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This workshop aims to help local governments, economic and community development departments, councils of government, nonprofits, and any other organizations interested in community development learn how and where to obtain funding and manage projects to redevelop previously-used sites - including brownfields into housing, parks, trails, and job-creating businesses. We've gathered together federal and state experts and seasoned brownfield redevelopment practitioners to discuss leveraging and layering state and federal funding sources, and to give you the advice you need to move your project forward. There will be ample discussion time allotted for each speaker, so please do not hesitate to ask questions.

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MATERIALS

Copies of all the workshop materials, including this book, all handouts, and the speakers' slides, will be posted online after the workshop. Find them at www.cclr.org under "Blog". The webpage will also include links to many of the resources CCLR has to offer, including case studies and more. If you have trouble accessing the workshop website, you may also contact Emma Leonard at emma.leonard@cclr.org or (415) 398-1080 x100 to request this information.

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR CREATIVE LAND RECYCLING

This workshop is sponsored by the Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR or "see clear"), a nonprofit founded on the belief that intelligent, innovative land use is the key to ensuring a healthy future for both our communities and our environment. CCLR is the EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) provider for EPA Region 2, serving New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Contact CCLR for free assistance with your brownfield redevelopment project, from planning and community outreach to finding funding and understanding technical reports. We have helped hundreds of communities across the country build new housing, businesses, parks, and community centers. Find more on our website at www.cclr.org.



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AGENDA

12:30 PM - 1 PM	REGISTRATION
1 PM – 2:30 PM	MEET THE FUNDERS PART I
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	BREAK
2:45 PM - 4:30 PM	MEET THE FUNDERS PART II

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

John Mallano, U.S. SBA NY District Office

The SBA supports efforts to start and grow small businesses in all sectors of the economy. They provide a variety of loan and grant programs for specific purposes, and can also serve as a great resource for questions about managing your business and complying with regulations.

NYS DIVISION OF HOMES & COMMUNITY RENEWAL (HCR)

Bret Garwood, NYS Division of Homes & Community Renewal

The Department of Homes & Community Renewal offers a number of different programs that are geared towards the improvement and redevelopment of New York's communities, including tax credits, affordable housing programs, disaster recovery relief, and revolving loan funds.

NYS ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION (EFC)

Fred Testa, NYS Environmental Facilities Corp

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corp provides financing for local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure. EFC invests more than \$1 billion each year in water-quality improvements through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and its award-winning Green Innovation Grant Program.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

Terry Wesley, U.S. EPA Region 2

The EPA's mission is to protect human health and the environment, and to that end, EPA offers many grant programs that support the revitalization and redevelopment of brownfields, and the communities that surround them. EPA seeks to develop nationwide community stewardship of natural resources and to provide quality air and water resources for future generations.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

Vincent Hom, U.S. HUD

While you're probably familiar with some of HUD's larger funding sources, such as the Community Development Block Grant, they also have a number of programs that target sustainable housing development and community development projects.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – OFFICE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (USDA-RD)

George Popp & Ronda Falkena, USDA-RD, Eastern Regional Office

The USDA-RD program provides a number of funding sources targeted for rural communities designed to support community and brownfield development by providing resources for improved utilities, business development, and housing.

U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) – HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL (HVRC)

Patricia Pomeroy, Hudson Valley Regional Council

As a partner with the EDA, the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) provides technical assistance and advises its constituent local governments on a number of EDA funding programs and redevelopment planning issues, the HVRC also supports local, county and regional economic development planning, and development and implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).

NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE (DOS), OFFICE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Lisa Vasilakos, NYS Dept. of State, Office of Planning & Development

The Office of Planning and Development increases resilience and sustainable growth of New York communities by advancing progressive land use solutions, community-based development, and building standards and codes. The Office undertakes planning, design, and construction projects resulting in catalytic public and private projects that stimulate community revitalization – as identified and prioritized by the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program (NYRCR), Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) strategies, Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs (LWRP) or Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) plans.

NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC)

Michael Ryan, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation

The Department of Environmental Conservation works to conserve, improve and protect New York's natural resources and environment and to prevent, abate and control water, land and air pollution. The DEC offers incentives for brownfield cleanup and redevelopment such as technical oversight, tax credits and liability relief.

NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

William Gorton & Martin Evans, NYS Dept. of Transportation

NYS DOT supports projects that enhance safety, renew aging infrastructure, and support new transportation opportunities. NYS DOT also administers a number of federally funded programs.

