



ASSEMBLYWOMAN DANA LEVENBERG Assembly District 95

Dear Constituent,

Below please find more information about grant opportunities and grants won around the district. Typically, grants are awarded to organizations - not-for-profits, school districts, municipalities, and others. Going forward, we will send this blast to a subgroup of our main email distribution list. If you would like to continue to receive a regular grants e-blast from us, you can respond to this email with the word "grants" to be added to our grants distribution list.

Kind regards,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Spotlight on grants received

The 95th Assembly District has received grant awards totaling \$551,000 from the New York State Council for the Arts for fiscal year 2023! Congratulations to the following arts organizations:

Briarcliff Manor: Hudson Chorale

Cortlandt: Copland House

Croton-on-Hudson: Festival of New Trumpet Music

Garrison: Garrison Arts Center, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, Manitoga, Philipstown Depot Theatre

Ossining: Bethany Arts Community

Peekskill: Daisy Jopling Foundation, Hudson Valley MOCA, Paramount Hudson Valley Arts Inc.

Verplanck: KinoSaito Arts Center

Yorktown: Taconic Opera

Another congratulations to the Town of Ossining, which recently won a \$30,000 Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) grant to support its efforts to establish a swimming beach at Louis

Engel Park, with assistance from a local not-for-profit, the Hudson Valley Stream Conservancy. The funds will be used to identify sources of nonpoint source pollution and priority locations for water testing. The project will reduce pollution in an effort to open the beach for swimming once water quality has been restored.

Grant Opportunities

County- and State-level resources

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. [Here](#) is a link to the March 2023 edition; this month, it contains opportunities for nonprofits, educators, school districts, municipal governments, and culinary students. To get this newsletter sent directly to your inbox, email grants@nyassembly.gov.

ArtsWestchester is now accepting grant applications for the second round of its 2023 Arts Alive grant opportunity. Awards are available for community projects, individual artists, and educators, and the application is due **March 22**. For more information and a link to the application, visit <https://artswestchester.org/arts-alive-grants-program/>.

Municipalities: If you are looking for funds for environmental projects, be sure to visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/> and sign up for the DEC's email updates to be alerted when state grant opportunities open up.

Federal resources

Senator Gillibrand's office is hosting a federal grants workshop for arts and cultural organizations on **Thursday, March 23 at 2 PM**. Nonprofit organizations and artists are invited to learn more about federal support for arts and cultural activities. [Click here to RSVP](#).

Senator Schumer's office has sent us the following opportunities; contact Megan Glander at Megan_Glander@schumer.senate.gov if you are interested in applying for any of these.

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has opened the portal for local governments to request technical assistance for its [Thriving Communities technical assistance \(TCTA\) program](#). This funding will help local governments who have received Federal transportation funding ensure housing needs are considered as part of their larger infrastructure investment plans, with a focus on disadvantaged communities. Units of Local Government can request technical assistance using [this form](#). If you applied to USDOT's Thriving Communities program and have a strong interest in addressing housing issues in your community, you are encouraged to also apply to HUD's Thriving Communities program. Requests will be reviewed as they are received on a rolling basis, with review beginning on March 15, 2023.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering \$100 million in environmental justice funding through two new grant programs.
 - \$70 million is available through the [Environmental Justice Government-to-Government \(EJG2G\) Program](#), 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 [here](#). **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.**
- EPA has made available up to approximately \$550 million for its [Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking \(EJ TCGM\) Program](#). 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. **EPA is hosting an informational webinar on March 16 at 2:00-4:00 p.m. ET. Register here. Applications are due by May 31, 2023.**
- Applications for the [Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#) 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 [Low or No Emission Vehicle Program](#) are due **April 13, 2023**. Eligible applicants are designated recipients of FTA grants, including states, local governmental authorities, and Indian Tribes.