Q. Where can we get more information about the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan grant program?
   A. A full Request for Applications and other information about the Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning grant program are available on DOS's website, here: [2022-2023 Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant Program | Department of State (ny.gov)]

Q. If a municipality already has an adopted comprehensive plan, can they apply to update their plan with Smart Growth Principles?
   A. Yes, communities with an adopted Comprehensive Plan are encouraged to regularly update their plan to reflect changes in local conditions and community goals and to integrate Smart Growth Principles. An update to the Comprehensive Plan will ensure the plan is current and well-connected to short and long-range community objectives and Smart Growth Principles.

Q. Can a county apply for a grant to develop a county-wide comprehensive plan?
   A. This grant opportunity is intended to support development of comprehensive plans for villages, towns and cities. A county may apply for a grant on behalf of a local municipality, but this program cannot provide funding for multi-municipal or regional comprehensive plans.

Q. Can a county, regional planning entity, or not-for-profit submit an application for more than one municipal comprehensive plan?
   A. Applications to prepare or update a municipal comprehensive plan may only include one plan per application. However, an eligible entity may submit multiple applications. Applications submitted by a county, regional planning entity or not-for-profit organizations must include a letter or resolution from each eligible municipality participating in the project which demonstrates the municipal consent and support for the application.

Q. Can a municipality apply to develop both a comprehensive plan and update their zoning ordinance?
   A. No. Applicants may not apply for both a Comprehensive Plan Grant and a Comprehensive Zoning Grant either in a single application or separate applications. An applicant may, however, submit an application for an Area Plan Grant and an Area Zoning Grant in a single application.
Q. Is there a maximum or minimum State assistance request amount per application?

A. The maximum State assistance request per grant application is listed below for each eligible activity or 90% of total project costs, whichever is less. There is no minimum State assistance request amount.

- For a Comprehensive Plan Grant: $100,000
- For a Comprehensive Zoning Grant: $100,000
- For an Area Plan Grant ONLY: $100,000
- For an Area Zoning Grant ONLY: $100,000
- For a combined Area Plan and Area Zoning Grant: $200,000

Additional questions regarding 2022 – 2023 Request for Applications for the Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (RFA #22-OPDSG-3) should be submitted to DOS by e-mail to opd@dos.ny.us with the subject line “22-OPDSG-3 RFA Questions” by June 17, 2022.

Responses to all questions received by June 17th will posted on the DOS website (2022-2023 Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning | Department of State (ny.gov)) in document titled Questions and Answers by July 8th.