



NYStretch Energy Code

A High-Impact Action for the Clean Energy Communities Program

Communities and Local Government Team at NYSERDA

Clean Energy Communities Program

NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program provides grants, coordinator support, and a clear path forward to local governments that demonstrate leadership by completing NYSERDA-selected high-impact actions.

Who is eligible:

- ✓ **City, town, village, and county governments**

Easy to participate:

- ✓ **Local governments complete high-impact actions to earn grants and recognition**

Key advantages include:

- ✓ **Flexible grant funding with no local cost share**
- ✓ **Free coordinator support**
- ✓ **Recognition for your community's leadership**

NYStretch Energy Code

- NYStretch Energy Code - 2020 was developed by NYSERDA as a statewide model code for New York jurisdictions to use to meet their energy and climate goals by accelerating the savings obtained through their local building energy codes.
- For jurisdictions that adopt it, NYStretch can provide savings of roughly 11% over the 2020 Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State (2020 ECCC-NYS).

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- Municipalities may voluntarily adopt NYStretch to ensure all new construction and major renovation projects go above and beyond the minimum code requirements of the 2020 ECCC-NYS.
- NYStretch is:
 - readily adoptable with minimal changes by local governments
 - in enforceable language
 - coordinated with the New York State Uniform and Energy Codes
 - about one cycle ahead of the next New York State Energy Code in its requirements
 - Lowers energy use and greenhouse gas emissions associated with new and existing buildings
 - cost-effective and regionally appropriate

Requirements

Demonstrate completion of the NYStretch action by submitting the following documentation:

- Submit a certified copy of an executed local law or ordinance adopting the NYStretch Energy Code on a jurisdiction-wide basis (template legislation can be accessed in the NYStretch Energy Code toolkit at www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec). The code may be customized to fit local needs and priorities, but the adopted code must be at least as stringent as the NYStretch Energy Code. Date of completion is when NYStretch takes effect.

Action Grant

Demonstrate eligibility for a NYStretch Action Grant by complying with the following requirements:

- Complete the NYStretch Energy Code high-impact action.
- The executed local law or ordinance shall be adopted *and* take effect no later than December 31, 2021 to be eligible for an Action Grant.
- The following table indicates the grant amounts and the number of available awards based on community size:

Municipality Size by Population	Action Grant Amount	Number of Awards
Large (40,000+)	\$50,000	40
Small/Medium (0-39,999)	\$5,000	100

The Bottom Line

Local government officials that implement the NYStretch Energy Code HIA can:

- ✓ Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Help save on building energy costs
- ✓ Improve the local building stock

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