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HYDROPOWER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS & APPLICATION PROCESS

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www.nypa.gov/hydropower

Contact your account manager or email poweringbusiness@nypa.gov for more information

Below is information about eligibility and the application process for NYPA's economic development programs, including **ReCharge NY (RNY), Western NY Hydropower (WNY), and Preservation Power.**

When to reach out to us?

Reach out to NYPA as early as possible during the project planning stage.

Our team can assist in identifying the NYPA power program that applies to your circumstances, and we can guide you through the application process.

We offer programs for new or expanding businesses, and retention of existing businesses in New York State. Some programs require approval before you start your project.

- **New and Expanding Businesses** should reach out to NYPA as early as possible during the project planning stage. Allocations must be approved before a project starts. You have up to one year from the award date to start the project, and up to three years to complete it and begin taking the power allocation.

- **Existing businesses** may apply anytime for a *ReCharge NY* retention allocation, with up to one year from the date of the award to start using the power.

You can also reach out to us at:
Email: poweringbusiness@nypa.gov
Phone: **1-888-562-7697**

Who is eligible?

Commercial and Industrial businesses and nonprofit organizations are eligible. Retail businesses, sports venues, gaming or entertainment-related establishments, places of overnight accommodation, government buildings, public hospitals, and public universities are not eligible.

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You can qualify for one of our economic development programs by committing to any of the following:

- **Keep jobs and capital** in our communities
- **Grow or sustain your business** by expanding or maintaining operations, creating new jobs, and making capital investments
- **Relocate or build new operations** in New York State to create jobs and invest capital

Allocations from NYPA's ReCharge NY program are available to eligible businesses across New York State. Western NY Hydropower (WNY) is available to eligible businesses within a 30-mile radius of NYPA's Niagara Power Project. Preservation Power is available to eligible businesses located in St. Lawrence, Franklin and Jefferson Counties in New York's North Country.

Application process

Contact us at poweringbusiness@nypa.gov as early as possible during the project planning stage to maximize a possible award, and for guidance on the application process.

There is a separate application process for **Preservation Power, Western NY Hydropower (WNY),** and **ReCharge NY (RNY).**

- For **Preservation Power** and **Western NY Hydropower (WNY)**, reach out and we will assist you with every stage of the application process.

- For **ReCharge NY (RNY)**, we recommend that you first contact us for information about the eligibility and the application process.

Read about the **ReCharge NY (RNY)** Application process below

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ReCharge NY (RNY) Application Process Details

ReCharge NY (RNY) is an economic development program available across New York State.

Through **ReCharge NY (RNY)**, NYPA provides access to hydropower at excellent rates under long-term (7 year) extendable contracts to support the growth and retention of businesses statewide.

Learn more about the **ReCharge NY (RNY)** eligibility and application process below. If you are looking for information about our other Economic Development programs, including **Western NY Hydropower (WNY)** or **Preservation Power**, contact us.

For your **ReCharge NY** application, it will be helpful to have the following information available:

- Facility location

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- Twelve (12) months of electric utility invoices
- Current energy provider information
- Current employment numbers
- Estimated 5-year annual capital investment

For new facilities or expansion of existing facilities:

- Project summary and timeline
- Anticipated new load
- Anticipated new employment levels
- Anticipated project cost or capital investment

Downloadable Documents

Steps	Downloadable Documents	Description
Step 1	**Recharge NY (RNY)** Customer Eligibility Requirements *[available on our website at nypa.gov/hydropower]*	Learn more about the eligibility requirements to subscribe to **Recharge NY (RNY)** Hydropower
Step 2	**Recharge NY (RNY)** Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) checklist *[available on our website at nypa.gov/hydropower]*	Learn more about the documentation and information you will need in order to apply for **Recharge NY (RNY)** hydropower
Step 3	**The CFA Process Guide and the ReCharge NY Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) are available on the Regional Economic Development Councils' website:** - CFA Process Guide | Regional Economic Development Councils Visit: https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/cfa/process-guide - Consolidated Funding Application **(CFA)** Visit: https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/	Applications are available online at this link, or directly through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). **Recharge NY (RNY)** can be found under “Direct Assistance to Business” or “Energy and Environmental Projects.”

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