

**Ulster County Planning Board
Grant Announcements
November 2, 2011 Meeting**

Apply for:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

The DEC is providing financial assistance for projects that enhance municipal recycling infrastructure through purchasing equipment or constructing facilities. Examples include building state-of-the-art composting facilities, or buying recycling containers and/or new recycling vehicles. In addition, the DEC is also providing financial assistance for recycling coordinator salaries and for public education programs conducted by municipalities. This funding can help expand local recycling and waste reduction programs and increase participation.

- **Eligibility:** Municipalities.
- **Funding:** The funding for this grant has been reduced in recent years. Applicants will be placed on a waiting list to be reviewed for eligibility upon availability of funding. Contact DEC for more information.
- **Deadline:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- **Contact:** The Department of Environmental Conservation
Bureau of Solid Waste, Reduction and Recycling
518-402-8678
www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4776.html

New York State Energy Research & Development Authority

NYSERDA is accepting applications for its New Construction Program. Funding is available to enhance the energy efficiency of new and renovated buildings. Money is available to conduct technical reviews of energy efficiency improvements in building designs and to offset a portion of capital costs to purchase and install energy efficient equipment. Additional incentives for green buildings and industrial & process efficiency are available.

- **Eligibility:** State and local government, businesses, not-for-profit and private institutions, public and private schools, colleges and universities, multifamily buildings, and health care facilities.
- **Funding:** A total of \$83 million is available.
- **Deadline:** December 30, 2011.
- **Contact:** E. Stephen Finkle, Senior Project Manager
(518) 862-1090 x3505
esf@nyserda.org

Solid Waste Management Grant - USDA

The USDA is providing grants to assist with solid waste management. Eligible organizations seeking assistance in the following areas are encouraged to apply: evaluating current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources in rural areas; providing technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the maintenance and operation of active landfills in rural areas; providing technical

assistance and/or training to help associations reduce the solid waste stream; and providing technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills in rural areas which are closed or will be closed in the near future with the development/implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements.

- **Eligibility:** Private non-profit organizations; Public bodies; Federally acknowledged or state recognized Native American tribe or group; Academic institutions.
- **Funding:** \$3,400,000
- **Deadline:** December 31, 2011
- **Contact:** LaVonda Pernell
Phone: (202) 720-9635;
Email: lavonda.pernell@wdc.usda.gov
<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-solidwastemanagement.htm>

Rural Senior Housing Fund Application

The Housing Assistance Council (HAC) is pleased to announce a new grant program, the Rural Senior Housing (RSH) Fund. Eligible affordable housing organizations can apply for RSH grants to support activities that will build, preserve, or advocate for housing for low-income seniors (62 and older) living in rural areas..

Applications are due to HAC no later than Thursday, December 15, 2011.

Application and info at: <http://www.ruralhome.org/>

Questions ? Contact Janice Clark, 202.842.8600 x 131 or email Janice@ruralhome.org.

NYS Ag. & Community Recovery Fund -Farm Operation Match

The ACRF to help rebuild the agricultural industry and farming areas impacted by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Farm Operation Match Component is a coordinated effort by NYS HCR and Dept.of Ag. & Markets to provide emergency funding to help with on farm operating costs incurred as a result of damage by natural disasters.

Farm operations that raise or grow the following are eligible to apply for funding:

- Livestock, including dairy
- Fruits, vegetables, bedding plants, nursery and flowers

Eligible farmers must document feed, crop, produce/nursery loss and replacement cost for each eligible expense to NYSDAM.

The maximum amount of allowable replacement cost per farmer will be matched on a 1:1 ratio, until funds for the Farm Operations Match component are depleted.

Feed Replacement - 50% of the allowable replacement cost for livestock feed grown, produced and/or purchased, stored and subsequently lost up to a maximum of \$50,000.

Fruit, Vegetable, Bedding Plant, Nursery and Flower Replacement - 50% of the allowable replacement cost for fruits and vegetables that were grown by the eligible farmers and then subsequently purchased from other sources necessary to maintain customers during the time period covered by the program up to a maximum of \$10,000.

