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Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (EPF LWRP)
2016 – 2017 Request for Applications RFA #16-LWRP-6

Questions & Answers – updated July 8, 2016

The responses to questions included herein are official responses by the Department of State to questions submitted by potential applicants and are hereby incorporated into Request for Applications RFA #16-LWRP-6 issued on May 2, 2016. In the event of any conflict between the RFA and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.

Q1. What is the minimum and maximum amount of grants?

A1. There is no maximum or minimum request amount for EPF LWRP grants. However, the amount requested must be locally matched at a rate of 50% of the proposed total project cost.

Q2. What proximity to a waterway does a greenway project need to be?

A2. For general greenway planning, the greenway boundary would need to include one or more coastal waterbodies or designated inland waterways. A current list of coastal waterbodies and designated inland waterways is available at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>

Q3. Are municipalities required to prequalify?

A3. No, there are no prequalification requirements to apply for EPF LWRP grants.

Q4. When do you need to be registered with grants gateway to apply to the LWRP Program?

A4. Successful EPF LWRP grant recipients will be required to register through the New York State Grants Gateway.

Q5. Is there a list of already approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs?

A5. Yes. A list of approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs is available on the DOS website - http://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/WFRevitalization/LWRP_status.html.

Q6. Can counties apply for a village grant? If so, what does the county/village need to submit with the application?

A6. Yes. A county, with the consent and on behalf of one or more towns, villages, or cities located along New York's coast or designated inland waterways, may submit an application for an EPF LWRP grant. A municipal resolution is not required when submitting an application, however a resolution will be required of successful applicants prior to executing a contract with

the Department of State. Letters or resolutions of support can be submitted along with optional attachments through the Consolidated Funding Application.

Q7. Can you work on a “main street” with waterfront eligibility?

A7. Yes, an eligible applicant may apply for EPF LWRP funding for project-specific planning, feasibility, design, marketing, and/or construction to implement an approved LWRP or the relevant LWRP component or a substantially completed LWRP or relevant LWRP component. Eligible Activities for EPF LWRP grants are defined in the Request for Applications (RFA) #16-LWRP-6 at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>.

Q8. Would dredging be covered?

A8. Yes, to be considered eligible for a dredging project, the applicant must be a village, town, or city with an approved LWRP or the relevant LWRP component substantially completed, or a county with the consent and on behalf of one or more eligible village, town, or city with an approved LWRP or relevant LWRP component substantially completed and the body of water involved must be listed on the List of Coastal Waterbodies and Designated Inland Waterways available at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>.

Q9. Are non-profits eligible?

A9. Non-profits are not eligible applicants for EPF LWRP grants. Eligibility for EPF LWRP grants is defined in the Request for Applications (RFA) #16-LWRP-6 at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>. See RFA, Eligible Applicants - eligible applicants are villages, towns, or cities, and counties (with the consent and on behalf of one or more villages, towns, or cities) which are located along New York’s coasts or inland waterways designated pursuant to Executive Law, Article 42. A current list of coastal waterbodies and designated inland waterways is available at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>. Applicants may partner with other organizations; however, only applications from eligible applicants will be evaluated for funding. If successful, all applicable procurement requirements must be met for such partnerships. Applications submitted by not-for-profit organizations (including, but not limited to, community-based organizations, and neighborhood groups) and for-profit organizations are ineligible and will not be scored.

Q10. Are projects eligible that are still in a planning phase?

A10. Yes. Eligible applicants may apply for project-specific planning, feasibility, design, or marketing needed to implement an approved LWRP, or substantially completed component. Design projects should be completed to a construction-ready stage, with permits in place and bid documentation prepared. For construction only projects, the applicant must submit final design and construction documents, certified by a licensed professional engineer, architect or landscape architect with the grant application. Eligible Activities for EPF LWRP grants is defined in the Request for Applications (RFA) #16-LWRP-6 at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>.

Q11. With the requirement that one must have matching funds on hand, could a larger project be approved in phases, thus making funding acquisition more feasible?