ORANGE COUNTY

David Church, Orange County Department of Planning

The Orange County Department of Planning is engaged in issues of land use planning, transportation, public transit, education, trends research, resource management, agriculture, open space and economic issues that affect the County.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Sarah Sieloff is CCLR's incoming Executive Director. Prior to joining CCLR, Sarah served as the Memphis Team Lead for the White House Council on Strong Cities, Strong Communities, helping link Memphis Mayor A C Wharton, Jr.'s administration with federal resources and technical assistance. She has also served with the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Sarah earned her Master in Public Affairs from Princeton University, and her BA from Eckerd College.

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Mr. Testa assists communities and their consultants develop wastewater and drinking water projects through New York's Environmental Facilities Corporation's Community Assistance program. He provides guidance on a variety of project related topics including financing, regulatory compliance, public relations, legal requirements, and procurement of consultant services. EFC is a public benefit corporation and the arm of Governor Cuomo's administration that provides low-cost financing for local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure. EFC's Community Assistance program is funded through the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. Mr. Testa has a BS degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

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Patricia Pomeroy has served as the Executive Director of Hudson Valley Regional Council since 2012 and currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association. In her capacity as Executive Director of HVRC, she participates in the development of the CEDS, she administers an Economic Development Administration Planning Grant, and assists local municipalities access Federal funding for infrastructure/economic development projects. Patricia also administers grants through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for Water Quality Planning & Green Infrastructure for HVRC.

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Lisa Vasilakos has worked in the environmental field for over 14 years focusing on the development and implementation of waterfront, watershed and community revitalization plans, and implementation of natural resources restoration projects that address stormwater management and flood control in the Hudson River and Long Island Sound watersheds. She currently serves as a project manager of local waterfront revitalization projects throughout the Mid-Hudson Region. In this capacity, she manages planning, design and construction projects undertaken by villages, towns, cities and counties located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways to revitalize communities and waterfronts which foster economic development and protect natural resources.

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MICHAEL RYAN | ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | NYS DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION



Michael Ryan, P.E. is an Assistant Division Director with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). He has worked for 28 years in the Department's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) as a project engineer, program manager and has served as Assistant Director since 2012. He has extensive experience in the State's brownfield programs. He is now responsible for administration of the multiple State programs managed by DER including the State Superfund Program, Brownfield Cleanup Program, Environmental Restoration Program, Voluntary Cleanup Program, Spill Response Program, and Hazardous Waste Management Program (RCRA).

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GUIDE TO THE AGENCIES

FEDERAL AGENCIES

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment. The Superfund division of the EPA manages New Jersey's sites on the National Priorities List, while the Brownfields section assists with all other contaminated property. They provide significant funding through their brownfield program for site assessment and cleanup, and also have a number of other programs through the Office of Sustainable Communities which can help with efforts to promote walkable neighborhoods.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Brownfields Assessment Grants – provides funds to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning (including cleanup planning) and community involvement related to brownfield sites. Eligible entities can apply for the following types of grants:
 - Community-wide petroleum – up to \$200,000
 - Community-wide hazardous substances – up to \$200,000
 - Site specific – up to \$200,000 per site
 - * Coalitions of at least three eligible entities can apply for up to \$600,000 for community-wide assessment grants.
- Brownfields Cleanup Grants – provides funds to conduct cleanup activities at a specific brownfield site owned by the applicant. \$200,000 per site and must own site at time of proposal submittal.
- Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants – provides funds for a grant recipient to capitalize a revolving fund and to make loans and provide sub-grants to conduct cleanup activities at brownfield sites. \$1,000,000 to be used for loans and/or sub-grants. Coalitions of two or more eligible entities may apply together under one applicant for up to \$1,000,000 per eligible entity.
- Area Wide Planning - provides funds to produce an area-wide plan which includes specific plan implementation strategies for assessing, cleaning up, and reusing the brownfields site(s) as well as related brownfields and project area revitalization strategies - \$200,000
- Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training – provides funds to eligible entities including non-profits to provide training in solid waste and hazardous substance remediation, environmental health and safety, and wastewater related training - \$200,000