- To be eligible for this component, the producer must have maintained CSA, farmers' market or farm stand operations for the period of 8/28 – 10/31.
- Eligible loss must have occurred as a result of Hurricane Irene and/or Tropical Storm Lee. Eligible replacement costs must be incurred between 8/28 – 10/31.

Farmers must certify that the replacement cost is not insured or otherwise eligible for funding under any other state or federal program.

Farmers receiving awards under this program will be able to return funds to the state if the farmer determines that funding from another state or federal program is more advantageous and the acceptance of disaster recovery funds under this program would otherwise make the farmer ineligible for funds from other sources.

Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. November 7, 2011:

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
10-B Airline Drive
Albany, NY 12235
Attn. Lucy Roberson, Director, Fiscal Management

Programmatic Questions should be directed to:

Steve McGrattan
518-457-7836
Steve.McGrattan@agriculture.ny.gov

NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

Municipalities with storm damaged drinking water, storm water, wastewater infrastructure in FEMA Disaster Counties may apply for the Hurricane Emergency Loan Program - H.E.L.P. These are interest free loans in amounts up to \$1,000,000 for critical assessment and repair to damaged drinking water, storm water and wastewater infrastructure. Expenses for repairs to pump stations, electrical equipment, treatment facilities and other critical equipment, temporary emergency services such as vacuum truck hauling, bypass pumping and disinfection and related engineering and other professional services are examples that may be eligible for EFC financial assistance.

HELP will have up to \$25,000,000 in loans available, with cooperation from the State DOH and DEC, SEMO and USEPA.

- Applications may be submitted through December 31, 2011
- EFC will purchase a municipality's Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) with a term of up to 5 years
- Proceeds will be disbursable weekly in any amount upon submission of paid or unpaid invoices

- BAN will be pre-payable at any time at the option of the municipality with FEMA or other funds
- Costs of components eligible under the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs will be either repaid or refinanced into the SRF within 36 months

For an application and further guidance, please see: www.efc.ny.gov/HELP or contact: James R. Levine, Esq., EFC Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Environmental Facilities Corporation, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207-2997, 1-800-882- 9721, e-mail: RecoveryHELP@efc.ny.gov

Awarded:

DEC Announces Clean Air Grants to Local Communities

"Clean Air Grants," projects designed to reduce open burning and associated public health risks have been announced by the DEC. The grants are designed to assist counties, towns and villages in reducing open burning of leaves and other organic materials, educate residents about the dangers of open burning and assist with the purchasing of recycling and composting equipment. A total of \$60,000 was awarded for 13 projects statewide. Grants of up to \$5,000 were awarded to the following communities: In Ulster county: City of Kingston, to assist in the purchase of a tow-behind chipper / shredder to better manage wood waste and brush from City parkland. That waste is currently hauled off site for disposal. By chipping on-site, the City will reduce the costs and environmental impacts of trucking debris, produce mulch for use at the parks and help educate residents how to correctly dispose of wood waste and debris.

Fourth Round of Aid to NY Farms Affected By Hurricanes

An additional \$851,553 in aid from the state's Agricultural and Community Recovery Fund (ACRF) will be distributed among 120 farms to help NY's agricultural communities recover from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. For land to be eligible, the storms must have created a new conservation problem that, if left untreated, would: degrade the state's natural resources; impact public drinking water supplies; present ongoing pollution risks to surface and groundwater; pose threats to production facilities; impair farm safety; affect the land's productive capacity; or present challenges to farm production that would be too costly to implement without state assistance.

The fourth round distribution includes: Ulster County Soil & Water District – \$41,222

Projects: Stream crossing for equipment repair, critical area seeding, irrigation system repair, fencing, orchard repair, debris removal, access road repair and cover cropping.

Farms:

- Boice's Farm -\$ 1,980
- Clove Valley Farms -\$ 4,516
- Evolutionary Organics -\$ 795
- Frost Valley YMCA Farm -\$ 11,850
- Sorbello's Greenhouses & Farm -\$ 12,796
- Bruce McCord Farm -\$ 9,285