

Dear Stakeholder,

I am sharing some grant opportunities below, in case you have not already seen them. If you know of someone who would find this email round-up useful, please forward this along and invite them to subscribe by emailing my office at <a href="mailto:levenbergd@nyassembly.gov">levenbergd@nyassembly.gov</a>.

Best,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Deadlines approaching soon

### Federal opportunities

- Applications for the <u>Buses and Bus Facilities Program</u> are due on April 13, 2023. Eligible applicants are designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed-route bus operators, States (including territories and Washington D.C.) or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service, and Indian tribes.
- Applications for the <u>Low or No Emission Vehicle Program</u> are due April 13, 2023. Eligible
  applicants are designated recipients of FTA grants, including states, local governmental
  authorities, and Indian Tribes.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering \$100 million in environmental justice funding through two new grant programs.
  - \$70 million is available through the <u>Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program</u>, which provides funding to support government activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health impacts in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms. Eligible entities include partnerships between a state, Tribe, or local government and a community-based nonprofit organization; and U.S. Territories, Freely Associated States, and tribal governments in remote areas. View past webinar recordings and materials <u>here</u>. Applications are due by April 14, 2023.
  - \$30 million is available through the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement (EJCPS) Program, which provides financial assistance to eligible organizations working to address local environmental or public health issues in their communities.???The program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships with other stakeholders to develop solutions to environmental or public health issue(s) at the community level. Eligible entities include community-based nonprofit organizations and partnerships of community-based nonprofit organizations. View past webinar recordings and materials here. Applications are due by April 14, 2023.

#### **Empire State Development**

The deadline for the latest round of Consolidated Funding Applications is **April 14, 2023 by 4 PM.** <u>Here</u> is a link to the application and <u>here</u> is a link to the resources guide. Note that 2022 guidelines still apply.

# **Open Opportunities**

## Climate-Adaptive Design Studio Opportunity for Hudson Waterfront Communities

This week, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced an opportunity for Hudson riverfront municipalities to host the Climate-adaptive Design studio this fall. The Climate-adaptive Design (CaD) studio links Cornell University students in landscape architecture with riverfront communities to explore design alternatives for more climate resilient and connected waterfront areas. The CaD studio is a collaboration between the DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and the Cornell University Department of Landscape Architecture. Student design teams meet with local stakeholders to develop an understanding of the unique waterfront opportunities and challenges, focusing on public access, economic development, as well as ecological and climate resilience.

DEC has awarded competitive grants in the amount of \$125,000 to communities that have previously hosted a CaD studio to advance the design and implementation of CaD-inspired projects on their riverfronts. In 2019 the village of Piermont and the city of Kingston received grants, and in 2021 the town and village of Ossining and the city of Hudson received funding to work with design firms to advance resilient waterfront project ideas.

Interested municipalities can <u>learn more about the CaD studio</u> by visiting Cornell's website. An informational webinar about the CaD studio opportunity will be held on **April 13, 2023, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.** To register, please <u>visit the webinar registration page</u>.

A letter of interest must be submitted to Libby Zemaitis at Libby.Zemaitis@dec.ny.gov by **May 15, 2023.** Visit the <u>application page on Cornell's website</u> for instructions on submitting a letter of interest.

# **EPA Opportunity**

EPA has made available up to approximately \$550 million for its <u>Environmental Justice Thriving</u> <u>Communities Grantmaking (EJ TCGM) Program</u>. Through this program, EPA will fund up to 11 Grantmakers from around the nation to reduce barriers to the Federal grants application process and increase the efficiency of the awards process for environmental justice grants. Grantmakers will design competitive application and submission processes, award environmental justice subgrants, implement a tracking and reporting system, and provide resources and support to communities. Eligible applicants are community-based nonprofit organizations, partnerships between community-based nonprofit organizations, partnerships between federally recognized Tribal governments and community-based nonprofit organizations, and partnerships between institutions of higher education and community-based nonprofit organizations. **Applications are due by May 31, 2023**.

# Office of Strategic Workforce Development (OSWD)

Round 4 of the OSWD grant programs is open. Updated guidelines and materials can be found on <u>the</u> <u>program home page</u>. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis and awards will be announced every three months. The deadline for Q2 of 2023 is Friday, June 30, 2023, 11:59 PM.

## **Upcoming Opportunities**

## **Coming soon: Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund**

\$150 million will be made available for mixed-use housing, transit-oriented development, and infrastructure projects throughout the Mid-Hudson Region. Click <u>here</u> for more information about the program and <u>here</u> to sign up for updates so you are alerted when the application becomes available.

### **Grants Action News**

Every month, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie's office produces a newsletter, Grants Action News, that contains a round-up of state and federal grants and details on how to access them. <u>Here</u> is a link to the April 2023 edition; this month, it contains opportunities for municipal governments, government agencies, school districts, colleges and universities, students, artists, and medical researchers. To get this newsletter sent directly to your inbox, email <u>grants@nyassembly.gov</u>.