A11. Yes, eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for discrete phases of a project (e.g. planning, design, construction). Eligible applicants may phase large construction projects by applying for construction funding over successive CFA grant rounds.

Q12. Can a municipality receive both State and Federal Funding for the same project?

A12. Yes. A municipality may receive both State and federal funding for the same project. However, federal assistance cannot be used as the required match for EPF LWRP grants.

Q13. What are Coastal Waters and Inland Waterways? How are inland waterways designated?

A13. Coastal Waters and Inland Waterways are defined in Article 42 of the Executive Law. A current list of coastal waterbodies and designated inland waterways is available at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>.

There is a process for adding waterways to the list of Designated Inland Waterways defined in Article 42 of NYS Executive Law, which includes introduction of a legislative bill to amend Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 911 of the Executive Law to include the proposed waterway within the definition of inland waterways to both the NYS Senate and Assembly. Once adopted by the NYS Legislature the bill is sent to the Governor for approval. You may contact the Department of State for further details on the process.

Q14. Under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), what is eligible? ie Bricks and Mortar?

A14. Yes, eligible activities include general planning, project-specific planning, feasibility, design, marketing, and/or construction. Eligible Activities for EPF LWRP grants is defined in the Request for Applications (RFA) #16-LWRP-6 at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>.

For general planning needed to advance any of the eligible activities listed in the RFA, an applicant must be a village, town, city, or county with the consent and on behalf of one or more villages, towns or cities located along New York's coast or a designated inland waterway.

For project-specific planning, feasibility, design, and/or marketing needed to advance eligible activities, an applicant must be a village, town, city, or county with the consent and on behalf of one or more villages, towns or cities, currently preparing a LWRP or component, or with an approved LWRP or component.

For construction of projects needed to advance eligible activities, an applicant must be a village, town, city with an approved LWRP or the relevant LWRP component substantially completed, or a county with the consent and on behalf of one or more eligible village, town, or city with an approved LWRP or relevant LWRP component substantially completed.

Q15. Can a municipality submit more than one grant application to the LWRP program?

A15. Yes, an eligible applicant can submit more than one grant application for EPF LWRP funding through the CFA.

Q16. For CFA question #2362, “If funding was awarded in prior CFA rounds, what were the CFA numbers for which funding was awarded? (Separate multiple CFA numbers with commas)”, do you need numbers for all CFA awards to the municipality? Or just those to the DOS? Or just the LWRP program ones?

A16. List the CFA numbers for all previous CFA awards received by the grant applicant.

Q17. CFA #6047 says it can have up to 600 characters, but the error message cuts me off at 400. How do I correct this?

A17. Technical questions regarding the CFA should be sent to Cfa-tech@ny.gov.

Q18. The Pocantico River recently got added to NYS DEC’s Waterbody Inventories/Priority Waterbodies List. Is this related to the list of waterbodies that make us eligible for EPF LWRP funding? Or are they two separate and unrelated lists? We are already eligible due to the Hudson River – but didn’t know whether to list the Pocantico River as well in the answer to that question in the CFA application.

A18. These are two separate unrelated lists. The current list of coastal waterbodies and designated inland waterways is available at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>. The Pocantico River is a designated inland waterway.

Q19. The Village of Williamsville would like to submit an LWRP for their section of Elliott Creek this round of CFAs. After downloading the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Coastal Waterbodies and Designated Inland Waterways PDF from your site I noticed that Elliott Creek is not listed. Is Elliott Creek an eligible for funding under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?

A19. A bill (S7914) that relates to the addition of Ellicott Creek, located in Erie County, to the listed inland waterways was recently passed by the NYS legislature. If signed by the Governor, Ellicott Creek in Erie County will be added to the list of designated inland waterways. The addition of Ellicott Creek would make municipalities along this Creek eligible applicants for general planning grants needed to advance any of the eligible activities listed in the EPF LWRP RFA. The Village may apply for funding. No funding could be awarded until the bill is signed by the Governor.

