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The Climate Smart Communities Grant Program

Part of the Environmental Protection Fund

Office of Climate Change
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
May 2017

Important!

- Read the **Request for Applications** for complete program information at http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html
- Apply through the **Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)** at https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/index.cfm
- Applications **due July 28, 2017** by 4:00pm

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- 2017 Climate Smart Communities - **Request for Applications** (PDF, 210 KB)

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- Climate Smart Communities Grants
- Municipal ZEV Rebates
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- 2017 Consolidated Funding Application
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- Quick Start Guide: Applications (PDF, 685 KB)
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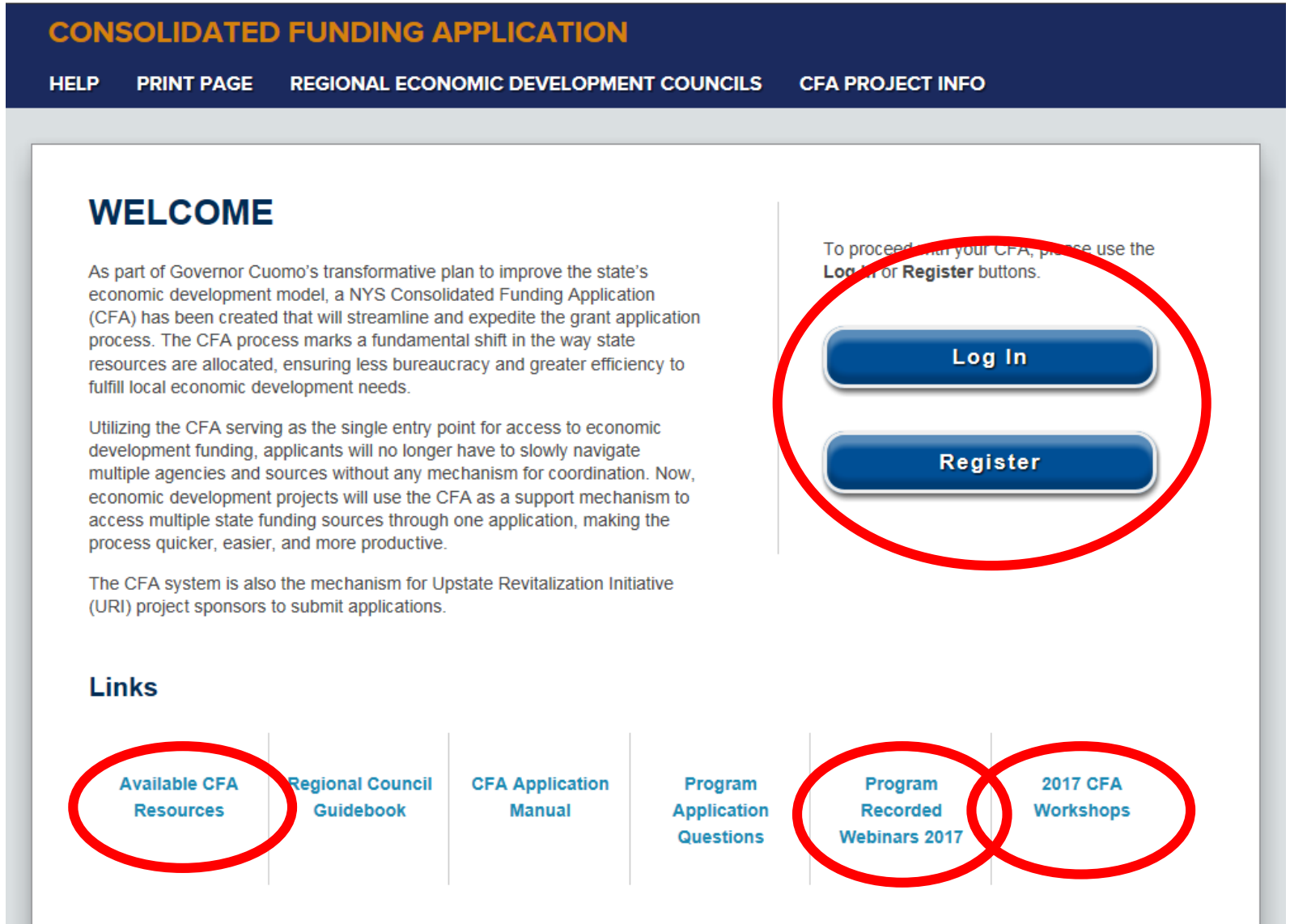

