

Clean Energy Communities

Program Overview



Take Action, Earn Points, Gain Rewards

The Leadership Round of 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 can now earn point-based grants by completing High Impact Actions.

In the Leadership Round, communities will use a new point system to earn grants by completing energy-saving High Impact Actions.

- Communities with populations of 40,000 and over can earn up to \$250,000 in point-based grants.
- Communities with populations under 40,000 can earn up to \$100,000 in point-based grants.
- All communities can qualify for additional Action Grants up to \$50,000 for NYStretch Energy Code adoption and up to \$60,000 for completing a Community Campaign.
- Communities that spend \$20,000 or more of their grant funds on projects in [disadvantaged communities](#) qualify for an additional \$10,000 bonus grant.
- Communities that complete four High Impact Actions can earn a \$5,000 grant and will earn the New York State Clean Energy Community designation.

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

	Municipality Size by Population	Awards Available	Grant Amount
EARN 3,000+ POINTS	Large (40,000+)	50 Statewide	\$30,000
	Small/Medium (0-30,999)	40 Per Region	\$10,000
EARN 4,000+ POINTS	Large (40,000+)	20 Statewide	\$70,000
	Small/Medium (0-30,999)	10 Per Region	\$20,000
EARN 5,000+ POINTS	Large (40,000+)	10 Statewide	\$150,000
	Small/Medium (0-30,999)	4 Per Region	\$70,000



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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.

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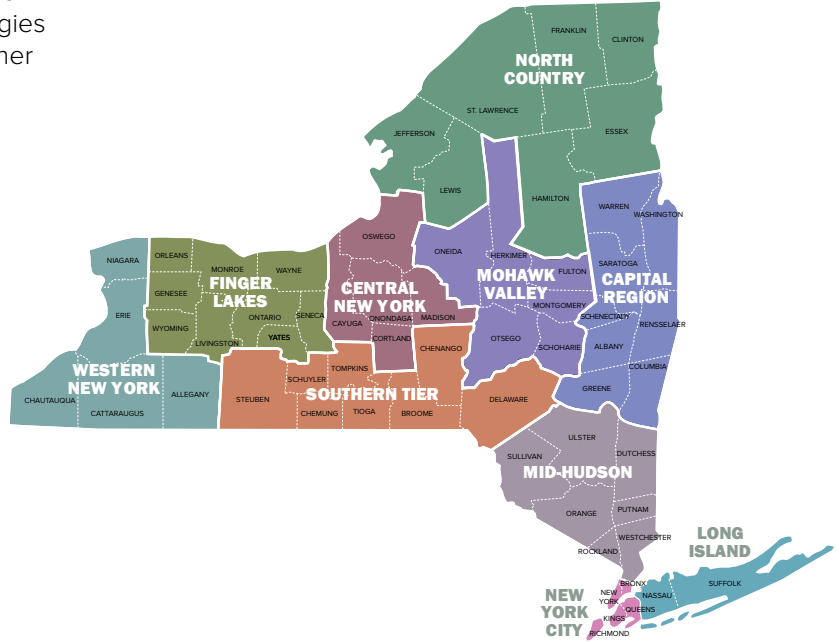
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Ready to get started?

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