

NYS Department of State (DOS)

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)

Q. Does a grant application submitted by a County need to include a letter or resolution from the eligible municipalities participating in the project?

A. For applications submitted by a county, with the consent and acting on behalf of one or more villages, towns, or cities, the county is required to attach either a letter or resolution from each eligible municipality participating in the project which demonstrates their consent and support for the application.

Resolutions should be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application in the Documents section of your application under Q_1978. The Department of State does not currently have a prescribed template for municipal resolutions.

Letters of support should be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application in the Documents section of your application under Q_6946.

Q. To be eligible to receive funding for construction project, when is an LWRP or LWRP component considered substantially complete?

A. Applicants should describe the completion status of their LWRP or LWRP component in their grant application. The DOS will evaluate and determine eligibility during the application evaluation process.

Q. What tasks are necessary to prepare a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?

A. A generic workplan which describes the tasks necessary to prepare a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program is available on the DOS website:
<https://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-19-lwrp/index.html>.

Q. Is there a maximum or minimum State assistance request amount per application?

A. The maximum State assistance request per grant application is \$2 million. There is no minimum State assistance request amount.

Q. How much funding is available for climate risk projects?

A. The Department of State is making approximately \$15 million available to fund applications for Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grants, with up to \$2 million of this for updates to existing LWRPs to mitigate future physical climate risks.

Q. Can a municipality or county apply to EPF LWRP if they have existing open EPF LWRP contracts?

A. Yes, eligible applicants with one or more open EPF LWRP contracts may submit an EPF LWRP application.

Q. Where can I access the Local Waterway Revitalization Program application question?

A. The application questions for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program can be found here:
<https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/programQuestions.cfm?programId=447&short=false>.

Q. To apply for funding to implement an LWRP or a completed LWRP component, do we need to include a full engineering study in application?

A. For applications seeking project design or design and construction funding, a full engineering study or design does not need to be included with the grant application.

For applications seeking only construction funding, the applicant is required to submit draft or final design documents with the grant application.

Supplemental project materials to illustrate and support your grant application can be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application in the Documents section of your grant application under Q_7348.

Q. If we are not ready to start planning our project until fall, could we still submit the application now?

A. Grant awards for the 2019 LWRP grant round are tentatively anticipated to be announced in December 2019. Executed contracts between the DOS and awardees are expected within 6 months from the award date.

Before applying, a realistic project scope of work and timeline that includes major tasks and milestones should be prepared to evaluate if the project is ready to proceed and can be completed within a five-year period or less. Applicants should demonstrate that their project is ready to move forward and that an effective organizational structure exists to advance and complete the project.

A grant application should not be submitted if the municipality does not expect to be able to initiate the project within a reasonable time period after the award announcement and if the project will not be able to be completed within a five-year time period or less.

Additional questions regarding 2019 – 2020 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS for the Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (RFA #19-LWRP-11) should be submitted to DOS by e-mail to opd@dos.ny.us with the subject line “19-LWRP-11 RFA Questions” by June 28, 2019.

Responses to all questions received by June 28nd will posted on the DOS website (<https://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-19-lwrp/index.html>) in document titled *Questions and Answers* by July 12th.