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About the 2017 Grant Program

Eligibility

- **Municipalities** are eligible, defined as counties (& NYC boroughs), cities, towns, and villages of the State of New York
- Other entities 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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Match Requirement

- Required local match is **50% of eligible project costs**.
  - *Can include in-kind personal services (salary and fringe), contractual services, project-related travel, equipment, supplies & materials*
- No other state or federal funds can be used as match.
- Land acquisition can be included as **match only**.
  - *Submit map, current appraisal report, and copy of the recorded deed conveying title.*

Funding Available

- **$10 million** for two major project categories:
  - $9.5 million for ***Implementation Projects*** *(both adaptation and mitigation actions)*
  - $500,000 for ***Climate Smart Communities Certification Projects*** *(planning, inventory and assessment)*

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Implementation Projects

CSC Grants for Implementation

- Total available: $9.5M
- Larger awards: **$10,000 to $2 million**
- **Construction** projects - no more than 15% on design & engineering
- Two broad categories of implementation:
  - Adaptation
  - Mitigation (reducing GHGs from non-power sources)

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CSC Grants for Implementation

Eligible adaptation project categories:

- **Reduce future flood risk (1 of 2):**
  - Increase natural resiliency (e.g., living shorelines)
  - Relocate or retrofit critical infrastructure or facilities
  - Replace or right-size flow barriers (i.e., culverts & bridges)

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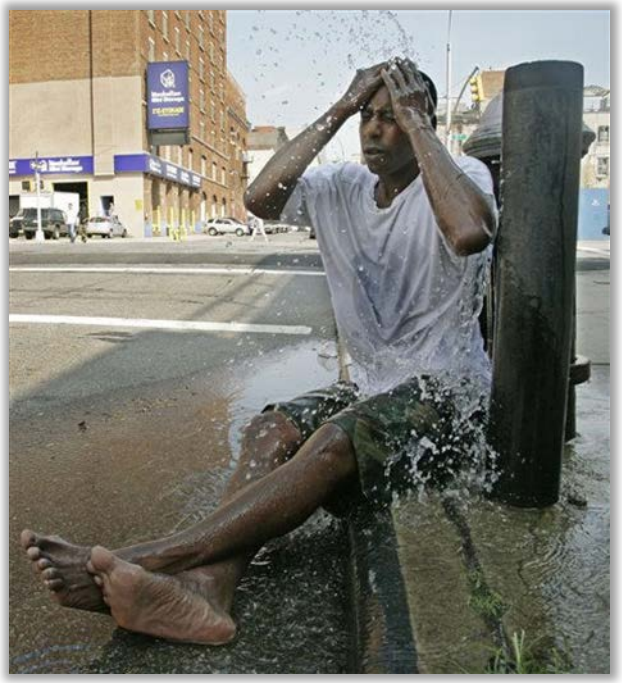
CSC Grants for Implementation



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 that facilitate emergency response and/or protect people, infrastructure and natural resources

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CSC Grants for Implementation

Eligible mitigation projects:

- Reduce GHGs from:
  - **Commuting**: more walkable, bike-able routes to work
  - **Food scraps**: increase food donation, or process food scraps at wastewater treatment plants
  - **Landfills**: install methane capture systems, etc.
  - **Refrigerants**: switch to alternatives, or reduce leakage from refrigeration, chillers, & A/C equipment

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Looking for projects that…

- Reduce risks to critical infrastructure and vulnerable populations
- Increase preparedness for extreme weather
- Implement plans based on climate projections or greenhouse gas emissions inventories
- Make meaningful reductions in non-power sector greenhouse gas emissions
- Implement food recovery programs to eliminate methane-producing waste

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Certification Projects

CSC Grants for Certification

City of Kingston

- Total available: $500,000
- Smaller awards: **$10,000 to $100,000**
- **Planning** projects
  - 24 different types of assessments, inventories, plans that align with the CSC Certification Program
- **CSC Certification Manual:** http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/96511.html

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CSC Grants for Certification

