

New York Power Authority

Astoria Community Resiliency Initiative

Targeted Request for Application (RFA)

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I. INTRODUCTION

The New York Power Authority (NYPA), the largest state public power organization in the United States, is dedicated to providing clean, low-cost, and reliable energy.

As part of our commitment to supporting the diverse needs of the communities in which we operate, NYPA is proud to announce community funding support through the Astoria Community Resilience Initiative. The goal of this initiative is to enhance community resilience by supporting community-determined activities that address projects promoting energy and environmental sustainability, reducing vulnerability to climate change and providing energy workforce training within four miles of the Authority's Zeltman Generation Facility¹.

A visual representation of the four mile radius is provided below.



We invite eligible applicants such as tribes, not-for-profit organizations, community-based organizations (CBOs), or community-development organizations to submit applications for projects that implement the objectives of this program.

II. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Authority seeks to enhance community resilience by supporting various community-determined activities that address projects promoting energy and environmental sustainability, reducing vulnerability to climate change and providing energy workforce training and serve Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)² and/or Priority Populations (as defined in the [Glossary](#)). Funding is intentionally flexible to meet the unique needs of each organization and may support new initiatives or build upon existing work. Projects should align with the following objectives and focus areas:

¹ Zeltman Generation Facility, 31-03 20th Ave, Astoria, New York 11105.

² New York State Climate Act. Disadvantaged Communities Criteria. [Climate.ny.gov](https://climate.ny.gov/resources/disadvantaged-communities-criteria/), <https://climate.ny.gov/resources/disadvantaged-communities-criteria/>.

- Support new or expanded community-determined programs and projects that strengthen resilience in communities near NYPA’s Zeltman generation facility.
 - Advance planning, preparedness, and capacity building efforts that address climate and community vulnerability.
 - Prioritize projects that improve energy affordability, create job opportunities, and support positive community health outcomes.
 - Expand or create community gardens, green spaces, and related projects that provide cooling, improve air quality, enhance recreational opportunities, and foster physical and mental well-being.
 - Implement initiatives that reduce energy burden, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, or other energy-related programs or services.
 - Promote workforce development and job creation in the clean energy and sustainability fields, and associated planning efforts to increase local economic resilience.
 - Support community preparedness and broader climate resilience activities responsive to locally identified needs.
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III. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Preference will be given to proposed projects that support NYS-defined Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)³ and/or Priority Populations (as defined in the [Glossary](#)). Although eligible projects and activities to be funded under this RFA are flexible by design, they must be related to the powers, duties, and/or purposes of NYPA to be eligible for funding.

A. Geographic Eligibility

- All proposed projects must serve the area within four miles of the Authority’s Zeltman generation facility.

B. Applicant Qualifications

- Tribes, not-for-profit organizations, community-based organizations (CBOs), or other non-governmental organizations.
- Demonstrated record of community convening and engagement with or serving priority populations.
- Ability to manage funds with qualified staff to complete proposed project or initiative.
- In good standing with regard to the laws, rules, and regulations of New York State.

C. Restrictions

- The Authority will not accept applications from government agencies, for-profit, religious, or political organizations.
- Proposals that do not meet the eligibility requirements or that are submitted by applicants that do not meet the applicant qualifications, will not be considered.

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IV. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must include a detailed proposal with their application. The application will describe the work to be completed with funding from the Astoria Community Resilience Initiative. Should the application be selected for funding, the activities outlined in the proposal will be incorporated into a Fund Benefit Agreement that incorporates a Statement of Work, which will become the primary contractual document identifying project tasks and deliverables and will serve as the basis for awards.

A. Proposal Narrative

The proposal is considered an action document that delineates each step or activity in the project. Applicants must identify and describe each task that would be funded in whole or in part under this application. Each task must include:

- The specific activities that will be completed for that task.
- The individual or organization (e.g., contractor or subcontractor) that will execute the grant agreement and complete each activity.
- Task-specific milestones, expected outcomes or deliverables, and reports that will be submitted to the Authority. Proposals demonstrating clear and immediate deployment of funds following award will be viewed more favorably.

B. Budget with Detailed Cost Breakdown

- Funding will range from \$20,000 to \$100,000.
- Applicants are required to provide a breakdown of costs related to milestones in their Scope of Work. **The attached templated cost sheet (Attachment A) is provided for reference; applicants may also submit their own cost sheet.**
- An itemized list of expected expenditures showing dates and purpose, including payments for the support requested.

C. Resumes of Key Personnel

- Resumes of all key personnel who will perform activities listed in the application, limited to those responsible and/or accountable for delivery of milestones.
- Listing of current board members, principals and senior management, including affiliations and other pertinent information.
- Disclosure of any board members, officers, or employees affiliated with the Authority, including the nature of the affiliation and any relationships with Authority trustees and employees.

