



GRANTS ACTION NEWS

Information on available state, federal and private grants

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On the State Level...

NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program

This funding will go toward projects that encourage the use of fresh New York State farm products in meal preparation for K-12 school children, reduce food insecurity, increase market opportunities for New York State producers and strengthen the resiliency of our state's food system.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities, not-for-profit organizations, Tribal organizations
- **Deadline:** December 5, 2024, 4 PM
- **Total Funding Available:** \$41.4 million
- **Contact Name:** Courtney Bailey
- **Contact Email:** farmtoschool@agriculture.ny.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://agriculture.ny.gov/request-proposals-rfp-0358-new-york-state-regional-school-food-infrastructure-grant-program>

NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, Community Growers Grants

These grants support garden-based nutrition education and food production in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligible communities as a beneficial activity that leads to the economical production and consumption of healthy and fresh food.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit organizations, Tribal organizations, local or municipal governments
- **Deadline:** December 6, 2024, 4 PM
- **Total Funding Available:** \$74.6 million
- **Maximum Award:** \$50,000
- **Minimum Award:** \$20,000
- **Contact Name:** Steven Affat
- **Contact Email:** Steven.Affat@agriculture.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities>
 - ◆ <https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfa-0346-snap-ed-community-growers-grant-program>
 - ◆ <https://agriculture.ny.gov/request-applications-rfa-0346-community-growers-grant-program>

Questions?

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NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Hudson River Tributary Restoration and Resiliency Funding

This funding is for projects that implement priorities of the Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda to conserve, restore and revitalize the estuary and its ecosystem. The funding seeks to achieve one or more of the following objectives of the Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda:

- ◆ support the restoration of free-flowing waters to benefit water quality, stream habitat and aquatic connectivity in tributary streams of the estuary
 - ◆ conserve and restore habitat for migratory fish in tributary streams of the estuary
 - ◆ help communities with existing and projected impacts of localized flooding along tributary streams of the estuary
 - ◆ conserve for future generations the rich diversity of plants, animals and habitats of the Hudson River estuary ecosystem
- **Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities; not-for-profit organizations, Tribal organizations
 - **Deadline:** December 12, 2024, 3 PM
 - **Total Funding Available:** \$800,000
 - **Maximum Award:** \$50,000
 - **Minimum Award:** \$10,500
 - **Contact:** Susan Pepe
 - **Contact Email:** HREPGGrants@dec.ny.gov
 - **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/waterbodies/oceans-estuaries/hudson-river-estuary-program/grants-funding-opportunities>
 - ◆ <https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2024-10/tribsrfa.pdf>

NYS Office of Mental Health, Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Funding

This funding is for the development of seven Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) teams. Forensic ACT teams will serve individuals who are justice-involved and have serious mental illness (SMI) who have not been successfully engaged by the traditional mental health treatment and rehabilitation system.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit organizations
- **Deadline:** December 18, 2024, 2 PM
- **Total Funding Available:** Approximately \$54.6 million
- **Contact:** Jerry Witkop
- **Contact Email:** OMHLocalProcurement@omh.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2024/f-inset/index.html>
 - ◆ https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2024/adult_forensic_act/adult_forensic_act_rfp.pdf

NYS Office of Mental Health, Managing and Deescalating Challenging Behaviors Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) Funding

This funding supports behavioral health providers in managing the safety of staff and patients with complex behavioral health needs through a cost-effective & efficient training collaborative that provides case conferencing and didactic lessons related to violence and other difficult behavioral symptoms.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit organizations
- **Deadline:** December 18, 2024, 2 PM
- **Total Funding Available:** \$1.5 million
- **Contact:** Jerry Witkop
- **Contact Email:** OMHLocalProcurement@omh.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/>
 - ◆ <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2024/project-echo/index.html>
 - ◆ <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2024/project-echo/project-echo-rfp.pdf>

NYS Dept. of Health, Healthcare Education and Life Skills Funding

This funding will help increase the number of students, or trainees, pursuing careers in healthcare by offering wrap around services and support. This initiative seeks to increase the healthcare workforce by:

- ◆ identifying healthcare workforce shortages by region and supporting students/trainees interested in pursuing careers to meet the identified healthcare needs of the region
 - ◆ increasing graduation/completion rates among students/trainees by assessing the barriers to completion, and providing the necessary supports required for success
- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit organizations
 - **Deadline:** December 20, 2024, 4 PM
 - **Total Funding Available:** \$97.5 million
 - **Contact:** Carrie Roseamelia
 - **Contact Email:** help.services.grant@health.ny.gov
 - **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/iframes/openAdDetail.cfm?id=128EB001-488C-4984-9F3D-281E8643E2C1>

NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, Companion Animal Funding

Funding will be available for the costs of capital projects, including construction, renovation, rehabilitation, installation acquisition or expansion of buildings, equipment or facilities necessary for the secure containment, health and adequate care of sheltered dogs and cats.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities, not-for-profit organizations
- **Deadline:** December 20, 2024, 4 PM
- **Total Funding Available:** \$10.4 million
- **Contact:** Ana M. Colon

- **Contact Email:** ana.colon@agriculture.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities>
 - ◆ <https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0342-companion-animal-capital-projects-fund>
 - ◆ <https://agriculture.ny.gov/request-proposals-rfp-0342-companion-animal-capital-projects-fund>

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Establishing Large Forests (ELF) Grants

This funding will increase the amount of forested land in New York State to help address climate change, protect air and water quality, increase access to renewable resources, support local economies, mitigate impacts from extreme heat and flooding and more. Through ELF, private landowners can apply for financial assistance to establish new forests on properties with five acres or more that are not currently forested. This is a reimbursement program, so all costs would be covered by the landowner or fiscal sponsor first and then they would be refunded.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Individuals, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, governmental entities
- **Deadline:** January 7, 2025, 3 PM
- **Total Funding Available:** \$4.5 million
- **Contact:** Ian Crisman
- **Contact Email:** largeforests@dec.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/private-forest-management/establishing-large-forests-grant-program>
 - ◆ <https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2024-10/elfchecklist.pdf>

On the Federal Level...

Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)

These grants will be awarded to national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national, geographically diverse basis through the provision of self-help homeownership housing programs. Applicants must propose to use a significant amount of SHOP Grant funds in at least two states. This funding must be used for land acquisition, infrastructure improvements and for reasonable and necessary planning and administration costs.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" in the link below for clarification); nonprofit organizations having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- **Deadline:** December 17, 2024, 11:59 PM
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$12 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 7

- **Award Ceiling:** \$12 million
- **Award Floor:** \$1.145 million
- **Contact:** Jovette Bryant
- **Contact Email:** RHED@hud.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356729>
 - ◆ https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/cfo/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/FY24SHOP

Dept. of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)

This funding will assist eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations and state fire training academies (SFTAs) to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, outfit responders with compliant personal protective equipment, provide funding to retrofit or modify facilities to protect personnel from known health hazards, acquire emergency response vehicles, design and implement health, wellness and resiliency programs that prepare responders for incident response, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability and support community resilience.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized); city or township governments; county governments; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; fire departments; state fire training academies; nonaffiliated emergency medical services
- **Deadline:** December 20, 2024
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$291.6 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 2000
- **Award Ceiling:** \$9 million
- **Contact Email:** femago@fema.dhs.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356998>
 - ◆ <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants>

On the Private Level...

Helen Diller Family Foundation, Tikkun Olam Teen Awards

The foundation awards up to 15 Jewish teens with \$36,000 each for their leadership efforts to change the world. From the environment to social justice to access to education and beyond, these young people are tackling big challenges in their communities and having tremendous impact.