- **Climate Change Adaptation Strategies** – *for example*:
  - Vulnerability assessments (7.1)
  - Review existing plans and projects to identify adaptation strategies (CSRP – 7.3)
  - Update multi-hazard mitigation plan to address changing conditions (7.6)
  - Watershed assessment to identify flooding priorities (7.10)
- **Land-Use Planning** – *for example*:
  - Update comprehensive plan w/ sustainability & smart growth elements (6.1, 6.2)
  - Natural Resources Inventory (6.17)

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- **Transportation Strategies** – *for example*:
  - Plan for right-sizing municipal fleet (3.11)
  - Develop strategies that support bicycling and walking (6.10)
- **Organic Waste Mgmt. Strategies** – *for example*:
  - Develop a plan to provide organic waste collection and composting in local gov't bldgs. (3.21)
  - Conduct local gov't waste audit and track diversion rate over time (3.23)

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Looking for projects that…

- Lead to implementation
- Lead to CSC Certification
- Address climate change projections or identified greenhouse gas emission reduction targets
- Advance work in priority areas – adaptation, land use, and non-power sector mitigation

Key Information Sources (1)

Climate change projections & data

- ClimAid Report (NY) – http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/climaid
- NY Climate Change Science Clearinghouse – https://www.nyclimatescience.org/
- National Climate Assessment (US) – http://nca2014.globalchange.gov/

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Responding to Climate Change in New York State (ClimAID)

- 2014 Supplement - Updated Climate Projections Report [PDF]
- 2014 Supplement - Updated Projections Summary Brochure [PDF|4.4KB]
- Responding to Climate Change in New York State Synthesis Report [PDF]
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  - Introduction [PDF]
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  - Annex I: Expert Reviewers for the ClimAID Assessment [PDF]
  - Annex II: NYS Adaptation Guidebook [PDF]
  - Annex III: An Economic Analysis of Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations in NYS [PDF]

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Key Information Sources (2)

Other adaptation information & tools

- NYSDOH County Heat Health Profiles – http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/public_health_tracking/
- Hudson River Sustainable Shorelines (but applicable elsewhere) – https://www.hrnerr.org/hudson-river-sustainable-shorelines/

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Interactive Tool

Environmental Public Health Tracker
Use this tool to view maps, graphs and tables of select environmental health data.

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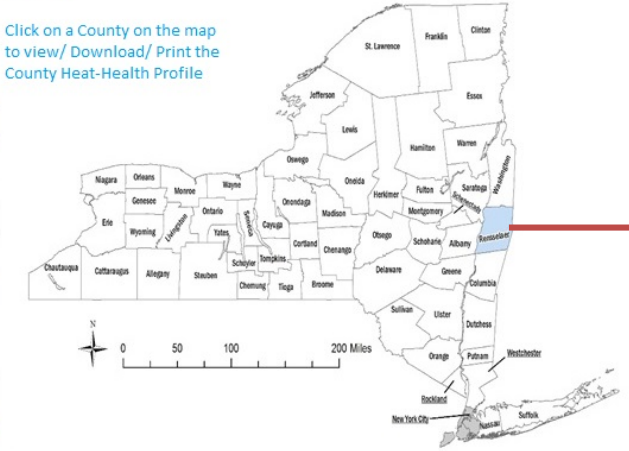
County Heat- Health Profiles -Rensselaer, NY

These county heat-health profiles have been created by the NYSDOH to assist county agencies to help identify their vulnerable populations and regions within their counties to improve or supplement their heat-adaptation efforts toward reducing the impact of heat on health.

Click on a County on the map to view/ Download/ Print the County Heat-Health Profile