Q20. The Village of Schoharie is nearing completion on a Recreational Assets Plan which is a waterfront revitalization plan including parks and trails along the Schoharie Creek. I have a few questions for you about the Village's eligibility for LWRP implementation funds. Is the Recreational Assets Plan considered an LWRP that makes them eligible for the grant funding? It will be an approved plan, but not the approved LWRP that other communities have. Does

the LWRP grant monies cover implementation - in our case it would be to improve the waterfront parks and create a multi-use trail linking the parks, residential areas and Main Street. The main question is what is the best source of funding to help the Village implement these very important projects they have used their LWRP grant funding to plan and design for.

A20. The Recreational Assets Plan under preparation by the Village with funding provided through a previous EPF LWRP grant would be considered a component of an LWRP. The Village of Schoharie can submit an application for EPF LWRP funding to implement the Recreational Assets Plan, if the plan is currently being prepared or is substantially complete.

The EPF LWRP is an appropriate source to use to seek implementation funds for the Recreational Assets Plan. Other possibilities may include NYS OPRHP. The CFA Resources Available Guide provides details on thirty funding programs available through the CFA: <https://www.ny.gov/sites/ny.gov/files/atoms/files/2016ResourcesAvailableGuideFINALV4.pdf>.

The Village also could apply for funding to implement recommendations in the Mohawk River Watershed Management Plan. In that case, related categories would include Preparing or Implementing a Lakewide or Watershed Revitalization Plan. The plan can be viewed at <http://mohawkriver.org/>.

Q21. The Adirondack Museum is interested in a possible 2016 application (through a municipal sponsor) of a large, three dimensional model of the Raquette River watershed as a way of promoting awareness of water quality and water resource protection issues. The proposed EPF LWRP funding would be used to develop enhancements on the Museum property which is accessible in most part with an entrance fee. Would the development and installation of a watershed model on Museum property an eligible expense under our grant program?

A21. If construction work is not located on public property, this could only be considered an eligible cost if a permanent public interest, such as conservation easement has been established.

Q22. What is a Community Resilience Strategy? What issues are eligible to be addressed in developing one of these strategies?

A22. A Community Resilience Strategy identifies opportunities to reduce a community's physical, social, and economic vulnerability to climate change, extreme weather events, and sea level rise impacts, and to improve emergency preparedness, pre-storm management or response protocols. Community Resilience Strategies should consider the needs, risks, and opportunities related to assets in the following recovery support functions within the National Disaster Recovery Framework by the Federal Emergency Management Agency: Community Planning and Capacity Building, Economic Development, Health and Social Services, Housing, Infrastructure, and Natural and Cultural Resources (<http://www.fema.gov/recovery-support-functions>). Guidance for developing resilience strategies consistent with the NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program can be found at:

[http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Guidance for Community Reconstruction Plans.pdf](http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Guidance%20for%20Community%20Reconstruction%20Plans.pdf). Additional examples of eligible activities are described in the Request for Applications (RFA) #16-LWRP-6 at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html> under the *Updating an LWRP to Mitigate Future Physical Climate Risks* grant category.

Q23. What is a Watershed Revitalization Plan? What additional items or changes from the older approach does it include?

A23. A Watershed Revitalization Plan guides activities to protect and promote natural and economic assets on an inter-municipal, lakewide or watershed basis. It can be an effective way to make the most of human and financial resources, to address concerns and to achieve shared goals.

Q24. Is planning for droughts and steps to prepare for and mitigate the effects of droughts eligible to be addressed by either a Community Resilience Strategy or Watershed Revitalization Plan?

A24. Yes, planning to prepare for and/or mitigate the effects of droughts could be addressed by either a Community Resilience Strategy or a Watershed Revitalization Plan.

