

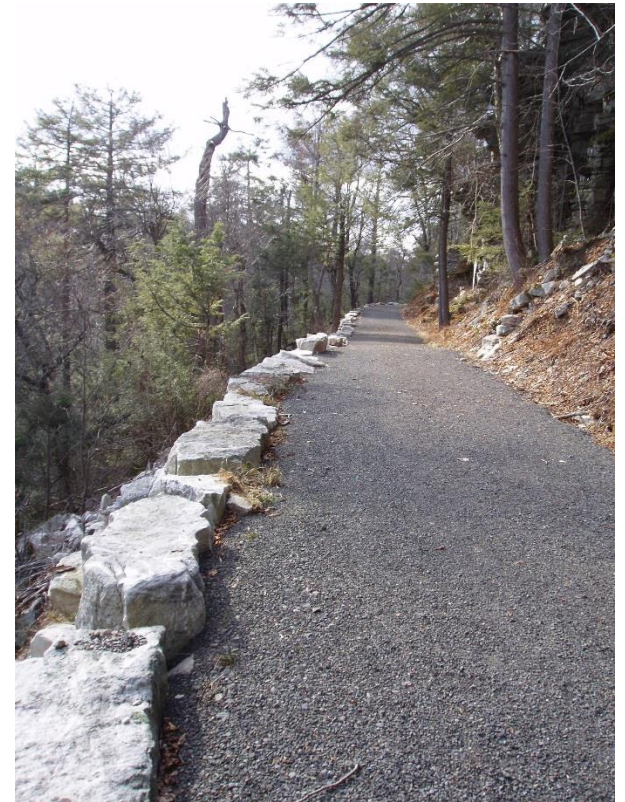
# Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage *Consolidated Funding Application 2019*



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# Summary of EPF in CFA 2018

- \$17.9 million awarded
- 71 projects funded
- Projects in all 10 REDC regions



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# EPF in CFA 2019

- **Up to \$19.5 million** is available.
- The maximum grant award is **\$600,000**. If the total project cost is greater than \$4,000,000, up to \$1,000,000 may be requested.
- 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 to ensure public access**, either through parkland alienation law, conservation easements or covenants recorded against the deeds.



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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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# 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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# Parks Program

- Eligible projects **preserve, rehabilitate, restore or acquire** lands, waters or structures for park, recreation or conservation purposes and for structural assessments and/or planning for such projects.



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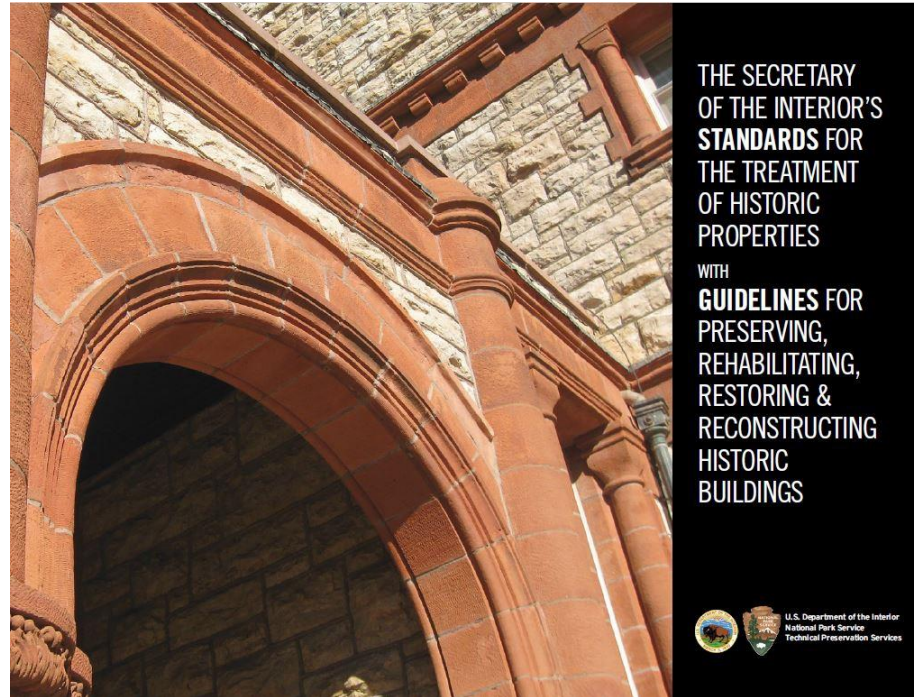
- Playgrounds
- Courts
- Rinks
- Community gardens
- Facilities for swimming, boating, picnicking, hunting, fishing, camping or other recreational activities.



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# Historic Preservation Program

- Eligible projects **improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate, restore or acquire** properties on the Register, and for structural assessments and/or planning for such projects.
- Historic properties must be listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places.
- All work must conform to the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*.



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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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# 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 <https://parks.ny.gov/grants/consolidated-funding-app.aspx>

1. Read the 2019 CFA Guidance Document on our web site for information about:
  - Eligibility: Not-for-profit organizations must be **pre-qualified in the Grants Gateway as of 4:00 PM on July 26, 2019.**
  - Requirements: Provide all of the **required documents.** Review the **Attachment Checklist** on our website.
  - **Grant Selection Criteria.**



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# More Tips for Preparing a Competitive Application

2. Work closely with the **Regional Grants Administrator** for your county as listed in the Guidance Document.
3. If you are applying to other agencies in addition to OPRHP, **show what part of the project is specific to OPRHP.**
4. Click on **Scoring Tips** for each question in the CFA.
5. Provide **supporting documentation** to back up statements made.



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6. Show how your project meets the **Funding Priorities** including **OPRHP Commissioner Priorities for 2019:**

- Inclusion
- Walkable Public Spaces
- Trails/Connections
- Friends/Partner Projects



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## 7. Pay particular attention to the **Reasonableness of Cost** questions:

- **Budget:** Be clear about what project elements you are asking the State to fund.
- **Readiness:** These must be **shovel-ready** projects, but be sure you follow procurement rules. Do not commence work or hire professionals before award or contract without consulting with the Regional Grants Administrator for your county.
- **Feasibility:** Realistic plans, sound administrative structures.

## 8. Concise. Clear. Compelling.



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# APPLICATION DEADLINE: ***FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019***

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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