Click here to download census tract level temperature data for a county

Downloadable data at census tract level

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1979-05-04	124	001014801	001	5	1979	heat	Max Temperature	degrees	Temperate above 90	0	58.5
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1979-05-06	126	001014801	001	5	1979	heat	Max Temperature	degrees	Temperate above 90	0	52.2
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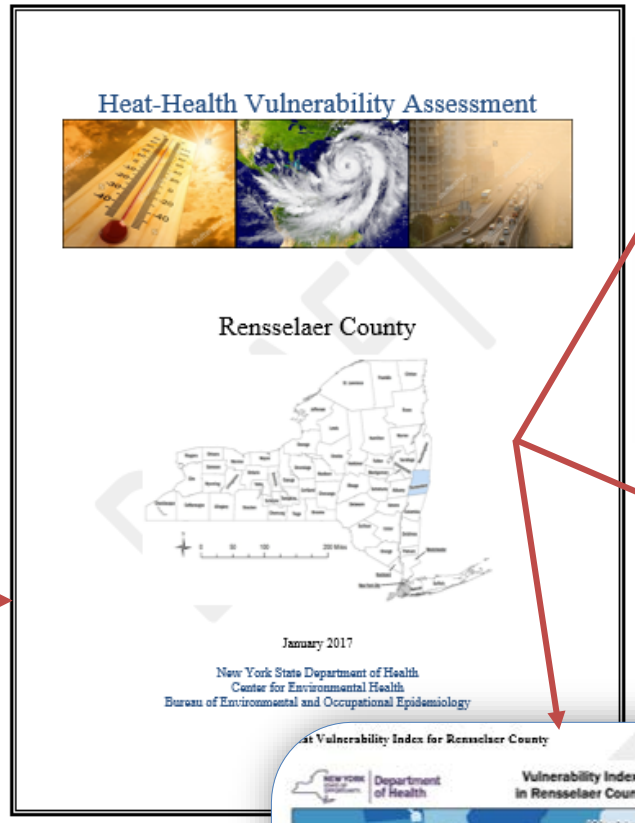

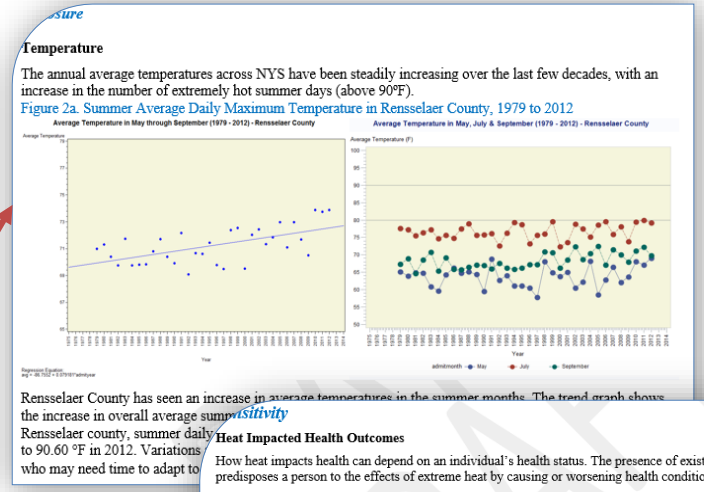

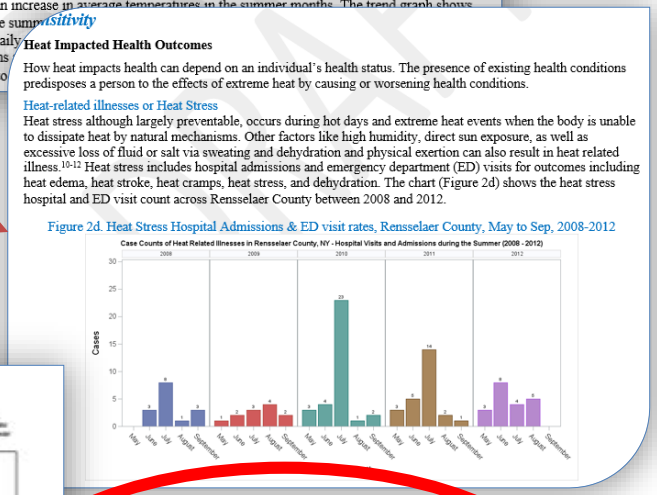

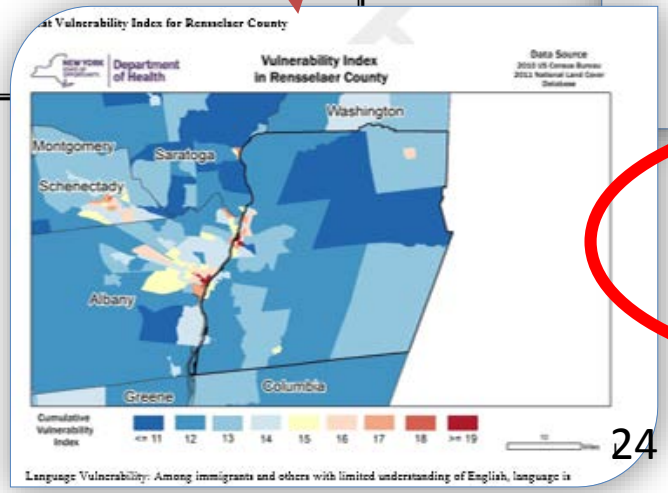

Includes information on temperature exposure, heat-impacted health and heat vulnerability in each county

