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Climate Smart Communities Grant Program

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Climate Smart Communities Grants

Who is eligible?

- Local governments only
 - Counties, cities, towns, villages in NYS
- Others may participate as part of a partnership with a designated, eligible lead applicant
- Do **NOT** need to be a Registered Climate Smart Community to apply



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When are applications due?

- Applications deadline July 28, 2017 by 4:00 PM
- Read the **Request for Applications (RFA)** for complete info when released, probably in early May

How do I apply?

- Apply online through the **Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)** at <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/index.cfm>

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What is the match?

- Required local match is 50% of project costs
- **Match w/ in-kind municipal staff salaries**
- Eligible costs:
 - Travel & equip.
 - Salaries & fringe benefits
 - Contractual services
- No state or federal funds as match



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What kinds of projects are eligible?

- **Mitigation:** reduce GHGs from *non-power* sources (from e.g., food waste & transportation)
- **Adaptation:** build local resiliency to climate change (*today's focus!*)
- Two categories of grants: **implementation** and **certification** (planning)

Climate Smart Implementation Grants for Adaptation Projects



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Implementation projects:

- Total available: \$9.5 million
- Award size: \$10,000 to \$2 million
- Construction projects
- No more than 15% on design & engineering



Climate Smart Grants: Implementation

Eligible adaptation projects:

- Reduce future flood risk (1 of 2 categories):
 - Increase natural resiliency (e.g., living shorelines)
 - Relocate or retrofit critical infrastructure or facilities
 - Replace or right-size flow barriers (i.e., culverts & bridges)
 - To facilitate emergency response and/or protect people, infrastructure and natural resources

Climate Smart Grants: Implementation

Eligible adaptation projects:

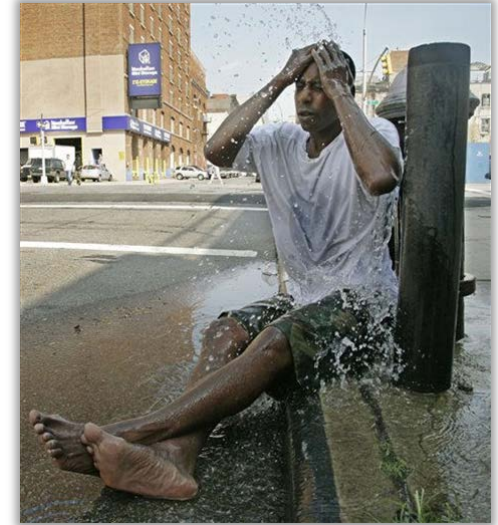
- **Extreme event preparation (2 of 2):**
 - Address anticipated future extreme heat conditions
 - E.g., cooling centers, shade structures
 - Improve emergency preparedness and response systems
 - E.g., warning systems

Climate Smart Certification Grants for Adaptation Projects

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Certification projects:

- Total available: \$500,000
- Award size: \$10,000 to \$100,000
- For planning, assessments, inventories, development of strategies
- Actions from the **CSC Certification Program**
 - **CSCC Manual** is online at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/96511.html>



Climate Smart Grants: Certification

Eligible adaptation projects:

- **Adaptation planning actions** such as:
 - Vulnerability assessments (7.1), CSRP process (7.3), identification of climate adaptation strategies (7.4)
- **Land use planning actions** such as:
 - Development of comprehensive plans with sustainability or smart growth principles (6.1, 6.2), creating resource-efficient site design guidelines (6.5), conducting natural resource inventories (6.17),

Thank You!

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More info on CSC funding programs available at
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