



**Office of Planning
and Development**

Consolidated Funding Application 2021 – 2022

Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Program

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Smart Growth Program

The Smart Growth Program offers municipalities the opportunity to plan for their community by addressing all aspects of Smart Growth.



Smart Growth Principles

1. Mixed Land Uses
2. Range of Housing Opportunities and Choices
3. Development and Redevelopment in Existing Communities
4. Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
5. Density
6. Clean Energy
7. Climate Change
8. Resiliency
9. Green Infrastructure.
10. Social Diversity and Integration
11. Regional Planning and Coordination
12. Walkable/Bikeable Neighborhood Design
13. Variety of Mobility Choices
14. Well-Planned and Well-Placed Public Spaces
15. Community and Stakeholder Collaboration in Planning

Comprehensive Planning

- Land Use Tool
- Vision for Community
- Foundation of decision making
- Short- and long- term goals

Municipalities are encouraged to develop and update Comprehensive Plans which identify a shared vision for the community.



Benefits of Comprehensive Planning

- Identify community resources
- Develop community consensus
- Provide blueprint for future



Eligible Applicants

- Villages, Towns, or Cities
- Counties, Regional Planning entities or Not-for-Profits
 - with the consent and acting on behalf of one or more villages, towns, or cities



Eligible Activities

- Preparing the Plan;
- Holding and facilitating community forums and public outreach;
- Coordinating with other governmental entities;
- SEQR and environmental review; and
- Project management



Award Limitations

- Maximum grant award: \$100,000
- Award may not exceed 90% of the total eligible cost of the project. Grant recipient must provide the remaining 10%.

Eligible costs:

- Personal Services – including direct salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of grantee employees for activities related to project work (project management and grant administration).
- Non-Personal Services –including consultant/contractual services for direct project related costs, project management, and limited grant administration; project related supplies and materials; necessary travel; and other goods and services required to complete the project.

Ineligible Costs:

- Indirect or overhead costs
- Salaries and other expenses of elected officials
- Costs incurred outside of the contract term
- Costs that are not adequately justified or that do not directly support the project

Evaluation Criteria

Demonstration of Need and Indicators of Economic Distress (up to 6 points)

Public Engagement and Commitment (up to 10 points)

Integration of Smart Growth Principles (up to 24 points)

Implementation (up to 20 points)

- Scope of Work
- Time Frame
- Local Capacity

Evaluation of Budget and Cost (up to 20 points)

Regional Economic Development Council Endorsement (up to 20 points)

Request for Applications (RFA# 21-OPDSG-18)

<http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding>

Written questions will be accepted until **June 18th**

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Responses will be posted at <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding>
by **July 6th**.

To apply or access related CFA materials:
<http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov>