
- Advancing Plans
- Development of Partnerships

## **Performance Measures (16 points)**

## **Evaluation of Budget and Cost (20 points)**

Regional Economic Development  
Council Endorsement (20 points)

Carefully read the complete criteria at <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/>

# Cash Disbursements Methods

- Reimbursement program
- State assistance awarded and paid shall not exceed 50% of the total eligible project costs set forth in the application and as approved by the Department of State
- Total eligible cost of the project = total of costs set forth in the grant application, less any federal assistance and other state assistance from the Environmental Protection Fund
- Failure to demonstrate this match (the amount, type and source) will result in the disqualification of the application

## Local Match

- Explicit demonstration of 50% match, within the application, is required
- Local match can include cash, volunteer services, donated services
- Volunteer services - limited to those that significantly contribute to the completion of project tasks
- Land acquisition – may be used only as part of the local match for construction projects

See details in the RFA <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding>

# Costs

## Eligible Costs

Grant funds may be used for the following costs:

- Direct salary costs - including wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and supplemental compensation paid to employees of the municipality for personal services
- Direct non-salary costs - including costs for printing, travel, equipment, materials, supplies, consultant and contractual services, and other goods and services directly associated with the project.

## Ineligible Costs

Costs that will neither be reimbursed with grant funds nor accepted as the required local match:

- Indirect or overhead costs of the municipality, such as rent, telephone service, and general administrative support
- Salaries and other expenses of elected officials, whether incurred for purposes of project direction, execution, or legislation. (However, volunteer services contributed may be used as local match, provided that such services are outside the performance of their official duties)
- Federal assistance
- Other Environmental Protection Fund awards
- Costs that are not adequately justified or that do not directly support the project

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The Request for Applications is available at  
<http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding>

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