

QUICK CHECK - ELIGIBLE PROGRAM APPLICANTS

*This is meant as a quick reference guide for checking which types of applicant entities may be eligible to apply for specific programs in the 2026 CFA. Applicants are still required to consult the guidelines and pass a series of threshold questions in the application portal for each specific program they end up applying to in order to determine if they may be eligible to apply. Final eligibility decisions rest with the program administrators.

Agency	CFA Program Name	Municipalities (cities, towns, villages)	Counties	Native American Tribes/ Nations	For Profit Entities	Not-for-Profit Entities	Gov't entities / State Agencies / Public Authorities	Higher Education Institutions	Economic Development organizations, regional planning councils, industrial development agencies, public benefit corporations	Water Conservation Districts
ESD	Empire State Development (ESD) - Regional Council Capital Funds	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Empire State Development (ESD) – Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
	Empire State Development (ESD) – Excelsior Jobs Program	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
	Empire State Development (ESD) - NY KICKS Program	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
	Empire State Development (ESD) – Market New York Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
	Empire State Development (ESD) - Business Incubator/Innovation Hot Spot	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HCR	New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Public Infrastructure	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) – New York Main Street Program (NYMS)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
	New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Open Round	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Parks	Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) – Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
DOS	New York State Department of State (DOS) – Local Waterfront Revitalization Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
	New York State Department of State (DOS) – Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program Grant Funds	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
	New York State Department of State (DOS) (OPDCI) – Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Canals	New York State Canal Corporation – Canalway Grant Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
NYSERDA	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) – Building Cleaner Communities Competition (BCCC)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
DEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation – Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Grants	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) – Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) – Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Planning Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes

QUICK CHECK - ELIGIBLE PROGRAM FUNDING USES

*This is meant as a quick reference guide for checking if project costs/uses may be eligible for programs that applicants are thinking about applying to. Applicants are still required to consult the guidelines for each specific program they end up applying to in order to determine if their final project costs are eligible use under those guidelines. Final decisions rest with the program administrators.

Agency	CFA Program Name	Capital Costs/Uses						Working Capital Costs/Uses								
		Construction/ Renovation	Property/ Building Acquisition	Machinery and Equipment	Furniture / Fixtures	Infrastructure/ Site Work	Soft Costs Related to Capital Project	Rent/Utilities	Project or Program Administration/ Implementation	Supplies/ Materials	Salaries/Fringe	Travel	Training / Technical Assistance	Planning/ Design/ Architrcutural/ Engineering	Marketing/ Outreach/Advertising	Contractual/ Consultants
ESD	Empire State Development - Regional Council Capital Funds Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Empire State Development (ESD) – Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
	Empire State Development (ESD) – Excelsior Jobs Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Empire State Development (ESD)- NY KICKS Program	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Empire State Development (ESD) – Market New York Grant	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
HCR	New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Public Infrastructure	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
	New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) – New York Main Street Program (NYMS)	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
	New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Open Round	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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	New York State Department of State (DOS) - Smart Growth Community Planning Program	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
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