D. Required Documentation

- We invite eligible applicants such as tribes, not-for-profit organizations, community-based organizations (CBOs), or community-development organizations. All applicants must be incorporated (corporations) or formed (limited liability companies) in New York State, or, if

incorporated or formed in another state, must be registered to do business in New York State with the New York State Department of State. Applicants must provide incorporation or formation documents and, if incorporated or formed in another state, proof of registration with the New York State Department of State.

- Completed W9 or equivalent, signed and dated within the last 12 months
- Demonstrated adherence to Supplier Diversity Goals: 30% NYS certified MWBE and 6% SDVOB.
 - Proposer will submit a *Supplier Diversity Utilization Plan* detailing the MWBEs and SDVOBs intended to be engaged for this project to meet the stated Participation Goals; or,
 - Proposer will submit a *Request for Waiver* form, along with the required narrative and demonstration of good-faith efforts, to provide rationale on why the stated Participation Goals cannot be partially or totally met.
- A list of all anticipated reviews, permits, and approvals needed to complete the project. Include all supporting documentation related to any pending or completed applications. As part of this response, indicate whether you expect any other agency to complete an environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) or City Environmental Quality Review (“CEQR”).
- Any additional supporting material deemed necessary by the applicant. Additional documentation may be requested by the Authority and must be provided by the applicant to be considered.

V. AWARD STRUCTURE

A. Funding Structure

- Total individual project funding: \$20,000 to \$100,000
- Payment schedule: funding will be based on proposed project milestones and reporting, to be negotiated prior to execution of a funding agreement.

B. Reporting Requirements

- Task-specific reports as outlined in the approved Statement of Work, including but not limited to *Compliance & Payment Reports* for Supplier Diversity Participation Goals.
- Final project report upon completion of all deliverables, including an accounting of expenditures of all funds and any remaining balance, which shall be returned.

VI. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated on how effectively they address the program’s stated objectives. Proposals with a clear, well-defined scope of work that directly responds to these objectives will score more favorably in the Scope of Work category. Budgets that are reasonable, well-justified, and clearly connected to proposed activities, along with organizational profiles demonstrating relevant experience and capacity, will also strengthen an application’s overall score.

Each application will be scored out of 100 points using the following weighting:

Evaluation Category	Points	Weight
Proposal Scope of Work	50	50%
Budget with Cost Breakdown	20	20%

Organization Profile and Key Personnel	10	10%
Focus on DAC/ Priority Populations	20	20%
Total	100	100%

VII. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted by **Monday, October 19, 2026**, to AstoriaCR@nypa.gov. Late submissions will not be considered.

An informational session will be held on **Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 10-10:30am** via MS Teams. Click here to join the virtual session:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/241262010666502?p=UnpmOxIXqOTy3vE4oo>).

The session will include an overview of the program, how to submit your application and open Q&A period. You may also submit any questions you have via the mailbox AstoriaCR@nypa.gov prior to the application due date.

VIII. CONTACT INFORMATION

All inquiries and requests for information regarding this RFA must be directed to AstoriaCR@nypa.gov. Contacts made to NYPA regarding this RFA after the RFA announcement date and before the application deadline listed above that are not addressed to the AstoriaCR@nypa.gov may result in disqualification from this RFA as well as future opportunities.

IX. NYPA'S RESERVED RIGHTS

NYPA reserves the right to:

- Publish any application materials received in response to this RFA;
- Request additional materials or information from the applicant;
- Request modifications to the application from the applicant;
- Accept or reject any or all applications submitted in response to this RFA;
- Cancel this RFA in whole or in part;
- Disqualify applicants based on background checks into publicly available information where such information could result in reputational or legal risk to NYPA

X. GLOSSARY

Climate Resilience: The capacity of a community to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from climate-related disruptions, such as extreme weather events, rising temperatures, and sea level rise.

Community-Based Organization (CBO): A public or private organization aimed at making desired improvements to a community's social health, well-being, and overall functioning. A CBO represents a community or significant segments of a community and provides services based on input from community members.

Community Preparedness: Proactive measures and actions taken by community members and organizations to prepare for, respond to, and recover from potential disasters, emergencies, or adverse events, including planning, training, and resource allocation.

Disadvantaged Communities (DACs): Communities meeting the criteria established by the Climate Justice Working Group under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). The criteria identify individuals based on geographic and income components.

Air Quality: A measure of the condition of air based on the amount of pollution it contains, including particulate matter, ozone, and nitrogen dioxide.

Energy Burden: The percentage of household income spent on energy costs. Low-income and disadvantaged communities often face disproportionately high energy burdens.

Priority Populations

For purposes of this RFA, Priority Populations include:

- At-risk populations
- Homeless individuals
- Disadvantaged Communities residents
- Individuals with disabilities
- Low-income individuals, whose household's total income is below or at 60% of the State Median Income, or whose household has been determined eligible for or is receiving assistance through EAP, HEAP, TANF, SNAP, or other human service benefit programs
- Previously incarcerated individuals
- Single parents
- Veterans