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Byron Forward

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Grant Overview

- ▶ Planning should start before the grant is released
- ▶ The Town should prioritize projects to determine when to apply and to ensure local match is available
- ▶ Each grant has different requirements and eligibility
- ▶ Most grants are reimbursement which means to Town must pay for the project and then submit invoices and checks to be reimbursed

Recent Grants Received for the WWTP and Water Projects

▶ WWTP Disinfection & General Upgrades:	
▪ 2019 Engineering Planning Grant	\$ 30,000
▪ 2022 WQJP Disinfection	\$1,000,000
▪ 2023 WIIA Grant	\$2,706,250
▪ 2023 CWSRF Low-Interest Financing	\$8,118,750
▪ 2024/2025 Potential BILL Funding	\$2,706,250
▶ Water Improvement Benefit Area No. 1	
▪ USDA Grant Funding	\$5,349,000
▪ USDA Low-Interest Loan Financing	\$6,306,000

Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant

- ▶ **Due Date:** End of July
- ▶ **Max. Award:** \$100,000
- ▶ **Cost Share:** Minimum 10% match
- ▶ **Purpose:** Municipalities can apply to advance the preparation and adoption of new or updated smart growth plans and zoning plans. This is a reimbursement grant.

Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant

▶ **Eligible Projects:** Eligible activities include the preparation and adoption the following:

- ▶ Comprehensive Plan that incorporates smart growth principles
- ▶ Zoning regulations

▶ **Action Required:** The application is submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal and normally due the last Friday in July. MWBE and SDVOB apply to the projects. MWBE participation is 30% and SDVOB is 6% of the grant award.

NYS DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

- ▶ **Due Date:** Program released every other year. Last released Fall 2023 and due January 2024.
 - ▶ Next expected release Fall 2025.
- ▶ **Award:** \$500k - \$5M
- ▶ **Cost Share:** 20% match
- ▶ **Purpose:** To support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path, and transportation-related projects and programs that support the goals of New York's nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

NYS DOT TAP, cont.

- ▶ **Eligible Projects:** TAP funds transportation-related projects that increase options for non-vehicular transportation, including:
 - ✓ Planning, design and construction of infrastructure-related projects to improve non-driver safety, access to public transportation, and enhanced mobility.
 - ✓ Safe Routes to School – construct sidewalks within a 2-mile radius of a school.
 - ✓ Planning, design, and construction of on-road and off-road facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and non-motorized transportation users.
 - ✓ Planning, design, and construction of boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of formerly divided highways.
- ▶ **Action Required:** Have a complete application submitted by the deadline, with all application attachments and supporting documentation included.

Pro-Housing Community Program

- ▶ **Purpose:** An innovative policy designed to reward local governments that are working hard to address New York's housing crisis.
- ▶ **Due Date:** Applications will open in late August. Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis.
 - ▶ Option 1 – Submit Zoning Map and Housing Permit info from last five years to show 1% growth in last year or 3% growth in last three years.
 - ▶ Option 2 – Town Board to adopt Resolution and provide a zoning map file, zoning code summary and building permit information from the prior five years.
- ▶ HCR will provide a determination of certification within 90 days of a complete submission.

Pro-Housing Community Program

- ▶ **Annual Renewals:** After original designation, must submit annual information to maintain Pro-Housing Community Certification.
- ▶ **Benefits of Designation:** With Pro-Housing Certification, municipalities will receive priority when submitting for the following grant programs:
 - ▶ Downtown Revitalization/NY Forward
 - ▶ New York Main Street
 - ▶ Market New York

New York Main Street Program

- ▶ **Due Date:** Late July
- ▶ **Max. Award:** \$500k
- ▶ **Cost Share:** Technical Assistance, 5%; Building Renovations, 25%; Downtown Anchor, 25%
- ▶ **Purpose:** NYMS provides funds to stimulate reinvestment in properties located within mixed-use commercial districts located in urban, small-town, and rural areas. This grant provides funding for local revitalization efforts and technical assistance to help communities build the capacity required to grow the downtown or neighborhood retail district and add housing.

New York Main Street Program

▶ **Eligible Projects:** Technical Assistance Projects, Target Area Building Renovation Projects, Downtown Anchor Projects, Downtown Stabilization Projects

▶ **Action Required:** Applications are accepted through the CFA portal. Requirements vary depending on program.

All categories require:

*Public Meetings

*Target Area Map & Eligibility,

*Municipal Resolution

*SEQR & SHPO (depending on scope)

NY Forward

- ▶ **Due Date:** Mid-September
- ▶ **Max. Award:** 2-3 communities selected for either 2 \$4.5M awards or 1 award of \$4.5M and 2 of \$2.25M
- ▶ **Cost Share:** 0% for public, up to 60% for private
- ▶ **Purpose:** NY Forward supports an equitable downtown recovery for New York's smaller and rural communities, with a focus on hamlets and villages.

NY Forward

- ▶ **Eligible Projects:** Capital projects that can be implemented quickly and will have a transformational impact on the downtown.
 - ▶ The application must demonstrate \$3-5M in multiple synergistic projects.
 - ▶ Final project award funding cannot be used for one sole project.
- ▶ **Action Required:** Requires pre-application and application.
 - ▶ NY Forward applicants should develop a full suite of synergistic projects, similar to the DRI, that may include one or two substantial anchor projects. Community input and support is required for a competitive application

Clean Energy Communities Program

- ▶ **Due Date:** Continuous
- ▶ **Purpose:** Provides clean energy guidance, grants, direct technical support to communities, and recognition to local governments that demonstrate leadership in the area of clean energy. The new CEC program provides the tools and resources you need to take your community to the next level, with new High Impact Action items and increased access to grant funding. Participation in the program may be customized to best fit the community's needs and resources and bring energy savings and economic opportunities to the community.
- ▶ **Action Required:** Communities that complete at least four high-impact actions earn initial Clean Energy Communities designation and are eligible to apply for grants to fund additional clean energy projects. Once the community earns a certain number of points, it becomes eligible for 1 to 5-Star Designations and larger grant awards.

Town of Byron Clean Energy Scorecard:

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Scorecard

Thank you for participating in NYSEERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program. This scorecard shows your community's accomplishments and how they compare to others in your region and across New York State.

Select Your Community

Town of Byron



A NYSEERDA Clean Energy Community

Accomplishments

Advanced (v3.0) (*)

(Earn 900 points for 2-Star status)

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ACTIONS COMPLETED



2,100

POINTS EARNED

High Impact Actions

High Impact Actions	Count	Points
Benchmarking	2	300
Community Campaigns	1	500
Energy Code Enforcement Training	1	200
LED Street Lights	1	700
Transportation and Landscaping	1	200
Unified Solar Permit	1	200
Grand Total	7	2,100

POPULATION (2010 CENSUS)

2,369

Finger Lakes

REGION

Genesee
COUNTY

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification Program

- ▶ **Due Date:** Rolling program
- ▶ **Max. Award:** Rating system leading to three levels of awards: Bronze, Silver & Gold
- ▶ **Purpose:** The Climate Smart Communities (CSC) rewards communities for their action that mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Climate Smart Communities

- ▶ **Eligible Projects:** Projects focused on climate change adaptation and greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation.
- ▶ **Action Required:** The first step is for the Town Board to adopt a resolution to join the program and become a Registered Climate Smart Community. Once adopted, the Town should designate a primary contact and set up an account and work toward implementing climate smart projects.