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. They provide funding for housing development, programs that strengthen businesses and jobs in communities, and planning for growth and development.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides annual grants to states, cities, and counties on a formula basis. Funding may be used for wide variety of activities designed to develop viable communities and to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.
- Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program– Enables Communities to transform a portion of their CDBG funds into federally guaranteed loans that can be used for economic development, housing rehabilitation, public facilities, and large-scale physical development projects.
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program--Provides formula grants to States and localities that can be used to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership, and for grants, direct loans, loan guarantees or other forms of credit enhancement rental assistance for housing low income families.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – OFFICE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The USDA–RD program provides a number of funding sources targeted for rural communities designed to support community and brownfield development by providing resources for improved utilities, business development, and housing. USDA Rural Development is divided into three agencies with unique missions to bring prosperity and opportunity to rural areas.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Rural Housing Service: USDA's Rural Housing Service offers a variety of programs to build or improve housing and essential community facilities in rural areas. USDA-RD offer loans, grants and loan guarantees for single and multi-family housing, child care centers, fire and police stations, hospitals, libraries, nursing homes, schools first responder vehicles and equipment, housing for farm laborers and much more.
- Rural Utilities Service: USDA's Rural Utilities Service administers programs that provide much-needed infrastructure or infrastructure improvements to rural communities. These include water and waste treatment, electric power and telecommunications services. All of these services play a critical role in helping to expand economic opportunities and improve the quality of life for rural residents.
- Rural Business-Cooperative Service: USDA'S Rural Business-Cooperative Service offers programs to support business development and job training opportunities for rural residents.

USDA-RD's programs help provide the capital, technical support, educational opportunities and entrepreneurial skills that can help rural residents start and grow businesses or access jobs in agricultural markets and in the bio-based economy. USDA Rural Development has a \$206.2 billion portfolio of loans. USDA-RD will administer \$38 billion in loans, loan guarantees and grants through our programs in the current fiscal year 2015.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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- Program Matrix: http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/RD_ProgramMatrix.pdf

U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. FWS plays a significant role in projects that are proximate or in wetlands and coastal zones.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program - The NRDAR Program is designed to restore natural resources that have been impacted by releases of hazardous substances or oil spills.
 - Several laws provide the foundation for NRDAR, giving natural resource Trustees the legal authority to have those responsible for harm to natural resources pay to restore those resources. A NRDAR case is currently underway for the Hudson River. The Trustees are soliciting habitat restoration projects in the Hudson River and watershed:
<http://www.fws.gov/contaminants/restorationplans/hudsonriver/docs/RestorationProposalFormUpdatedRev.pdf>
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program - Partners for Fish and Wildlife is a voluntary program designed for use on privately owned (non-federal) lands, providing landowners with technical and financial assistance to restore fish and wildlife habitats.
 - In New York, the program has focused on restoring several types of habitat: wetlands, uplands, streams, and riparian areas. Projects are focused in areas where conservation efforts will provide the greatest benefit for Federal trust species, which include: migratory birds, anadromous (migratory) fish, and Federally listed threatened and endangered species.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Hudson River Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration – [http://www.fws.gov/contaminants/restorationplans/hudsonriver/Partners for Fish and](http://www.fws.gov/contaminants/restorationplans/hudsonriver/Partners%20for%20Fish%20and%20Wildlife%20Program.htm)
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U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Access to Capital (Business Financing): SBA provides small businesses with an array of financing for small businesses from the smallest needs in microlending - to substantial debt and equity investment capital (venture capital).
- Entrepreneurial Development (education, information, technical assistance & training): SBA provides free individual face-to-face and internet counseling for small businesses, and low-cost training to nascent entrepreneurs and established small businesses in over 1,800 locations throughout the United States and US territories.
- Government Contracting (Federal Procurement): In keeping with the mandate of Section 15(g) of the Small Business Act, SBA's Office of Government Contracting sets goals with other federal departments and agencies to reach the statutory goal of directing 23 percent of prime contract dollars to small businesses. This office also provides small businesses with subcontracting procurement opportunities, outreach programs, and training.
- Advocacy (Voice for Small Business): Created in 1978, this Office reviews Congressional legislation and testifies on behalf of small business. It also assesses the impact of the regulatory burden on behalf of small businesses. Additionally, it conducts a vast array of research on American small businesses and the small business environment. The Chief Counsel of this office is appointed by the President of the United States.

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U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

The EDA partners with distressed communities throughout the United States to foster job creation, collaboration and regional innovation. Any projects building jobs or businesses will find strong support from the EDA.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Economic Development Assistance Program – Provides Public Works Grants and Economic Adjustment Grants for construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments to leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace.
- Planning & Local Technical Assistance Grants – Assists recipients in creating regional economic development plans designed to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region.

