

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT GREAT LAKES ACTION AGENDA IMPLEMENTATION

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Department of
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Conservation

| Opportunity Title | Source | Focus Areas | Deadlines |
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| GREAT LAKES PROGRAMS | | | |
| Great Lakes Restoration Initiative www.glri.us/funding | Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) | Funding and initiatives for toxic substances, areas of concern, invasive species, nearshore health, non-point source pollution, habitat/wildlife protection and restoration, education/partnerships, and climate change adaptation. | As funding is available |
| Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act Grants www.fws.gov/service | US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) | Restoration, research and regional projects to support conservation, restoration and management of fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in the Great Lakes basin. | Typically in January |
| NY's Great Lakes Basin Small Grants www.seagrantsunysb.edu | NY Sea Grant, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) | Support stakeholder-driven efforts to restore and revitalize the state's Great Lakes region and demonstrate successful application of ecosystem-based management (EBM). | As funding is available |
| Great Lakes Research Consortium Small Grants www.esf.edu/glrc | Great Lakes Research Consortium (GLRC), DEC | Funding cooperative approaches to researching and protecting the environmental quality of the Great Lakes. | Available annually |
| Sustain Our Great Lakes www.nfwf.org/greatlakes | National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) | Restoring and enhancing stream, riparian and coastal wetland habitat, green stormwater infrastructure, and maintaining restoration through invasive species control. | Pre-proposals typically due in late February |
| NOAA Great Lakes Region Bay Watershed Education and Training (BWET) Grants https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/bwet/greatlakes/ | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) | Supports existing environmental education programs, fosters the growth of new programs, and encourages development of partnerships among environmental education programs. | As funding is available |
| GLRI Forest Restoration www.fs.usda.gov | US Department of Agriculture | Great Lakes Restoration including mitigating forest pests and diseases, reducing runoff from degraded sites through green infrastructure, and | Available annually, typically |

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| | (USDA) Forest Service | restoring and connecting coastal and riparian forest habitats. | due in November |
| Great Lakes Protection Fund http://glpf.org | Great Lakes Protection Fund | Supporting innovative, results oriented projects that have basin-wide impact and foster sustainable water resource management. | Ongoing |
| FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS | | | |
| Agricultural Conservation Easement Program www.nrcs.usda.gov | US Department of Agriculture (USDA) | Wetland reserve and agricultural land easements. | Accepted year-round |
| America the Beautiful Challenge https://www.nfwf.org/programs/america-beautiful-challenge | National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) | Supports conserving restoring, connecting, and reconnecting rivers, coasts, wetlands watersheds, forests, grasslands and other important ecosystems that serve as carbon sinks; improving community resilience to climate-related threats; and access for underserved communities. | Due July 16th, 2024 |
| Environmental Quality and Incentives Program (EQIP) www.nrcs.usda.gov | USDA | Financial and technical assistance to address agriculture-related natural resource concerns. | Accepted year-round |
| National Fish Passage Program https://www.fws.gov/office/lower-great-lakes-fish-and-wildlife-conservation | Lower Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Service | Restore aquatic organism passage at man-made barriers including dams and culverts; Priorities: freshwater mussels, brook trout, lake sturgeon, Atlantic salmon, American eel. | Accepted year round |
| North American Wetlands Conservation Act – Small Grants and Standard grants www.fws.gov | US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) | Long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated upland habitats for wetlands-associated migratory birds. Public-private partnerships to implement projects (1:1 match). | Small Grants due in Oct; Standard Grants due Feb & July |
| NYS GRANT PROGRAMS | | | |
| Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act www.environmentalbondact.ny.gov/ | New York State | Bond Act Funding projects across the State to safeguard drinking water sources, reduce pollution, and protect communities and natural resources from climate change. | Anticipate funding through various grants |
| AGM Climate Resilient Farming Program www.agriculture.ny.gov | NYS Dept of Agriculture and Markets (AGM), NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee | Projects to mitigate the impact of agriculture on climate change and to enhance on-farm adaptation and resiliency (e.g. soil health, waste storage cover and flare systems, water management) | As funding is available |

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| AGM Source Water Buffer Program www.agriculture.ny.gov | NYSAGM | Purchase of conservation easements on agricultural lands that support protection of public drinking water supplies and implementation of riparian buffer systems, in partnerships with land trusts and/or municipalities. | Open until funds expended through 10/30/2024 |
| BridgeNY www.dot.ny.gov | NYS Dept of Transportation | Funding to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts statewide. | As funding is available |
| Community Grants Program | NYS Pollution Prevention Institute | Funding for community organizations and local government to support pollution prevention projects. | As funding is available |
| Cornell Water Resources Institute Research and Outreach RFP https://wri.cals.cornell.edu | Cornell Water Resources Institute/NYSD EC | Annual research and assessment support to watershed-based management, policy, outreach, and education. | Annually as funding is available |
| DEC Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Grant Program www.dec.ny.gov/energy | NYSDEC | Climate adaptation and mitigation projects related to flood risk reduction, extreme event preparation, reduction of vehicle miles, waste, etc. and certification projects that advance land use, planning, and assessment actions. | Due under consolidated funding application (CFA)- July 31, 2024 |
| DEC Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants www.dec.ny.gov/get-involved/environmental-justice | NYSDEC | Funding for not for profits to address environmental issues, harms, and health hazards, build community consensus, set priorities, and improve public outreach and education. | Due August 7th, 2024 |
| DEC Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning Grant www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/ | NYSDEC | Funds planning reports for nonpoint source water quality improvement projects. | Due under CFA |
| DEC Regenerate NY www.dec.ny.gov/lands/ | NYSDEC | Cost share for private landowners to support healthy forests. | As funding is available |
| DEC Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Grants www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/ | NYSDEC | Non-agricultural nonpoint source abatement and control including green infrastructure, nature-based shoreline stabilization and riparian restoration; municipal wastewater treatment; land acquisitions for source water protection; aquatic habitat restoration; salt storage; and municipal separate storm sewers. | Due under CFA July 31, 2024 |
| DOS Local Waterfront Revitalization Program | NYS Department of State (DOS) | Community and watershed planning and implementation grants funding watershed management, | Due under CFA July 31, 2024 |

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| www.dos.ny.gov/opd | | redevelopment, community resiliency, revitalization, and tourism projects. | |
| DOS Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Grant | NYSDOS | Supports comprehensive planning and zoning regulations that integrate smart growth principles. | As funding is available |
| EFC Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) www.efc.ny.gov/gigp | NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) | 'Green' stormwater infrastructure design and technologies. | Due under CFA July 31, 2024 |
| EFC Engineering Planning Grants www.efc.ny.gov/epg | NYS EFC | Supports planning for wastewater, sewer, and water quality projects. | Due under CFA July 31, 2024 |
| EFC Green Resiliency Grant www.efc.ny.gov/grg | NYSEFC | Helps flood prone communities undertake green infrastructure projects. | Due August 16th |
| EFC Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant program www.efc.ny.gov/wiia | NYS EFC | Assistance for municipalities to fund water quality infrastructure. (drinking water and clean water) to improve water quality and/or protect public health. | Typically in November |
| EFC Septic System Replacement Fund www.efc.ny.gov/ | NYS EFC | Funding to counties to help homeowners replace cesspools and septic systems. | Reach out to local county contact |
| EPF Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage www.parks.ny.gov | NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation | Acquisition, planning, development and improvement of public parks, historic properties, and heritage areas. | Due under CFA July 31, 2024 |
| SWCC Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program www.agriculture.ny.gov/ | NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee | Supports nonpoint source abatement and control projects that plan or implement best practices on farms. = | As funding is available |

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