



Dear Stakeholder,

I am sharing some grant opportunities below, in case you have not already seen them. If you know of someone who would find this email round-up useful, please forward this along and invite them to subscribe by emailing my office at levenbergd@nyassembly.gov.

If you are planning to apply for an opportunity that requires a letter of support from a state official, please feel free to contact my chief of staff, Victoria Cafarelli, at cafarelliv@nyassembly.gov with more details about your project.

Best,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Consolidated Funding Application

Governor Hochul recently announced that Round 13 of the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) is open, and will remain open until **4:00 PM on Friday, July 28, 2023**. A wide range of programs are available through ten state agencies supporting a variety of initiatives related to economic development, workforce development, environmental conservation, municipal planning, community renewal, and more. This is the flagship grant opportunity for the year offered in New York State, so you are highly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. The state has a dedicated website with a wealth of resources about the program; click [here](#) to learn more about grants for which your organization may be eligible and register for an account that will enable you to start applications.

The Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council will be hosting multiple information sessions where interested parties can learn more about the CFA and ask questions. The Putnam County information session will be held on **Wednesday, June 14 from 10-11 AM** at the Tops Building in Carmel. The Westchester County information session will be held on **Wednesday, July 19 from 11 AM - noon** at Westchester Community College in Valhalla. [Here](#) is the full list of information session opportunities, in case another date or location would be convenient for you; you can also use that link to view more information and register for a session.

Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund

The new **Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund** is available now! This region is growing rapidly, and must increase its housing stock and improve its infrastructure in order to meet the demand.

Recognizing this, Empire State Development has made \$150 million available for mixed-use housing, transit-oriented development, and infrastructure projects throughout the Mid-Hudson region. Not-for-profits, municipalities, public benefit corporations (including IDAs and LDCs) and for-profit companies can apply for funding through this program.

The first deadline for Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund applications is **4:00 PM on Friday, July 28, 2023**. Applications received after that date will be reviewed on a quarterly basis. Click [here](#) for more information, including how projects will be evaluated, eligible and ineligible uses of funds, and how to apply. You can email momentum@esd.ny.gov with any questions about the program.

Deadlines Approaching Soon

USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction Cooperative Agreements: Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) cooperative agreements assist local and municipal governments with projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. Click [here](#) to learn more about available assistance and apply. Applications for this round of funding are due at **11:59 PM on Thursday, June 15, 2023**.

DEC Urban & Community Forestry Grants: Round 16 of the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program is open and the question and answer period will close on **Tuesday, June 13**. [Click here to read more about the program](#). Applications for tree inventory and management planning grants are due by **2 PM on Wednesday, June 21, 2023**. Applications for tree planting or tree maintenance grants are due by **2 PM on Wednesday, August 16, 2023**.

Office of Strategic Workforce Development (OSWD): Round 4 of the OSWD grant programs is open. Updated guidelines and materials can be found on [the program home page](#). Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis and awards will be announced every three months. **The deadline for Q2 of 2023 is Friday, June 30, 2023, 11:59 PM.**

EPA Region 2 Technical Assistance and Funding Resources: Last month I shared Senator Schumer's EPA's Region 2 guide for technical assistance and funding resources. The PDF is attached again as three programs, funding environmental justice initiatives and compost and food waste reduction, have deadlines in June. You can use the clickable section headings and the list of funding opportunities on the first two pages to easily navigate through the guide. If you have questions or would like support for your application from the Senator's office, contact Hudson Valley Regional Director Megan Glander at Megan_Glander@schumer.senate.gov.

Additional Opportunities

Safe Streets and Roads 4 All (SS4A): SS4A was created in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help communities both plan and carry out projects that help reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our highways, streets, and roads. Click [here](#) to read the US Department of Transportation's press release on the new program. The Notice of Funding Opportunity can be found [here](#). **Applications are due on or before Monday, July 10 at 5pm EST.**

Air Quality Monitoring Grant: [\\$2.1 million in competitive grant funding is now available](#) to support community-driven projects to improve air quality and help advance the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. The Air Quality Monitoring Grant will

support community-based not-for-profit organizations working in disadvantaged communities throughout the state that are disproportionately burdened by pollution. The grants will advance local efforts to obtain air quality data tailored to issues identified by community residents. Click [here](#) to learn more about the program on the DEC website.

The deadline to submit an application for the Air Monitoring Grant is **3 pm on Wednesday, July 26th, 2023** and applicants are encouraged to start early. Questions regarding this grant opportunity will be accepted until **5 pm on July 12, 2023**. All questions and answers will be uploaded in the Grants Gateway on a rolling basis. For a complete list of guidelines and more information, contact the DEC's Office of Environmental Justice at 518-402-8556, via email at justice@dec.ny.gov, or [visit the DEC's Environmental Justice webpage](#).

Water Infrastructure Improvement grants: \$425 million will be made available through the next round of the State's Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) and Intermunicipal Grant (IMG) programs. This round of funding is bolstered by the first spending under the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 and will continue to prioritize grant awards for drinking water projects that address emerging contaminants, as well as critical wastewater projects.

Disadvantaged Communities will receive at least 35 percent of the benefits of the combined WIIA/IMG and Environmental Bond Act funding. Applications and full eligibility criteria are available at efc.ny.gov. **The application deadline is 5 PM on Friday, July 28.**

Westchester County Food Security Grant: Westchester County has established a new Food Security Grant program to provide funds to help food pantries and soup kitchens provide additional food/meals to County residents. The attached file contains more information and an application, which can be submitted to FPGrant@westchestercounty.gov once complete. This grant will cover services from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. **Applications are due by September 1, 2023.**

Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants: Governor Hochul announced an additional \$6 million in grants for environmental justice initiatives last month. Click [here](#) to read the announcement and learn more about the new program. For more details and to apply, visit the [State's Grants Gateway portal](#).

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program: The EECBG Program is designed to assist states, local governments, and tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency. Click [here](#) to learn more about the program. If you have completed a [pre-award information sheet](#) for the program, you have until January 31, 2024 to submit a full application for funding. All local governments are eligible to receive technical assistance to develop their Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategies through the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). For more information, see [the EECBG Program Technical Assistance Webpage](#).

Grants Action News

Every month, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie's office produces a newsletter, Grants Action News, that contains a round-up of state, federal and private grants and details on how to access them. [Here](#) is a link to the June 2023 edition; this month, it contains opportunities for not-for-profits, municipalities, veterans' organizations, public corporations, school districts, institutions

of higher education, artists, doctoral students and researchers, and students pursuing automotive careers.

To get this newsletter sent directly to your inbox, email grants@nyassembly.gov.

Other Relevant Opportunities

- **For school districts:** The 2023-2024 budget includes funding to help with the transition to all-electric buses with an additional \$500 million from the Environmental Bond Act that passed last fall. Click [here](#) for more information from NYSERDA about available programs.