Q25. Greene County is working with multiple partners and is planning on submitting a 2016 CFA Application to the EPF LWRP for construction of “sidewalk enhancements” on the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. Can the NYS Bridge Authority apply directly as an eligible applicant under the DOS LWRP program for construction work on the bridge and lands that they own? Can the County apply as an eligible applicant under the EPF LWRP program for the construction project on the Rip Van Winkle Bridge? The County would have a contract with the NYS Bridge Authority to perform the construction project. The NYS Bridge Authority would use their procurement process to secure an eligible contractor(s), including meeting the MWBE goals, hire the contractor (s) and construct the project.

A25. No, the NYS Bridge Authority is not an eligible applicant for EPF LWRP grants. Greene County may submit an EPF LWRP grant application with the consent and on behalf of one or more villages, towns, or cities. For construction projects needed to advance eligible activities, an applicant must be a village, town, or city with an approved LWRP or the relevant LWRP component substantially completed, or a county with the consent and on behalf of one or more eligible villages, towns, or cities with an approved LWRP or relevant LWRP component substantially completed. Eligibility for EPF LWRP grants is defined in the Request for Applications (RFA) #16-LWRP-6 at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>.

Q26. Suffolk County is interested in creating a Blueway Trail within Suffolk County, similar to what was done in the South Shore of Nassau County. If a town/village has money allocated for something like kayak storage or other related expenditures, can that be applied towards the local match and how do we document it? Also, can monies not yet in a municipal budget but committed/pledged be something that can count for a local match? If so, how would this be documented?

A26. Eligible applicants may apply for EPF LWRP grant funding to undertake the planning of local or regional land and water based trails (greenways and blueways). Eligible activities are described in the Request for Applications (RFA) #16-LWRP-6 at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html> under the *Planning or Constructing Land and Water-based Trails* grant category.

A town and/or village may provide part of local match required for an application by the County, however, the activity covered must be directly related to the planning effort. After planning for the Blueway Trail is substantially complete, an eligible village, town or city or County on behalf of one or more villages, towns, or cities may apply for grant funding to construct land and water based trails. Local match commitments should be documented in the application budget along with a clarifying notation.

Q27. The Compliance with Procurement Requirements section of the RFA reads:

The municipal attorney, chief legal officer or financial administrator for the municipality shall certify to the Department of State that alternative proposals and/or quotations for professional services were secured by use of written requests for proposals through a publicly advertised process. This certification will verify that the procurement requirements were met and ensure the prudent and economical use of public funds for professional services of maximum quality at reasonable cost.

The first sentence seems to imply that a competitive bidding process is required. However the second sentence indicates only that procurement requirements must be met. As you know, with professional services most local procurement laws do not require a competitive process. Therefore the two sentences seem contradictory.

The community that raised this question wanted verification as to whether a competitive bidding process is required by DOS. If it is, the costs associated with this activity would have to be built into the overall project costs.

A27. Certification that local procurement procedures have been met is a requirement. The Department of State Office of Planning and Development encourages competitive bidding to arrive at the best value for the use of State funds. Reasonable costs associated with this activity would be considered eligible project costs.

Q28. The Town of Johnsbury and its two partners: Gore Mt. Ski Center (ORDA) and Upper Hudson Trails Alliance, Inc., are exploring CFA grant opportunities. Are the following eligible requests for the LWRP?

- **Recreational assessment plan for approximately 75-100km of expanded network of wilderness non-motorized, multi-use trails resulting in map points, topographic considerations, easements needed, facilities/infrastructure needs.**
- **Feasibility/planning for two types of connectivity to hamlet commercial center: road overpass or aerial tram resulting in comparative economic benefits, costs, and funding sources.**

- **Planning for parking needs at trailhead**
- **Purchase of snowmaking capability for existing trail**
- **Purchase of race venue operational equipment such as safety netting, trail cams, trail markers, public address system, competitor bibs, hand-held radios, start & finish screen, hardware/software for races.**

A28. Several of the projects briefly described above, if a component of prior planning, would be eligible; e.g., recreational assessment planning for non-motorized multi-use trail, feasibility assessment/planning for two types of connectivity to hamlet commercial center; planning for parking needs at trailhead; if submitted by an eligible applicant, would appear to be eligible under one or more activities and categories in the EPF LWRP RFA, however would need to be fully evaluated within the context of details provided in the Town's application.