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Key Information Sources (3)

Mitigation information & tools

- Regional greenhouse gas inventories – available at http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/57170.html
  - Inventory completed down to the county level, and in some cases, to the municipal level
- NYSERDA report – Benefit-Cost Analysis of Potential Food Waste Diversion

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http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/57170.html

Local Greenhouse Gas Inventories

Links with * leave the NYSDEC website

Local governments can inventory greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from their own operations only, or can seek to account for all GHG emissions within their boundaries.

- **Government operations** inventories represent an accounting of the GHG emissions associated with municipal operations, such as fuel consumption in vehicle fleets and energy usage by government buildings and streetlights.
- **Community inventories** count both municipal government emissions and emissions from other sources within the municipal borders. Typically counted in a community inventory are energy usage by non-municipal buildings, transportation fuels consumed by vehicles, and emissions associated with wastes generated by community residents.

GHG inventories provide the basis for measuring emissions reductions. With an inventory, a community can set a target for reducing emissions, identify its options and craft an effective local climate action plan for improvements that can also save energy and taxpayer dollars. Inventory updates demonstrate the community's progress in reducing GHG emissions, and reveal any mid-course correction needed to stay on target. Many communities find annual updates to their municipal operations inventories useful, while community inventories can be updated less frequently, e.g., every three to five years.

Start with Local Government Operations

After adopting the pledge, most Climate Smart Communities begin by conducting an inventory of the emissions of greenhouse gases from their own government operations. The How-to page recommends tools for conducting GHG inventories. For general guidance on conducting a government operations GHG inventory, please see the CSC Guide - Developing a Local Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory (link at right). This guide outlines the steps involved in a GHG inventory of emissions from government operations, and also provides tips and helpful resources designed to keep the process organized and efficient. NYSERDA produced a 25-minute presentation* with audio that provides an overview of best practices and tools for conducting local government operations GHG inventories.

An important first step is to contact your regional Climate Smart Community Coordinator. There are four regional coordinators available to provide direct assistance to CSCs within their region as they conduct their greenhouse gas inventories. Each coordinator has also developed a regional greenhouse gas inventory for the entire region it serves (see each CSC coordinator's regional webpage). A fifth CSC coordinator is available to provide assistance to communities outside the pilot CSC regions.

Gathering and compiling data for the GHG inventory, then analyzing and reporting the results, may take 6 months or more, depending on the scale and complexity of the government's operations. Collecting and organizing the data tends to be the most time-consuming phase of this work. Good documentation and improved record keeping can greatly reduce the effort required in subsequent years when the inventory is updated.

While hiring an expert is not required to conduct a local GHG emissions inventory, some municipalities retain consultants for this task; others assign paid staff. Some localities recruit volunteer workers, such as students, interns, climate action task force members or other citizen volunteers. It is important to have involvement of at least one permanent staff person to preserve "institutional memory" of the GHG inventory project.

Regional GHG Inventories in New York State

Under the Cleaner, Greener Communities program, contractors prepared regional GHG inventories for each of the state's ten economic development regions. The ten regional inventories allocated each region's emissions down to the county level. In other words, GHG inventory was completed for every county in New York State. If you're curious about the emissions profile for your community, check out the regional and county-level GHG inventories that are part the Regional Sustainability Plans (link at right).

Through the Climate Smart Communities program, the GHG inventories for the four pilot regions were allocated down to the municipal level. A community-level GHG inventory was completed for every municipality and county in the four Climate Smart Community pilot regions: Capital District, Central New York, Long Island, and Mid-Hudson.