- **Eligible Applicants Must:**
 - ◆ be 13-19 years old by application deadline
 - ◆ identify as Jewish
 - ◆ be a resident of the United States
 - ◆ volunteer without any compensation





- ♦ serve in a leadership role on a project or initiative that embodies the values of tikkun olam — repairing the world

■ **Project Criteria Should:**

- ♦ focus on a single project or initiative led by the applicant
- ♦ demonstrate that the applicant has made a significant and impactful contribution in a leadership role, either in initial project creation or over time
- ♦ show the project’s measurable impact
- ♦ provide a clear articulation of an issue area, geographic region and community that the project serves
- ♦ serve the Jewish community or the broader community

■ **Deadline for nominations:** December 20, 2024

■ **Number of Awards:** Up to 15

■ **Award Amounts:** \$36,000 for each award winner

■ **Contact Email:** dillerteenawards@sfjcf.org

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

- ♦ <https://dillerteenawards.org/>
- ♦ <https://dillerteenawards.org/about-the-awards/>
- ♦ <https://dillerteenawards.org/apply/>

Top of Form Classics for Kids Foundation, K-12 Matching Grant Funding for Stringed Instruments

These grants will assist schools or nonprofit organizations to incorporate string instruments in K-12 music education programs. All instruments in the string family are supported (including guitars and ukuleles).

■ **Eligible Applicants:** Schools or nonprofit organizations that are based in the United States

■ **Letter of Inquiry Deadline:** December 31, 2024

■ **Award Amounts:** Vary

■ **Contact:** Michael Reynolds

■ **Contact Email:** info@classicsforkids.org

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

- ♦ <https://classicsforkids.org/apply-for-a-grant/>
- ♦ <https://p1s639.p3cdn1.secureserver.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/CFKF-GrantApplication-04-2024.pdf>

Craft Emergency Relief Fund, Emergency Relief Grants (ERG) for Craft Artists

These grants help craft artists who have experienced a recent and substantially disruptive emergency or disaster.

■ **Eligible Applicants Must:**

- ♦ be craft artists
- ♦ be age 18 and over
- ♦ be living and working in the US or US territories for the past two years
- ♦ have not received an ERG in the previous year or exceeded the lifetime limit of four grants

■ **Deadline:** Rolling

■ **Award Amounts:** Up to \$3,000

■ **Contact Email:** programs@cerfplus.org

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

- ♦ <https://cerfplus.org/>
- ♦ <https://cerfplus.org/grants/>
- ♦ <https://cerfplus.org/grants/emergency-relief/>

Scholar Awards...

Cards Against Humanity, Science Ambassador Scholarships

These scholarships are available for undergraduate women and non-binary students whose major field of study is in science, technology, engineering, or math.

■ **Eligible Applicants Must Be:**

- ♦ undergraduate college students or high school seniors
- ♦ women or nonbinary students
- ♦ attending or planning on attending a college in the US or US territories

■ **Deadline:** December 16, 2024, 11:59 CST

■ **Number of Awards:** 5

■ **Award Amounts:** \$20,000 per award

■ **Contact Email:** SAS@CardsAgainstHumanity.com

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

- ♦ <https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/>
- ♦ <https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/#apply>
- ♦ <https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/#contact>

John F. Kennedy, Profiles in Courage Essay Contest

Students will write an essay describing and analyzing an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year John F. Kennedy was born. Include an analysis of the obstacles, risks and consequences associated with the act. The essay may concern an issue at the local, state, national or international level.

■ **Eligible Applicants:** the contest is open to United States high school students in grades nine through twelve attending public, private, parochial, or home schools; U.S. students under the age of twenty enrolled in a high school correspondence/GED program in any of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or the U.S. territories; and U.S. citizens attending schools overseas. Past winners and finalists are not eligible to participate. Employees of John Hancock Financial Services and members of their families are not eligible to participate

■ **Deadline:** January 17, 2025

■ **Award Amounts:**

- ♦ first place: \$10,000
- ♦ second place: \$3,000
- ♦ five finalists: \$1,000 each
- ♦ ten semifinalists: \$100 each

■ **Contact Email:** profiles@nara.gov

■ Links to Additional Information:

- ♦ <https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/getting-started>
- ♦ <https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/faq>
- ♦ <https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/eligibility-and-requirements>

Links to State and Federal Grants

■ NYS Grants Gateway has transitioned to NYS Grants Management

<https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/>

■ Grants.gov

<https://www.grants.gov/search-grants/>

Candid offers a variety of free trainings (see below). For more information, visit:

<https://learning.candid.org/event-calendar/>

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This class provides learning opportunities designed to develop skills, practices and behaviors that best prepare people working in the social sector for success.

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