

NYS CANAL GRANTS

Helping Our Communities Fund Projects & Events

The NYS Canal Corporation, a subsidiary of the NY Power Authority, offers **TWO** grant programs available to local governments, nonprofits, historic/cultural organizations & indigenous communities to provide funding for capital projects and events across the Canal System. There's funding to implement projects to spark recreation, tourism, accessibility, environmental stewardship, economic growth and events. Whether it's improving waterfront amenities, trails or parks; encouraging waterfront development; commemorating Canals heritage or culture; or starting or enhancing an existing event, **WE CAN HELP!**

1 NYS Canal System Tourism Infrastructure & Events Grant Program

Annual competitive program offering about \$160,000 for smaller Canal-related infrastructure needs and events. Administered and funded in collaboration with the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

Tourism Infrastructure Awards range between \$5,000 and \$24,000.

Events Awards range between \$500 and \$3,000.

Apply January, deadline late February, decisions April.

Must facilitate recreation and/or tourism to make experience more accessible for all ages and abilities, and expand audiences served • Improve the visitor experience and encourage overnight stays • Commemorate canals heritage or culture • Improve and/or promote connectivity between recreation areas and communities or between waterways and land trails

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Apply at eriecanalway.org/resources/grants

In collaboration with



2 Canalway Grant Program

Annual competitive program offering up to \$1.0 million for Canal-related capital projects on the NYS Canal System.

Awards between \$25,000 and \$150,000.

Requires a 50% grant match. Funding distributed via reimbursement only.

Administered through NYS's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) each year from May to July. Programs are announced in November of each year.

Must be located by one of the four canals of the Canal System (Erie, Champlain, Oswego and Cayuga-Seneca), trail linkages or connections to existing Canalway or Empire State trails, or the historic canal alignment.

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Info at canals.ny.gov/community/grant.html



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RECENT GRANT SUCCESS STORIES

NYS Canal System Tourism Infrastructure & Events Grants

EVENTS

TRAID ON THE TRAILS, THE JOE FAMILY FOUNDATION \$3,000



Participants try adaptive equipment while connecting with others in the inclusive recreation community. A pop-up adaptive sport/recreation session in conjunction with Syracuse Parks paves the way for the main TRAIID on the Trails Day, a festival-style inclusive recreation celebration with live music, adaptive equipment and more.

ROC RIVER RIDE, ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER \$3,000

City of Rochester residents and youth explore Rochester's history and natural beauty on a bicycle ride along the scenic Erie Canalway and Genesee Riverway trails. Experienced riders guide cyclists to stops that showcase local art, history and culture.

TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE

POOLSBROOK ACCESSIBLE HAND LAUNCH SITE, TOWN OF MANLIUS DEWITT \$24,000



Installation of the first accessible hand launch dock within the Old Erie Canal State Historic Park, providing paddling opportunities to people of all abilities.

CLUTE PARK ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS, VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN \$20,000

Improvement of an accessible one-mile loop trail in the park including the installation of a sculpture garden and raised garden beds along the trail for people of all abilities to enjoy.

Canalway Grant Projects

CITY OF OSWEGO \$144,771

Installed programmable lighting on the O&W Railroad Promenade & Bikeway bridge for enhanced nighttime illumination.

LOCKPORT LOCKS HERITAGE DISTRICT CORPORATION \$150,000



Seeking to honor an iconic 19th-century photograph of lock tenders on the steps of the old Erie Canal Flight of Five Locks in Lockport. Lockport Locks Corp. led the creation and installation of 14 life-size bronze sculptures of those same lock tenders.

STILLWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY \$100,000

Added amenities aimed at celebrating the historic and existing relationship between Stillwater and Champlain Canal. Included were installation of interpretive history panels and a Canal System map; installation of seating with a view of the Hudson River, and displays about local and regional events, businesses, parks and museums.