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Regional GHG Inventories

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Developing a Local Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory (PDF, 1.8 MB)

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Additional Information

Pass/Fail Criteria for all Projects

- You are a county (or NYC borough), city, town or village of NYS and you've submitted a **municipal resolution authorizing application submission**.
- You are proposing an eligible action and have clearly described the need for the project in reference to **projected future climate conditions or greenhouse gas inventory data**.
- You have attached **a completed expenditure budget** that itemizes costs and clearly articulates the requested funding amount and eligible match.
- You have attached **a detailed work program** outlining what specific tasks will be undertaken to complete the project, from initiation through completion.
- If applicable, you have documented **land ownership or an agreement with the landowner for land access and use**.

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Round two rebate categories a as follows:

Category	Total ilable	Maximum Rebate	Maximum per Municipality	Match per Project	State Share per Project
Clean Vehicle Purchase or Lea	*tbd*	$5,000 per vehicle (50+ mi. electric range); $2,500 per vehicle (10-50 mi. electric range)	50% of total available	Not Applicable	Grant amount up to rebate limits
Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Infrastructure (EVSE)	*tbd*	$250,000 per facility	50% of total available	20% of Grant Amount	Up to $8000 per port (EVSE) or up to $32,000 per pedestal (Direct Current Fast Charge)

Please direct any ques e Municipal ZEV and ZEV Infrastructure Rebate Program to: ZEVrebate@dec.ny.gov or call the Office of Climate Change at 518-402-8448.

Applying for Grants aging Contracts in the Grants Gateway

All eligible applicants a d recipients should visit the NYS Grants Reform website (*link leaves DEC website*) and become familiar with the statewide Grants Gateway, a web-based grants management system. Gateway allows potential applicants to browse all NYS Agency anticipated and available grant opportunities, providing a one-stop location that improves the way grants are administered by the St York.

All grant applicants mu tered in the NYS Grants Gateway **to be eligible to apply** for a NYS grant opportunity, **to enter into a contract**, and **to receive grant payments**. If you have received a grant award through th nate Smart Communities Grant Program and have not already done so, you must immediately **register in the NYS Grants Gateway (PDF, 299 KB)** (*link leaves DEC website*).

As a first step in the co process, we recommend that you review the Quick Start Guide: Contracts (PDF, 1.18 MB) (*link leaves DEC website*) guidance provided via the Grants Reform website.

Funding amounts over $10,000 are awarded by contract. The New York State Master Contract for Grants (MCG) (PDF, 536 KB) (*link leaves DEC website*) template is available for review at NYS Grants Reform site (*link leaves DEC website*). As noted above, all contracting is undertaken within the NYS Grants Gateway.

Project Plan/Budgets

Successful applicants will need to enter a project workplan and bud into the Grants Gateway. Completing these worksheets offline will make entering the information into the Grants Gateway easier. The information provided in your Expenditure Based Budget and Work Plan m be consistent with the information provided in your grant application.

- Attachment B-1 - Expenditure Based Budget (PDF, 1.3 MB)
- Attachment C - Work Plan (PDF, 20 KB)

There are a number of additional documents that are required in or s successfully develop a contract for a NYSDEC grant award. You will need to complete and upload the following documents into the Gateway **Grantee Document Folder**.

MWBE Utilization/Worker's Compensation/Insurance Requirements

A MWBE Utilization Plan is required for contracts of $25,000 or more. The Utilization Plan (UP) can be found on the MWBE Goals & Reporting Responsibilities page. If you have questions about completing the UP, please contact the MWBE Unit at 518-402-9240 or mwbe@dec.ny.gov.

Proof of Worker's Compensation Coverage/Exemption from Worker's Compensation

The following are acceptable Workers' Compensation coverage documents.

- C-105.2 Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance (must name DEC as entity requesting proof)
- CE-200 Certificate of Attestation of Exemption - (no employees) (does not name DEC/State requesting proof)
- U-26.3 State Insurance Fund Version of the C-105.2 form
- SI-12 Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance (does not name DEC/State requesting proof)
- GSI-105.2 Certificate of Participation in Worker's Comp Group Self-Insurance (must name DEC as entity requesting proof)

Proof of Disability/Exemption from Disability

The following are acceptable Disability Benefit Insurance Coverage documents.