Purchase of snowmaking capability for existing trail would not be an eligible cost. Purchase of race venue operational equipment would not be an eligible cost.

Q29. Is it possible to ask for support for planning and implementation aspects simultaneously?

A29. A single application may be submitted that includes planning and implementation, however for construction projects an applicant must have an approved LWRP or the relevant LWRP component substantially completed.

Q30. We constructed 16 km of single track Mt. bike trails that are also used for hiking, X-C skiing, and snowshoeing in our local park (Ski Bowl Park, North Creek) in 2013-2015 with support from NYS Parks and Rec. We want to hold 20-30 race events/year there in order to bring visitors to town. Our ultimate goal is to make North Creek and the Town of Johnsbury a trails-based community (10-year project). We are working with Gore Mt. Ski Center (ORDA) to collaborate with them for Nordic races in winter. Gore Mt. has committed to building a world class (FIS) Nordic trail which will be able to host World Cup races. The rest of the year, bike and running races will be held. The race venue brings people to town, promotes the trail system as is and as we expand, and promotes North Creek, hopefully putting heads in beds, developing a new business or two.

There may be an opportunity for the above to be included in a request from Warren County as part of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor CFA.

Do you see any disadvantage for obtaining the above (either planning or implementation) in working with the Wilderness Heritage corridor CFA?

A30. For construction projects an applicant must have an approved LWRP or the relevant LWRP component substantially completed. The First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Plan is a component of an LWRP which makes implementation projects eligible for funding.

Q31. Should we ask for the entire amount required for this now or should we do it in stages, based on what is possible to build in a year or two? Which is the better approach?

A31. As indicated in the EPF LWRP RFA (page 3), only applications for discrete phases of a project (e.g. planning, design, construction) that can be completed within five years will be considered. Also, as noted on page 16, the Department may make an award under the RFA in whole or in part, and may offer partial funding if a particular phase of a project is not ready to move forward. It is up to applicants to consider the scope of their applications.

Q32. Can ORDA's construction costs of the FIS Nordic race trail be used by the Town as a match for the snowmaking materials costs?

A32. Snowmaking materials would not be an eligible cost.

Q33. Would the construction costs of a sliding trail by ORDA be a match for race venue equipment?

A33. As noted above, purchase of race venue equipment would not be an eligible cost.

Q34. Could volunteer hours running races be used to match the cost of the race venue equipment?

A34. As noted above purchase of race venue equipment would not be an eligible cost.

Q35. In reading over the RED-C goals and strategies, it would appear that the goals that are applicable to our project are:

- **Celebrate and Optimize our surroundings: Attract visitors, new residents, and new businesses by optimizing rural assets and working landscapes**
 - **Rationale: Our community is caught in between the Hudson and the southern Adirondack mountains. Other than logging, mining, retail, school, and health center jobs—that's it. Poverty average 19%. We need tourism, new people, and investment which we think we can attract if we become a trails-based community.**
- **Showcase our beauty: Leverage beautiful, natural environment as anchor/beacon to make our communities thrive**
 - **Rationale: Beauty and wilderness is all we have—therefore branding ourselves as the community which offers opportunities for outdoor physical activity and physical fitness supports the existing venues of alpine skiing and Hudson river rafting --we are the rustic neighbor for the Capital District**
- **Spotlight our strengths: Create/celebrate regional identity by reaching out to other geographics to feature these assets and make Capital Region the first destination in NY**
 - **Rationale: Regionally, we have Lake George and all its visitors 17 miles to the southeast of us; we have two conceptual wilderness trails developing: Five Towns to the north and Great Southwoods to our south; and coming through our town we have the Great Northern Scenic trail from North Dakota to Maine. Our trails will make a**

connection with Indian Lake (Five Towns) and with Great Southwoods from Corinth to Newcomb as we are right in the middle of that trail plan. The demographic that Mt. bikes and hikes will love us. We are a gateway to the Adirondacks which will have a distinct brand, adding something major to the Capital District Region.

