

# **THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE**

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## **GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**February 5, 2021**

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### **St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA)**

#### **2021 Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program**

**<https://slcida.com/announcement/community-development-environmental-improvement-program-application/>**

Eligible applicants include communities and not-for-profit organizations in St. Lawrence County that are planning to undertake a project that will provide a clear and demonstrable economic, community or environmental benefit. The RVRDA has allocated up to \$100,000 for this year's program. There is no minimum application amount, but the maximum that may be applied for is \$20,000 though the RVRDA retains the discretion to make exceptions to this maximum if it determines that the circumstances so warrant. The RVRDA and the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Local Development Corporation will give priority to those projects which most clearly support and advance community development, environmental improvement, and employment opportunities and projects that propose to use CD/EI resources to leverage funds from federal, State, and regional programs, foundations, or other sources.

Applicants and their proposed project(s) must be principally located in St. Lawrence County. The level and form of assistance provided will be determined on a case-by-case basis and may include loans, grants or other types of financial assistance. Funds may be used for a number of purposes including real estate acquisition, building construction and rehabilitation, machinery and equipment, and promotional expenses. Funds generally may not be used to fund normal operating costs.

For further information about the program, or to request an application, please contact Kimberly Gilbert at the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Local Development Corporation at 315-379-9806 or [kgilbert@slcida.com](mailto:kgilbert@slcida.com). The application can also be accessed via the web at [www.slcida.com](http://www.slcida.com).

**Deadline: April 16, 2021**

### **2021 NYS Urban Forestry Council**

#### **Quick Start Grant Notice**

**<https://nysufc.org/not-yet-a-tree-city-usa-apply-by-feb-26-for-2021-nysufc-quick-start-grant-to-help-you-get-there/2021/01/29/>**

The NYS Urban Forestry Council is pleased to announce available funding for communities to hold a 2021 Arbor Day tree planting event and to establish a community-based forestry program. Communities can apply for up to \$1,000. Funding has been provided by the USDA Forest

Service. Communities are eligible if they intend to work toward Tree City status but are lacking any of the components of the Tree City USA program. The four components include having a tree ordinance, a tree board, \$2/capita budgeted for trees, and an annual Arbor Day celebration. Definitions and details of those components can be found on the Tree City USA website. Eligible projects include: planting trees, and holding an Arbor Day ceremony. Eligible expenses may include but are not limited to trees, mulch, soil, printing of a program, advertising to publicize the event. To learn more about the Tree City USA Program, please visit the following Arbor Day Foundation links: <https://www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/about.cfm>  
<https://www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/index-become.cfm>

**Deadline: February 26, 2021**

**U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
FY 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant**

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

**Search for Funding Opportunity Number: DHS-20-GPD-083-00-99**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate implements and administers the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants. SAFER grants provide financial assistance to help fire departments increase frontline firefighters. SAFER offers grants to support activities in two activities: 1. Hiring of Firefighters; and 2. Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters.

**Deadline: March 12, 2021**

**U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office on Violence Against Women  
OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and  
Stalking Program Solicitation**

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

**Search for Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2021-56002**

Funds under this program must be used for one or more of the following purposes:

1. To identify, assess, and appropriately respond to child, youth, and adult victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking in rural communities, by encouraging collaboration among domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking victim service providers; law enforcement agencies; prosecutors; courts; other criminal justice service providers; human and community service providers; educational institutions; and health care providers, including sexual assault forensic examiners;
2. To establish and expand nonprofit, nongovernmental, State, tribal, territorial, and local government victim services in rural communities to child, youth, and adult victims; and
3. To increase the safety and well-being of women and children in rural communities, by (A) dealing directly and immediately with domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking occurring in rural communities; and (B) creating and implementing strategies to increase awareness and prevent domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

**Deadline: March 12, 2021**

**Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)**  
**2021 State Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment Program (SEID)**  
<https://www.nbrc.gov/>

Funds up to \$1,000,000 maximum for infrastructure projects and up to a \$350,000 maximum for other eligible projects are available to Public bodies, IRS recognized 501(c) organizations, Native American tribes, and the four NBRC State governments.

Eligible projects:

- Revitalize and modernize essential infrastructure in Northern Border region communities,
- Increase access, affordability, and use of high speed telecommunications by Northern Border residents and businesses,
- Stabilize and reduce electric and thermal energy costs,
- Retain, expand and diversify business enterprise that capitalizes on the region's natural, cultural, and economic assets,
- Position the Northern Border region as an attractive and supportive place for creative and entrepreneurial people,
- Support and expand a highly productive workforce with skills suited to existing and future business needs,
- Foster entrepreneurial leadership and capacity for community economic development, and
- Inform and align local, state, and regional economic development decision making with regional data and perspectives.

Useful resources are available on the NBRC website, including the NBRC's Strategic Plan, lists of past funded projects, and Opportunity Zone information. 2021 SEID materials will be available on NBRC website March 8, 2021; letters of Interest are strongly encouraged and are due March 26<sup>th</sup>; and the online application portal will open April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Deadline: Letters of Interest due March 26; Applications due May 14, 2021.**

**USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service**  
**Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Conservation Innovation Grants New York State Program**  
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

**Search for Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-NRCS-NY-CIG-21-NOFO0001070**

NRCS is announcing the availability of CIG funding to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. Applications are accepted from eligible entities for projects carried out in the state of New York. A total of up to \$500,000 is available for New York CIG competition in FY 2021. All non-federal entities (NFE) and individuals are invited to apply, with the sole exception of federal agencies. Projects may be between one and three years in duration. The maximum award amount for a single award in FY 2021 is \$200,000.

**Deadline: April 2, 2021**

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