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Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

2022 Grant Program Overview

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Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)

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

Municipalities are encouraged to prepare, adopt, and implement Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs which refine and implement the State's Coastal Management Program.

Eligible Applicants

- Villages, towns, or cities, located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways

- Counties with the consent and acting on behalf of one or more villages, towns, or cities, located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways

A map depicting eligible municipalities, coastal waterbodies, and designated inlands waterways is available on the Department of State's website at https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities

The Coastal Waterbodies and Designated Inland Waterways List and additional grant program information can be found at https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/EXC/911

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

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 waterfront resources.

LWRP Required Elements

I. LWRP Revitalization Area Boundary
II. Inventory and Analysis
III. Local Waterfront Revitalization Policies
IV. Proposed Land and Water Uses and Proposed Projects
V. Techniques for Local Implementation
VI. Federal and State Actions and Programs Likely to Affect Implementation
VII. Local Commitment and Consultation

LWRP Guidance Manual:
https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program

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)

- 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 complete Watershed Management Plan may apply for implementation funding to implement priority actions and projects

Guidebooks on waterfront revitalization and watershed planning are available at: https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program

Updating an LWRP to Mitigate Physical Climate Risks

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

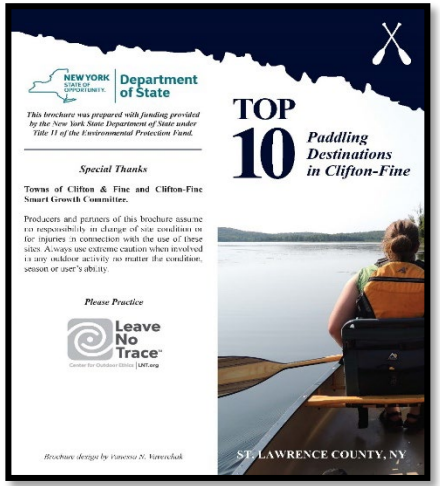
- incorporating a NYRCR Plan or NY Rising Countywide Resiliency Plan
- assessment of risks associated with coastal/riverine flooding and erosion
- assessment of risks to critical infrastructure and systems
- creation of development tools to optimize land use patterns to meet the needs of vulnerable populations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

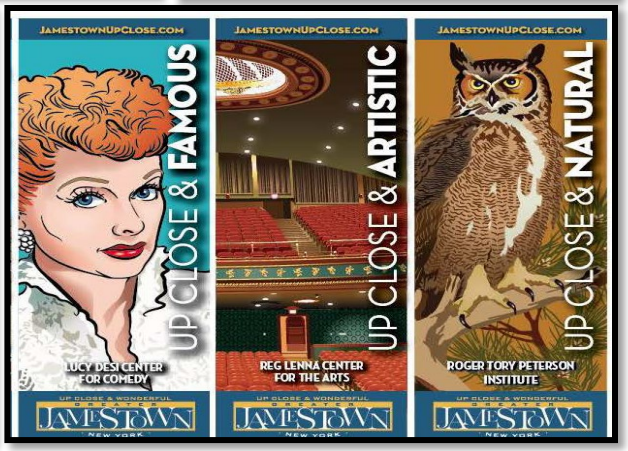
Implementing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program or LWRP Component

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

Implementation Projects





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 (including but not limited to CDBG, FHWA, FEMA, U.S. FWS BIG)
- Other EPF awards (including but not limited to WQIP, BOA, Smart Growth, OPRHP EPF)
- Land acquisition (except as noted in the RFA)
- Taxes, insurance, fines, deficit funding
- Loan or 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 the purposes of determining local match rates, reference Potential Environmental Justice Area mapping created by the Department of Environmental Conservation. A link to this mapping is available at: https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities

Applicants must identify the amount, type and source of eligible local match, and demonstrate that it has been secured; failure to do so will result in a reduced award amount for qualifying applications.

Determining State Funding Request

State Funds Requested =

Total Eligible Project Cost * % State Funding (either 0.75 or 0.85)

For example, if the total eligible project cost is $200,000 with 75% state funding, 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 described in RFA

Minimum State EPF LWRP funding request is $50,000 per application
Maximum State EPF LWRP funding request is $3 million per application

LWRP Evaluation Criteria

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (2 points) Applicants with an approved LWRP

Public Engagement and Partnerships (4 points)

Local Capacity and Previous Performance (4 points)

Public Benefit (20 points)

- Regional Significance
- Local Significance
- Waterfront Public Access
- Resiliency & Sustainability
- Natural Resources

Economic Value (6 points)

Implementation (18 points)

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

Disadvantaged and Underserved Communities (2 points)

Smart Growth (4 points)

Evaluation of Budget and Cost (20 points)

REDC Endorsement (20 points)

Request for Applications (RFA# 22-LWRP-01) https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities

Written questions will only be accepted until **June 17th.**

NYS Department of State Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure
99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010
Attn: LWRP RFA Questions
Albany, New York 12231
Email: opd@dos.ny.gov with subject line “22-LWRP-01 RFA Questions”

Responses will be posted at **https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities** by **July 8th.**

Grant applications must be submitted to the CFA by 4:00PM Friday July 29th.