Do you agree with the choice of those goals above as supporting our request? Are there any others that I can draw upon? Have I interpreted the goals properly? If you do not know, who should I ask?

A35. It is up to applicants to use their best judgment in providing complete responses to questions in the CFA. Regional strategies and the goals of economic development plans are related to the portion of scoring performed by Regional Economic Development Councils, and is independent of the Department of State EPF LWRP grant evaluation criteria (page 16 of the EPF LWRP RFA). The scoring system used by the Regional Economic Development Councils and contact information can be viewed at <https://www.ny.gov/sites/ny.gov/files/atoms/files/REDCGuidebookFINALV3.pdf> (page 27 Statewide CFA Endorsement Standards). Additional information can be found at <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>

Q36. I am looking through the LWRP grant guidelines as it would be a great fit for a wetland restoration project we are pursuing in Fairport. I checked the waterways list and was surprised to see that the Erie Canal, which runs through our village, was not a designated inland waterway. Before I went any further I wanted to check with you to see if this would make us ineligible to apply through the CFA process.

A36. The Erie Canal is part of the State Barge Canal System which makes municipalities along it, including the Village of Fairport, eligible to apply for EPF LWRP funding through the CFA. You mentioned a potential wetland restoration project but did not specify whether funding was being sought for study/planning or for implementation, so I thought it important to refer you to portions of the RFA covering eligibility to help you consider what type of a project to apply for. Please be aware that eligibility for implementation funding, including construction or other physical alteration, is tied to prior planning. Refer to page 4 of RFA #16-LWRP-6 <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>

The Village is eligible to apply for general planning needed to advance any of the eligible activities [categories, as noted below].

To be eligible for project-specific planning, feasibility, design, and/or marketing needed to advance eligible activities, the Village would need to be currently preparing a LWRP or component, or have an approved LWRP or component.

To be eligible to apply for construction of projects needed to advance eligible activities, the Village would need an approved LWRP or the relevant LWRP component substantially completed.

Grant categories (activities) are listed on page 2 of the RFA.

- Preparing or Implementing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) [Village is eligible for planning. Only eligible for implementation with prior planning]
- Updating an LWRP to Mitigate Future Physical Climate Risks [Village is eligible for planning, only if the Village had an existing LWRP]
- Redeveloping Hamlets, Downtowns and Urban Waterfronts [Village is eligible for planning. Only eligible for implementation with prior planning]
- Planning or Constructing Land and Water-based Trails [Village is eligible for planning. Only eligible for construction with prior planning]
- Preparing or Implementing a Lakewide or Watershed Revitalization Plan [Village is eligible for planning. Only eligible for implementation with prior planning]
- Implementing a Community Resilience Strategy [Village would only be eligible if it had prior planning]
- Celebrating the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal - Improving Public Waterfront Access for Canal Communities [The Village would be eligible only if it had an approved LWRP or relevant component substantially completed]

Q37: Is additional information about LWRP grants available in other formats?

A37. The RFA is posted at <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/rfa-16-lwrp-6/index.html>. A PPT and webinar for 2016 EPF LWRP grants can be accessed at <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/genericcfa/2016-cfa-materials>. When at the webpage, look under Community Development, then just below Department of State.

Q38. Is grant administration and eligible cost?

A38. Yes, grant administration is an eligible cost, as indicated in the RFA, page 14, below “Eligible Costs.” Grant administration activities may include, but are not limited to, preparation of reports, vouchers, contract related administration and compliance with grant record keeping and reporting requirements. Grant administration may not exceed 15% of the award amount or \$50,000, whichever is less.

Q39. Are the questions in the CFA application available outside the application? I would like to view the questions before beginning to fill out the application.

