Environmental Protection Fund

Municipal Grant Program

Heritage Area Systems

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EPF in CFA 2015

- **$16 Million** is available.
- The maximum grant award is **$500,000**.
- Funding provides assistance for the acquisition, planning, development, and improvement of **parks**, **historic properties**, and **heritage areas** located within the physical boundaries of the State of New York
- All grant awards come with **long term protections**, either through parkland alienation law, conservation easements or covenants recorded against the deeds.

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Project phases eligible for funding

All OPRHP's EPF grants are for **capital** projects directed toward the development of property.

- Planning
- Acquisition
- Development

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Heritage Areas Program

- Projects must be identified in the **approved management plans** for Heritage Areas designated under Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

- There are **19 designated Heritage Areas** with approved management plans.

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Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations with an ownership interest in the property are eligible to apply.

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Requirements for Not-for-Profit Applicants

- Register AND pre-qualify in the **Grants Gateway** by the application due date.
- Provide the **Document Vault Identifier** in the CFA such as GDV-XXXXX-XXXX.
- Upload the **State Prequalification Application Status Report** from the **Grants Gateway** to the CFA as proof of successful prequalification.

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Reimbursement

- Successful applicants are **reimbursed for up to 50 percent** of their eligible expenditures.
- For projects located in **impoverished areas**, the grant award can be up to **75 percent** of the eligible project cost.
- All applicants are expected **to raise their share within one year of the award**, or risk cancellation of the grant.
- All projects must be **completed within 5 years** from the date of the award of the grant.

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Tips for Preparing a Competitive Application

Visit www.nysparks.com/grants.

1. Read the **CFA Guidance Document** as linked from the Consolidated Funding Application web page.

2. Work closely with the **Regional Grants Administrator** for your county as listed on the workshop handout and on the Grants Contact web page.

3. Provide all of the required documentation and any necessary supporting documentation as described on the **Attachment Checklist** on our web site and as marked in the online application.

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More Tips for Preparing a Competitive Application

4. These must be **shovel-ready** projects.

5. Show how your project meets the **Funding Priorities** and **Parks Commissioner Priorities** for 2015.

6. **Do not commence work or hire professionals** before award or contract without consulting with the Regional Grants Administrator for your county.

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More Tips for Preparing a Competitive Application

7. Click on **HELP** for each question in the CFA.

8. Pay particular attention to the **Budget** questions.

9. If you are applying to other agencies in addition to OPRHP, **show what part of the project is specific to OPRHP**.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015

Do not wait until 4:00 PM to submit your application. Start now, read all available guidance, and prepare accordingly.

Good luck!

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