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NEW YORK STATE & REGIONAL AGENCIES

NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (EPF LWRP) – Provides technical assistance, and matching grants on a reimbursement basis (under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund) to villages, towns, cities, and counties (with the consent and on behalf of one or more villages, towns, cities) located along New York’s coasts or designated inland waterways, to prepare or implement strategies for community and waterfront revitalization. In 2015, grant applications are being solicited until July 31, 2015 for the following categories: Preparing or Implementing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program; Redeveloping Hamlets, Downtowns and Urban Waterfronts; Planning or Constructing Land and Water-based Trails; Preparing or Implementing a Lake-wide or Watershed Revitalization Plan; Preparing or Implementing a Community Resilience Strategy or Updating an LWRP to Incorporate Resilience Strategy; and Preparing or Implementing a Clean Transportation Strategy. Additional details on this grant program can be found at www.dos.ny.gov/funding.
- Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (BOA) – Provides municipalities and community based organizations with technical and financial assistance to complete area-wide approaches to redeveloping brownfields – abandoned, underused or overgrown industrial or commercial sites.

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NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC)

The mission of DEC’s Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) is to protect public health and the environment of the State of New York by: preventing releases to the environment through the regulation of bulk storage, hazardous waste and radiation facilities; and responding to, investigating and remediating releases of contaminants that have occurred. DER is responsible for the following programs which address contaminated sites: the State Superfund Program; Brownfield Cleanup Program; Environmental Restoration Program; Voluntary Cleanup Program; Spill Response Program and Hazardous Waste Management Program (RCRA).

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- The Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) reimburses municipalities, up to 90 percent of eligible on-site remedial costs and 100 percent of eligible off-site remedial costs, for the investigation and remediation of municipally owned brownfield properties, provided the municipality is not responsible for any contamination. Parties who enter the ERP also receive an

indemnification from the State for all contamination that existed on the site prior to being accepted into the ERP. The recently enacted State budget authorizes an additional \$1B for State Superfund through 2016, and allows up to 10% of these funds to be used for the ERP.

- The Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) is intended to encourage private-sector cleanups of brownfields and to reduce development pressure on “greenfields” (land not previously developed or contaminated). A contaminant may be hazardous waste and/or petroleum. Investigations and cleanups are carried out under State oversight. Once all technical and legal requirements have been met under a Brownfield Cleanup Agreement, DEC issues a Certificate of Completion (COC), which entitles the BCP remedial party to State liability limitation (with standard reservations) and various tax credits. To date over \$1 billion in tax credits have been provided to the 195 sites that have received a COC.

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NYS ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORP (EFC)

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF): The CWSRF provides low-cost loans to local governments for the construction of a variety of publicly owned water quality protection projects. Eligible projects include sewers, wastewater treatment facilities, stormwater management projects, landfill closures, as well as certain habitat restoration and protection projects in national estuary program areas. As financings are repaid, money will be available for new financings- a true revolving fund. For communities with demonstrated financial hardship, interest rates can be reduced to as low as zero-percent.
- Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF): The DWSRF provides low-cost loans to local governments for the construction of certain eligible public and private water system projects for the protection of public health. Eligible projects include drinking water treatment plants, distribution mains and storage facilities. As financings are repaid, money will be available for new financings - a true revolving fund. For qualifying communities with demonstrated financial hardship, interest rates can be reduced to as low as zero-percent and limited grants are available.
- Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP): GIGP provides grants on a competitive basis to green stormwater infrastructure projects in New York State. Eligible projects include: Permeable pavement, such as porous asphalt, concrete or pavers; Bioretention and rain gardens; Green roofs or green walls; Street trees or urban forestry programs designed to manage stormwater; Construction or restoration of wetlands, floodplains or riparian buffers; Stream daylighting, which includes removing streams from pipes and restoring the natural morphology; Downspout disconnection, which redirects stormwater from sewers to vegetated areas; and Stormwater harvesting and reuse, such as rain barrel and cistern projects. GIGP funding will be available for 2015 through Governor Cuomo’s Regional Economic Development Council’s Consolidated Funding Application.

- Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant (EPG): EPG provides grants on a competitive basis to assist local governments in the development of engineering reports for the initial planning of eligible CWSRF water quality projects. Grants of up to \$50,000 will be provided to finance activities including engineering and/or consultant fees for engineering and planning services associated with the production of an engineering report. \$2 million in EPG funding will be available for 2015 through Governor Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Council's Consolidated Funding Application.

