Consolidated Funding Application
2022 – 2023

Environmental Protection Fund
Smart Growth Program
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The Smart Growth Program offers municipalities the opportunity to plan and zone 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
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
Area Planning

• Land Use Tool for a specific area
• Focuses on important priority areas to the community—e.g., Transit-Oriented Development; BOAs; downtowns; hamlets; central business districts
• Less time-consuming and expensive than a full comp plan
Zoning Ordinances

• Land Use Tool
• Implements the Vision for Community in the Comp Plan or Area Plan
• Legal Foundation for land use decision making
• Provides certainty to residents, developers and municipal officials
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 and/or zoning ordinance;
- 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 for most categories.
- Combined area planning/area zoning projects have a maximum award of $200,000.
- Award may not exceed 90% of the total eligible cost of the project.
- Applicant 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 2 points)
- Demonstration of Smart Growth Commitment (up to 6 points)
- Public Engagement and Commitment (up to 15 points)
- Integration of Smart Growth Principles (up to 22 points)
- Implementation (up to 25 points)
- Evaluation of Budget and Cost (up to 20 points)
Request for Applications (RFA# 22-OPDSG-3)  
https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities

Written questions will be accepted until June 17th

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

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http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov