



**Office of Planning
and Development**

Consolidated Funding Application 2018 – 2019

**Environmental Protection Fund
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program**

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Program Purpose

The Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program offers local governments the opportunity to participate in the State's Coastal Management Program on a voluntary basis.

Localities are encouraged to prepare, adopt, and implement Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs which refine and implement the State's Coastal 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, located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways

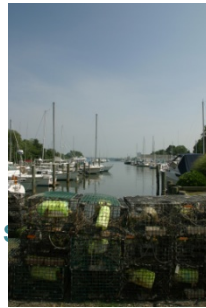
The Coastal Waterbodies and Designated Inland Waterways List and additional grant program information can be found at <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/>

EPF LWRP Grant Categories

- **Preparing or Updating a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)**
- **Preparing an LWRP Component, including Watershed Management Plan**
- **Updating an LWRP to Mitigate Future Physical Climate Risks**
- **Implementing an LWRP or completed LWRP Component**
- **Celebrating the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal – Improving Public Waterfront Access for Canal Communities**

Preparing or Updating a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)

- An LWRP is a comprehensive land and water use program that expresses a vision for the waterfront and refines State coastal policies to reflect local or regional needs and objectives and allows them to be enforced at the local level.
- Preparation of an LWRP is a principal means of implementing the State's Coastal Management Program.
- Preparation of an LWRP engages the public in the management and use of resources having an ecological, physical, social, visual, or economic relationship to the waterfront.



Preparing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Component

LWRPs may be advanced in stages to address the most time sensitive and geographically significant priorities and policies.

- An LWRP Component may focus on one or more topic(s) or section(s) of an LWRP or its waterfront, provided that the program constitutes a discrete and cohesive, yet comprehensive, treatment of the subject or subjects addressed, which may be related to environmental, social, regional growth management, or economic conditions.
- An LWRP Component may focus on one or more State coastal policies that are relevant to the particular conditions and priorities in the municipality, address a significant geographic portion of the municipality's waterfront, or both.



LWRP Component: Watershed Management Plan (Planning or Implementation)

- Preparing or updating a watershed management plan as an LWRP component can include:
 - visioning to identify the connections between water quality protection, waterfront revitalization, and climate change mitigation and adaptation
 - conducting public participation to develop consensus on issues and actions needed to advance revitalization and water quality goals
 - inventorying, analyzing and characterizing the watershed including land cover, land and water uses, and infrastructure
 - planning for the protection and promotion of natural assets on an intermunicipal, lakewide or watershed basis
- Applicants with approved or substantially completed LWRP Components focusing on watershed management may apply for implementation funding to implement priority

Guidebooks on waterfront revitalization and watershed planning are available at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/publications.html>



Updating an LWRP to Mitigate Future Physical Climate Risks

As part of updating an existing LWRP, an eligible community may consider planning activities such as:

- incorporating of a NYRCR Plan or NY Rising Countywide Resiliency Plan
- assessment of risks associated with coastal/riverine flooding and erosion
- assessment of risks to critical infrastructure and systems
- creation of development tools to optimize land use patterns to meet the needs of vulnerable populations and future growth demands

Implementing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program or LWRP Component

Applicants with approved or substantially complete LWRPs or LWRP Components may apply for implementation funding for activities including but not limited to:

- project-specific planning, feasibility, design, marketing or education needed to implement an approved or substantially complete LWRP or LWRP Component
- constructing projects necessary to implement an approved LWRP or LWRP Component
- site-specific community and waterfront redevelopment projects including design, construction and/or implementation activities



Celebrating the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal – Improving Public Waterfront Access for Canal Communities

Applicants with an approved LWRP, or relevant LWRP component substantially completed, may apply to advance projects which create new waterfront public access sites or improve and/or expand existing sites along the New York State Canal System.

Grants may be awarded for projects such as:

- improving public access to and along the Canal, such as through land and water based trails, boat launches, boat docks, boater facilities and amenities
- providing linkages between the Canal and communities, parks, open spaces, and cultural sites
- marketing materials and campaigns to promote canal activities to strengthen and extend the tourism season

Costs

Eligible Costs:

- Personal Services – including direct salaries, wages, fringe benefits for activities related to project work by municipal employees, including project management, capacity building, and grant administration.
- Non-Personal Services – including supplies and materials, travel, equipment, consultant or contractual services for direct project related costs, project management, capacity building, limited grant administration, and other goods and services.

Grant administration may not exceed 15% of the award amount or \$50,000, whichever is less.

Ineligible Costs:

- Indirect or overhead costs
- Salaries and expenses of elected officials
- Fund raising events/expenses
- Federal funding
- Other EPF awards
- Land acquisition (except as noted)
- Taxes, insurance, fines, deficit funding
- Bond interest and associated fees
- Contingency costs
- Lobbying expenses
- Cost incurred prior to contract start date
- Costs not adequately justified or that do not directly support the project

Local Match Requirements

- State assistance 75%, local match 25%
- If the project is located in an environmental justice community, then State assistance 85%, local match 15%

For more information environmental justice areas visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/333.html>

For maps depicting potential environmental justice areas visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/899.html>

Local Match

- Demonstration of local match, within the application, is required. Failure to explicitly specify local match (the amount, type and source) may result in a reduced award amount or in the disqualification of the application
- 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 local match for construction projects

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

Determining State Funding Request

State Funds Requested =

Total Eligible Project Cost * % Local Match (either 0.75 or 0.85)

For example, if the total eligible project cost is \$200,000, the State Funds Requested would be \$150,000 and the Local Match would be \$50,000.

- $\$200,000 * 0.75 = \$150,000$ State Funds Requested
- $\$200,000 * 0.85 = \$170,000$ State Funds Requested for projects meeting Environmental Justice criteria

LWRP Evaluation Criteria

Community has an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program or project will prepare an LWRP or LWRP update (4 points)

Vision (4 points)

- Proposal creates or advances a vision for achieving community goals

Process (8 pts)

- Public Engagement
- Local Capacity & Previous Performance

Strategies (24 pts)

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

Implementation (12 pts)

- Scope of Work
- Time Frame (5 years maximum)
- Project Readiness

Leveraging Resources and Partnerships (4 pts)

Performance Measures (4 pts)

Evaluation of Budget and Cost (20 pts)

Regional Economic Development Council Endorsement (20 pts)

Request for Applications (RFA# 18-LWRP-10)

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