

# Clean Energy Communities

## Program Overview



## Take Action, Earn Points, Gain Rewards

The Clean Energy Communities program opens exciting new opportunities for municipalities across New York State to bring energy efficiency and renewable energy actions, guidance, funding, and recognition to communities. **The program and the rewards are more impactful, innovative, and sustainable than ever before.** Communities now can earn larger grant funding by completing even more High Impact Actions.

Communities will use a point system to earn Designation Grants by completing energy-saving High Impact Actions. Communities can also earn grant funding by completing Community Campaign High Impact Actions.

- Communities with populations of 40,000 and over can earn up to \$1.25M.
- Communities with populations under 40,000 can earn up to \$687,500.
- Communities that earn grants larger than \$5,000 are eligible for a bonus grant of up to 50% of their earned grant amount for implementing projects in disadvantaged communities.

Here's a brief overview of the new Point System—to learn more, connect with your regional Clean Energy Communities Coordinator, who will help guide you every step of the way, from choosing to completing the High Impact Actions that best meet your community's needs.

## The more points, the bigger the grants

**But remember — these grants are offered first come, first served!**



## Here's how it breaks down

### Designation grants on or before 9/30/2024

Designation Level	Number of Points	Funding for Small Municipalities (Up to 39,999 population)	Funding for Large Municipalities (40,000 or greater population)
CEC Designation – must complete 4 high-impact actions	N/A	\$5,000	\$5,000
1-Star Designation ★	1,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2-Star Designation ★★	3,000	\$50,000	\$125,000
3-Star Designation ★★★	5,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
4-Star Designation ★★★★	7,000	\$175,000	\$275,000
5-Star Designation ★★★★★	9,000	\$250,000	\$350,000



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3-Star Designation ★★★	5,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
4-Star Designation ★★★★	7,000	\$125,000	\$200,000
5-Star Designation ★★★★★	9,000	\$200,000	\$300,000

## Coordinator services

Clean Energy Community Coordinators can help your municipality by:

- Providing free technical assistance and consulting services to communities undertaking clean energy actions and projects.
- Assisting with understanding Clean Energy Communities program requirements.
- Hosting educational seminars and training on topics including energy efficiency, clean energy technologies and policies, climate change, smart growth, and other best practices.
- Helping access other local, state, and federal resources.
- Engaging local organizations focused on clean energy, sustainability, and economic development, helping to create a self-sustaining network of local clean energy support.

## Contact a coordinator

[Contact your regional coordinator](#) to learn about available resources and which high impact actions are the best fit for your community.

# Ready to get started?

Call **866-NYSERDA**, email [cec@nyserdera.ny.gov](mailto:cec@nyserdera.ny.gov), or visit [nyserdera.ny.gov/cec](https://nyserdera.ny.gov/cec) for more information, including detailed program requirements.

\*Clean Energy Community Coordinators are not responsible for ensuring submission of program documentation or grant applications and cannot guarantee any community a grant award.