A39. Yes questions for each of the funding programs, including the LWRP grant program, can be viewed at <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/> Click on Program Application Questions, or go directly to <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/help.cfm?section=programquestions>

Q40. In reviewing the RFA, I noted the language on Volunteer Services. Am I correct in interpreting this as Project Advisory Committee member hours can be valued at \$28.73 per hour?

A40. Provided the project advisory committee members perform in an active capacity, not as mere observers, they may be valued at up to \$28.73 per hour

Q41. Are tribal communities eligible? The Cattaraugus Indian Reservation is located along Lake Erie and we are wondering if they may be included in the EPF LWRP CFA grant application process?

A41. Yes, federally-recognized Indian tribes located in New York State are eligible applicants. The Cattaraugus Indian Territory is a territory of the Seneca Nation of New York and as a federally recognized Indian tribe, as identified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Seneca Nation of New York are eligible to apply for EPF LWRP funding through the Consolidated Funding Application, provided the projects being applied for are located along the coastal zone and meet other restrictions in the RFA. Eligible projects include those indicated under Eligible Activities.

Q42. Would the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation/Tribe be considered an eligible entity to apply for an EPF LWRP grant through the CFA for tourism marketing funding?

A42. Federally-recognized Indian tribes located in New York State are eligible applicants. As a federally recognized Indian tribe, as identified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Seneca Nation of New York and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe of New York are eligible to apply for EPF LWRP funding through the Consolidated Funding Application, provided the projects being applied for are located along the coastal zone and meet other restrictions in the RFA. Eligible projects include those indicated under Eligible Activities

Q43. Some State agencies require a municipal resolution at the time an application is submitted while others do not. We would like to confirm that submitting a municipal resolution through the CFA by the 4:00Pm July 29th application due date is NOT required for the EPF LWRP grant program.

A43. For the EPF LWRP grant program, a municipal resolution is not required when submitting an application. It will be required of successful applicants prior to executing a contract with the Department of State.

Q44. Is there any specific language or format required to be included in the resolution by the applicant municipality, when one is submitted?

A44: The Department of State does not prescribe the format of a municipal resolution, however, it should indicate authorization to enter into a contract with the Department of State for the purpose of receiving an LWRP award, and indicate a commitment to provide the required local match.

Q45. Would preparing a plan to address water quantity, as well as water quality, e.g., storm water management and flood plain related issues, qualify for EPF LWRP funding?

A45. Yes, the EPF LWRP request for applications includes a category titled Preparing or Implementing a Lakewide or Watershed Revitalization Plan. An effort integrating water quality

protection and/or restoration with community and waterfront revitalization could include storm water management and/or floodplain management. A community that already has a waterfront revitalization program or a watershed plan, or both, may apply for a grant to integrate such programs and plans into a more holistic lakewide or watershed revitalization plan. The Department's guidebooks on waterfront revitalization and watershed planning are available at <http://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/publications.html>

Q46. How is the value of an “in-kind volunteer work” determined so that it can be considered as a local match?

A46. Valuing services offered as local match, whether volunteer services or donated professional services, should be based on the anticipated actual cost of a service to be provided, if it were a paid service. NYS Department of Labor regional prevailing wage rates is one resource that may be used to justify these hourly rates. Refer to the RFA, Section VI.- FUNDING RESTRICTIONS, Local Match, Volunteer Services and Donated Professional Services on pages 13-15 for additional information.

Q47. How can I tell what activities can be used as local match for an EPF LWRP grant application?

A47. The scope of your Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant application and when the activities were carried out may determine what can be used as eligible local match. Activities not directly related to the project scope are ineligible for local match. Activities carried out prior to April 1, 2016 also would be ineligible as local match. Other limitations apply. See the RFA, pages 13 through 15, VI. FUNDING RESTRICTIONS, Local Match, Volunteer Services and Donated Professional Services, Construction, Eligible Costs, and Ineligible Costs.