



**Department of  
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**Climate Smart  
Communities**

# **Climate Smart Communities Program**

## **Grants and Support for Local Governments**

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## Climate Smart Communities

### Support for Local Climate Action



One of the few programs where local gov'ts can find:

- Free technical support on energy and climate issues
- Tools, guides, webinars, case studies, networking with peers

Assistance for each community to define their best strategies for:

- Reducing emissions, cutting costs of energy use
- Building resiliency in the face of climate change
- Transitioning to a green economy

# Registered vs. Certified Climate Smart Community

- **Registered** = making a commitment
  - Local gov't passes a formal municipal resolution adopting the 10-point CSC Pledge
- **Certified** = leaders who've made concrete progress
  - Accumulate points through documented actions to achieve Certified, Bronze, Silver or Gold levels
  - 1-10 points per action, 130+ total possible actions
  - Range of action types: planning, policies, outreach, implementation, etc.



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## *Who is eligible to apply?*

- Local governments:

- Counties, cities, towns, villages in NYS

## *What kinds of projects are eligible?*

- Climate change projects that:

- Reduce GHGs from non-power sources (mitigation)
- Build local resiliency to climate change (adaptation)



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## *What kinds of projects are eligible? (cont.)*

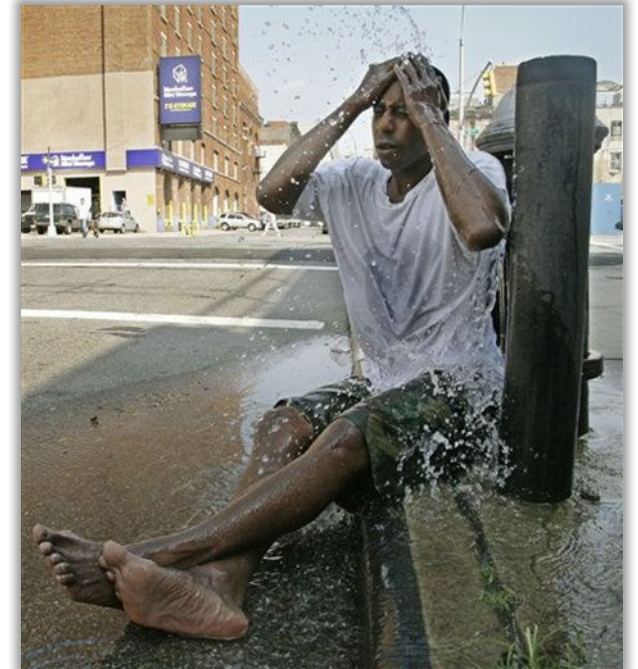
- 1<sup>st</sup> category: **Large grants** (up to \$2M) for **implementation**
- Construction projects that e.g.,:
  - Reduce GHGs from **food waste** & from **transportation** by reducing VMT
  - Reduce **flood risk** by relocating vulnerable facilities & preparing for extreme weather



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## *What kinds of projects are eligible? (cont.)*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> category: **Small grants** (up to \$100k) for actions from the **CSC Certification Program** that focus on, e.g.,:
- Land-use, waste & transportation **planning**
- Vulnerability assessments & **climate adaptation strategies**



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## *What is the match?*

- Required local match is 50% of eligible project costs
- Eligible costs include: travel & equipment
  - Salaries & fringe benefits
  - Contractual services
- **Match w/ in-kind municipal staff salaries**
- No state or federal funds as match



# Climate Smart Communities Grants

## *When are applications due?*

- Applications deadline probably end of July 2017 - exact date TBD
- Read the **Request for Applications** (RFA) for complete info when released, probably in May

## *How do I apply?*

- Apply online through the **Consolidated Funding Application** (CFA) at <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/index.cfm>



# Thank You!

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**More info on CSC funding programs available at**

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