- DB-120.1 Certificate of Disability Benefit Insurance
- DB-120.2 Certificate of Participation in Disability Benefits Group Self-insurance
- DB-155 Certificate of Disability Benefit Self-Insurance (does not name DEC/State requesting proof)
- CE-200 Certificate of Attestation of Exemption - (no employees)

Pursuant to the MCG Program Terms and Conditions, Contractors are required to provide proof of insurance as applicable to their project. Applicable certificates and endorsements must list the Department

Expenditure Budget

Use the NYS Grants Gateway cost categories:

- Personal Services
- Non-personal Services
  - Contractual
  - Travel
  - Equipment
  - Other

Work Program

Use the NYS Grants Gateway format :

Objective – Large task to be accomplished (*e.g.*, "*1) Project Design*")

Task – Specific components of the large task (*e.g.*, "*1a) Complete 70% designs, 1b) Hold project meeting, 1c) Complete final designs, 1d) Submit final designs to agency*")

Performance Measure – How will you know you completed the task? (*e.g.*, "*Project design completed and submitted to agency*")

Application Review

Evaluation Criteria

- Financial hardship
- Climate Smart Communities status
- Implementation or Certification readiness
- Project criticality
- Effectiveness of proposal
- Planning context
- Quality of application
- Reasonableness of cost

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- The applicant **provides a completed Expenditure Budget** in the requested format that itemizes costs and clearly articulates and differentiates the requested funding amount and an eligible match.
- The applicant **provides a detailed work program and timeline for work** outlining individual work tasks and their sequence, from initiation through completion.
- **If applicable, documentation of land ownership** and/or the necessary land access and use agreement(s) are provided.

Selection Criteria

Each eligible application will be scored by an evaluation team consisting of technical reviewers from DEC and other state agencies in appropriate disciplines. Using information gathered during technical review sessions, each eligible project will be scored according to the selection criteria outlined below. Technical reviewer scores will be averaged, and REDC priority points will be incorporated to develop a numerical score and ranking for all eligible projects. Funding will be recommended based on highest to lowest ranks within each funding category and within the expressed funding limits for municipalities with population size over 100,000 and/or any single municipality, as described in this RFA, until available funding has been exhausted.

Scoring Overview for Implementation Project Categories

	Max. Points				Min. Points
Financial Hardship (6)	6	2	-	-	0
CSC Status (4)	4	3	2	-	0
Implementation Readiness (15)	15	7	4	-	0
Project Criticality (12)	12	6	3	-	0
Effectiveness of Proposal (10)	10	5	2	-	0
Planning Context (8)	8	4	1	-	0
Quality of Application (5)	5	3	1	-	0
Reasonableness of Cost (20)	20	15	7	4	0
Regional Economic Development Priority (20)	*To be awarded by the REDC*				
Total Available Points	**100**				

Implementation - Scoring Criteria and Values

Scoring Criterion	Point Values
Financial Hardship (6)	a) Applicant is a community with a Median Household Income (MHI)[1] less than 80% of the 2015 Statewide MHI (*i.e.*, MHI less than $47,415) – **6 points**. b) Applicant is a community with a MHI less than the 2015 Statewide MHI but not less than 80% of the 2015 MHI (*i.e.*, MHI greater than or equal to $47,415 but less than $59,269) – **2 points**. c) Applicant is not a hardship community, as defined above – **0 points**.
CSC Status (4)	a) Applicant is a certified Climate Smart Community - **4 points**. b) Applicant is a registered Climate Smart Community and has submitted documentation for certification, but is not yet certified – **3 points**. c) Applicant is a registered Climate Smart Community - **2 points**. d) All other applicants - **0 points**.
Implementation Readiness (15)	a) Application clearly describes <u>all of the following</u>: • the planning used for identification, prioritization, selection, and design of the project as proposed. • project participants and their roles. • necessary project partnerships and agreements. • ownership of and/or permission to use the property or facilities proposed for work. • a realistic schedule for obtaining all necessary permits or approvals. • an available source of eligible match – **15 points**. b) Application clearly describes <u>at least 4 of the above factors, including the following</u>: • the proposal is based on planning resulting in identification, prioritization, selection, and design of the project as proposed. • a realistic schedule for obtaining all necessary permits or approvals. • an available source of eligible match – **7 points**. c) Application clearly describes <u>at least 3 of the above factors, including the following</u>: • a realistic schedule for obtaining all necessary permits or approvals. • an available source of eligible match – **4 points**. d) Application does not identify an available source of eligible match, has outlined a realistic schedule for obtaining all necessary permits or approvals, and/or does not clearly describe the factors listed above. – **0 points**.
Project Criticality (12)	a) Application <u>specifically identifies and describes</u>:

[1] Median Household Income (MHI) may be established using publicly available census data and does not require detailed demographic and economic data from the municipality. Per the U.S. Census American Community Survey (https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/data-profiles/2015/), the 2015 Statewide MHI for New York State is $59,269.

