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Consolidated Funding Application EPF Grant Program



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Matching funds are available under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for the planning, acquisition, development, and improvement of parks, historic properties, and heritage areas for applicants with an ownership interest in the property.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Municipalities
- State Agencies
- Public Benefit Corporations
- Not-for-Profit Corporations

GRANT PROJECT TYPES:

- *Park Acquisition, Development and Planning Program* - for the acquisition, development, and/or planning (i.e., structural or environmental assessment) of parks and recreational facilities to preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structures for park, recreation or conservation purposes that reflect the priorities established in the NY Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Examples of eligible projects include: playgrounds, courts, rinks, community gardens, and facilities for swimming, boating, picnicking, hunting, fishing, camping or other recreational activities.
- *Historic Property Preservation and Planning Program* - to improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate or restore properties listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places and for structural assessments or planning for such projects. Properties not currently listed but scheduled for nomination review at the next State Review Board meeting are eligible to apply for funding.
- *Heritage Areas System Development and Planning Program* - for projects to preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structures, identified in the approved management plans for Heritage Areas designated under section 33.01 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law and for structural assessments or planning for such projects. The designated Heritage Areas with approved Management Plans are listed below.

Albany	Long Island North Shore Heritage Area	Schenectady
Buffalo	Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor	Seneca Falls
Harbor Park (NYC)	Ossining	Susquehanna
Hudson-Mohawk	Rochester	Syracuse
Kingston	Sackets Harbor	Western Erie Canal Heritage Corridor
Lake Erie Concord Grape Belt	Saratoga Springs	Whitehall

LONG TERM PROTECTION:

All successful applicants will be required to enter into formal project agreements. Other legal documents that will ensure the long term protection of the property and restrict changes in the use of the property may also be required. Any work involving an historic resource will require that a preservation covenant be conveyed to OPRHP. Any not-for-profit corporation undertaking a park development project will be required to convey a public access covenant to OPRHP. Any not-for-profit acquiring land for recreation or conservation purposes must grant the State a permanent conservation easement to the property.

COMMISSIONER’S FUNDING PRIORITIES (samples from previous funding cycle):

- Projects that include “green” improvements that restore, improve and maintain park lands, historic properties and heritage area resources and infrastructure, and in doing so promote sustainability, increase energy conservation and/or efficiency and decrease long term maintenance and management costs.
- Projects that enhance the public’s access to parks and their environmental and recreational resources (including landscape and trail improvements to facilitate connections and special features or signage to improve programming and interpretation), create physical and functional connections among, or provide or enhance public access to, already-protected state and local lands, historic sites, greenways, trails and waterways to bring visitors back.
- Projects that are undertaken by partner groups in State Parks and Historic Sites.