Responsibly manage clean energy development in your community

As communities across New York State are looking to benefit from the new clean energy economy, county governments are now in the unique position to support local government officials with training as they develop local laws, regulations, and policies with regard to the latest clean energy technologies. Local government officials can receive training on the various stages of developing and managing clean energy projects in their community. All trainings are eligible for continuing education credit and provide local governments with the opportunity to learn best practices. Trainings are available virtually or in-person with expert trainers provided by NYSERDA free of charge.

- To qualify, at least one municipal staff member, elected official, or member of an official municipal board or committee from at least 35% of the municipalities in the county must attend.
- To earn credit for this High Impact Action, submit a completed County-Hosted Trainings Certification Form (accessed in the County-Hosted Trainings toolkit at nyserda.ny.gov/cec), including a list with the name and date of the training and attendee information.

Earn recognition and unlock access to grant funding

NYSERDA’s Clean Energy Communities Program recognizes and rewards local governments for their clean energy leadership. By completing four High Impact Actions, you can earn the Clean Energy Community designation as well as grant funding to support additional clean energy projects.

Each High Impact Action is worth points collected upon completion of the action. The points you earn count toward unlocking access to point-based grant funding. You can earn up to 1,500 points toward a grant by completing this action. Certain High Impact Actions are also eligible for additional Action Grants.

Visit nyserda.ny.gov/cec to review the full list of High Impact Actions and available grants.

Ready to get started?

Dedicated and knowledgeable Clean Energy Communities Coordinators are available to assist municipal staff as they implement this action. Your regional Clean Energy Community Coordinator will review your goals and help you determine which actions are best for your community and how to access grant funding.

Visit nyserda.ny.gov/cec or email cec@nyserda.ny.gov to learn more or get started.