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Scoring Overview for Certification Project Categories

	Max. Points				Min. Points
Financial Hardship (6)	6	2	-	-	0
CSC Status (10)	10	6	3	-	0
Certification Readiness (7)	7	5	2	-	0
Project Criticality (12)	12	6	3	-	0
Effectiveness of Proposal (10)	10	5	2	-	0
Planning Context (10)	10	4	1	-	0
Quality of Application (5)	5	3	1	-	0
Reasonableness of Cost (20)	20	15	7	4	0
Regional Economic Development Priority (20)	*To be awarded by the REDC*				
Total Available Points	100				

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Scoring Criterion	Point Values
Financial Hardship (6)	a) Applicant is a community with a Median Household Income (MHI)[4] less than 80% of the 2015 Statewide MHI (*i.e.*, MHI less than $47,415) – **6 points**. b) Applicant is a community with a MHI less than the 2015 Statewide MHI but not less than 80% of the 2015 MHI (*i.e.*, MHI greater than or equal to $47,415 but less than $59,269) – **2 points**. c) Applicant is not a hardship community, as defined above – **0 points**.
CSC Status (10)	a) Applicant is a certified Climate Smart Community - **10 points**. b) Applicant is a registered Climate Smart Community and has submitted documentation for certification but is not yet certified – **6 points**. c) Applicant is a registered Climate Smart Community - **3 points**. d) All other applicants - **0 points**.
Certification Readiness (7)	a) The proposal includes, or builds upon previous completion of, <u>all of the following</u> certification actions: • 1.1 Pass a resolution adopting the CSC Pledge; • 1.2 Create a community task force focused on climate mitigation and adaptation; • 1.3 Appoint a Climate Smart Community coordinator; • 1.4 Create an internal green team focused on climate mitigation and adaptation; • 2.1 Develop a government operations GHG emissions inventory; • 2.3 Establish a government operations emissions reduction target; <u>**and** at least one of the following</u> Certification Actions: • 2.2 Develop a community GHG emissions inventory; • 2.4 Establish a community emissions reduction target; • 2.5 Develop a government operations climate action plan; • 2.6 Develop a community climate action plan; • 3.1 Conduct energy audits of local government buildings ; • 7.1 Conduct a vulnerability assessment; or • 7.3 Review existing community plans and projects to identify climate adaptation strategies as well as policies or projects that may increase vulnerability – **7 points**. b) The proposal includes, or builds upon previous completion of, <u>at least the following</u> certification actions: • 1.1 Pass a resolution adopting the CSC Pledge; • 1.2 Create a community task force focused on climate mitigation and adaptation; • 1.3 Appoint a Climate Smart Community coordinator;

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Grant Awards & Contracts

Program-specific Terms & Conditions

- If not already registered, take the **Climate Smart Communities Pledge** to become a registered CSC during the grant contract term.
- For climate mitigation actions, estimate and report **greenhouse gas emissions reductions** resulting from the project.
- For planning and assessment projects (certification actions), follow the requirements and standards of the **Climate Smart Communities Certification Manual** - *http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/96511.html*

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Climate Change Mitigation Easement

- Applicable for **all** projects that involve property not owned by the applicant.
- Easement must ensure that the property:
  - is **accessible to the municipality** to achieve the project purpose for the anticipated life of the project;
  - **provides the identified public benefit** for the anticipated life of the project;
  - is **used to achieve the climate protection and mitigation goals** of the CSC grant program for the anticipated life of the project; and that
  - the **property owner shall provide information and data, or access for the collection of data**, to the municipality; and that
  - the **anticipated life of the project is no less than ten years**.

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Thank You!

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