



Clean Energy Communities Program

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Provides **rewards and recognition** to city, town, village, and county governments that demonstrate clean energy leadership

STEP 1: Earn the **Clean Energy Communities** designation by completing **4 out of 10 high-impact actions**. At least two actions must be completed after August 1, 2016

STEP 2: Access **grant funding**, up to \$250K with no local cost share, to support additional clean energy projects

Dedicated and knowledgeable local coordinators are available to assist communities as they implement high-impact actions i.e. free on-demand technical support, decision support, step-by-step guidance, case studies, model ordinances, RFPs, etc.

10 High-Impact Actions

1. Benchmarking
2. Clean Energy Upgrades
3. LED Street Lights
4. Clean Fleets
5. Solarize
6. Unified Solar Permit
7. Energy Code Enforcement Training
8. Climate Smart Communities Certification
9. Community Choice Aggregation
10. Energize NY Finance



Funding Levels

In each of New York State's Economic Development Regions (REDCs), funding levels are as follows:

Municipality Size by Population	<u>Tier 1 Awards</u> Number of Awards in each REDC Region and Amount		<u>Tier 2 Awards</u> Number of Awards in each REDC Region and Amount	
	Large (40,000+)	2	\$250,000	2
Small/Medium (0-39,999)	4	\$100,000	10	\$50,000



Grants are available to designated Clean Energy Communities on a first-come-first-serve basis until the funds are exhausted. NYSERDA reserves the right to adjust funding levels and eligibility criteria as necessary to ensure the success of the program.

Project Selection Criteria

NYSERDA is seeking proposals for projects or initiatives that:

- Present a thorough, sound, detailed approach to accomplishing the objectives of the proposal in a reasonable timeframe
- Achieve a positive direct impact on energy use and greenhouse gas emissions
- Accomplish other sustainability benefits
- Transfer knowledge to the broader region and state
- Include an innovative and/or replicable approach
- Leverage public and private dollars and/or generate economic development benefits

For More Information

Website: www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec

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