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- Clean Vessel Assistance Program (CVAP): Lynne Vandenburg | 518-402-7461 | www.efc.ny.gov/CVAP
- Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP): Harry Ching | 518-402-7461 | www.efc.ny.gov/SBEAP
- Industrial Finance Program (IFP): Brian Hahn: 518-402-7461 | www.efc.ny.gov/IFP

NYS DIVISION OF HOMES & COMMUNITY RENEWAL (HCR)

The Department of Homes & Community Renewal offers a number of different programs that are geared towards the improvement and redevelopment of New York's communities and consists of all the State's major housing and community renewal agencies, including The Affordable Housing Corporation, The Division of Housing and Community Renewal, Housing Finance Agency, State of New York Mortgage Agency, and the Housing Trust Fund Corporation.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Finance and Development - aligns all programs that fund the development of affordable housing, including Low Income Housing Tax Credit programs, tax exempt and taxable bond finance programs, single family loan and Capital awards programs.
- Housing Preservation - includes all the programs that maintain and enhance the state's portfolio of existing affordable housing. This includes the Office of Rent Administration, the Section 8 program, Asset Management and the Weatherization Assistance Program.
- Community Renewal - includes all the programs geared toward community and economic development, job creation and downtown revitalization, including the NYS Community Development Block Grant Program, NY Main Street program, Affordable Housing Corporation, Neighborhood Stabilization Program and the Neighborhood and Rural Preservation programs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Visit www.nyshcr.org for additional information.

NYS REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS

The mission of the Regional Economic Development Councils is to promote a vigorous and growing state economy, encourage business investment and job creation, and support diverse, prosperous local economies across New York State through the efficient use of loans, grants, tax credits, real estate development, marketing and other forms of assistance. Additionally, in 2011, Governor Cuomo created the 10 Regional Councils to improve and develop long-term strategic plans for economic growth for their regions. The Councils administer a number of state grant and technical assistance programs through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – an online application that allows applicants to access multiple State funding sources through one application.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Administers the funding application process for a number of state agency programs including: Empire State Development, NYS Div. Homes & Community Renewal, NYS Parks, Recreation & Historical Development, NYS Dept. of State, NYS Canal Corporation, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Energy Research & Development Authority, NY Power Authority, and NYS Department of Labor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council:
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- To access more information on the Consolidated Funding Application, and the application itself:
<https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/>
- For information on other NY Regional Councils: <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>

HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL, NYS ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

New York's Regional Planning Councils play a unique role in the State. By presenting a local perspective on issues, Regional Planning Councils promote intergovernmental cooperation and facilitate dialogue between state and federal governments and counties and municipalities. Accordingly, regional planning entities have developed an ongoing working relationship with a variety of state and federal agencies to deliver state and federal funded programming on a regional basis.

The Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) serves as the District Organization for the federally designated Economic Development District (EDD) and provides ongoing services to support local, county and regional economic development planning, development and implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), research and technical assistance, assistance with economic, workforce, and community development, planning, and participation, coordination and training that advances the economic development goals and objectives of the CEDS.

The CEDS is a continuous planning process and the resulting document serves as the strategy for economic development in the nine-county Region. The process coordinates regional economic development resources and the document sets forth goals and objectives for the EDD. The CEDS provides an overview of the District's economic trends by incorporating current data from local, regional, state and federal sources. The document also details current economic development programs and activities as well as development actions and project priorities identified by members of the District. Economic development goals for the District are also identified and a plan of action to further strengthen the District's economy is also included within the CEDS.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Assist Economically Distressed Communities access funding for infrastructure upgrades that create or retain jobs – through EDA
- Education and Outreach on Water Quality Issues
- Partner with LHCCD to provide planning funds for Green Infrastructure projects
- Provide a regional forum for the discussion of Solid Waste and Materials Management
- Assist communities and entities with data through the NYS Data Center
- Host Regional Sustainability Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Visit <http://www.hudsonvalleyregionalcouncil.org/> for information
- Visit <http://www.nysarc.com/contact.htm> for full list of Regional Councils within the New York State Association of Regional Councils

ORANGE COUNTY

The mission of the Orange County Department of Planning (OCDP) is to protect and enhance the quality of life of Orange County residents by providing technical assistance and guidance concerning land use and transportation planning, sustainable development and environmental protection principles promoted in the various policy and references documents prepared by local, County, State and Federal Agencies.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- The Orange County Transportation Council Transportation Improvement Program (OCTC TIP) - The OCTC TIP is a multi-modal, capital program that lists transportation projects to be undertaken in Orange County over a five year timeframe. These projects are funded with Federal Highway or Federal Transit funds and can be used for various highway, bridge, bikeway, pedestrian, transit, and transportation projects.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- OCTC TIP: Ashlee Long | along@orangecountygov.com

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