

Program Questions:
CLEAR Implementation Design Grant

Q_19169

Are you a village, town, city, or county? Or a regional planning entity or soil and water conservation district with the consent and acting on behalf of one or more municipalities?

- Question Type: Threshold
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Yes/No

Q_928

Project Street Address: Please input the project street address (Street Number and Street Name only).

If the project has multiple locations, please input the primary street address of the project. If the project does not have a definite street address, please input the approximate street address of the project (Street Number and Street Name only).

- Question Type: Location
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_565

Project City

- Question Type: Location
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_972

Project county or counties.

- Question Type: Location
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: NYS County Multiple Choice

Q_568

Project State

- Question Type: Location
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Single Choice Dropdown
- Choice Options: AA,AL,AK,AZ,AR,CA,CO,CT,DE,FL,GA,HI,ID,IL,IN,IA,KS,KY,LA,ME,MD,MA,MI,MN,MS,MO,MT,NE,NV,NH,NJ,NM,NY,NC,ND,OH,OK,OR,PA,RI,SC,SD,TN,TX,UT,VT,VA,WA,WV,WI,WY,AS,DC,FM,GU,MH,MP,PW,PR,VI
- Default Answer: AA

Q_1034

Project ZIP Code. (please use ZIP+4 if known)

- Question Type: Location
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Zip Code
- Question Requirements:

To locate a Zip Code, visit: <https://tools.usps.com/zip-code-lookup.htm>

Q_572

Project Latitude (This question's value will be filled automatically, based on the project address, when the application is finalized.)

- Question Type: Location
- Required: No
- Answer Type: Decimal

Q_573

Project Longitude (This question's value will be filled automatically, based on the project address, when the application is finalized.)

- Question Type: Location
- Required: No
- Answer Type: Decimal

Q_3527

US Congressional District where the project is located. (This question's value will be filled automatically, based on the project address, when the application is finalized.)

- Question Type: Location
- Required: No
- Answer Type: Single Choice Dropdown
- Choice Options: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27
- Question Requirements:

To determine the US Congressional District, click [HERE](#)

Q_184

NYS Assembly District where the project is located. (This question's value will be filled automatically, based on the project address, when the application is finalized.)

- Question Type: Location
- Required: No
- Answer Type: Integer

Q_190

NY Senate District where the project is located. (This question's value will be filled automatically, based on the project address, when the application is finalized.)

- Question Type: Location
- Required: No
- Answer Type: Integer

Q_18180

Type of Applicant (select one)

Applicants will first select a single applicant type from the categories below and then a subtype based on their initial selection. Applicants should review the selections below which provides a list of subtypes by main applicant type.

1. For Profit entity options:

Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)
Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)

Sole Proprietorship

S Corporation

C Corporation

Limited Partnership (LP)

Other- applicant will be required to list their other for-profit designation.

2. Not-for profit entity options:

501(c)(1) Any corporation that is organized under an act of Congress that is exempt from federal income tax;

501(c)(2) Corporations that hold a title of property for exempt organizations;

501(c)(3) Corporations/funds/foundations that operate for religious/ charitable/ scientific/ literary/ educational purposes;

501(c)(4) Nonprofit organizations that promote social welfare;

501(c)(5) Labor, agricultural, or horticultural associations;

501(c)(6) Business leagues/chambers of commerce/etc. that are not organized for profit;

501(c)(7) Recreational organizations; and

Other- applicant will be required to list their other not-for-profit designation.

3. Government entity options:

Federal

State

County

City

Town

Village

Tribal

School District

County or Town Improvement District

District Corporation

Public Authority

Business Improvement District

Fire District

Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES)

Public Library

Association Library

Other- applicant will be required to list their other government designation.

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Single Choice Dropdown
- Choice Options: For-Profit, Not-for-Profit, Government

Q_19029

Organization Legal Name

- Question Header: Applicant Information
- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer
- Question Requirements:

If applying in the name of a business please type in the name as it appears on your business papers. If applying as an individual insert your name here.

Q_551

Applicant Street Address

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_552

Applicant City

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_553

Applicant State

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: State Dropdown

Q_554

Applicant ZIP Code. (please use ZIP+4 if known)

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Zip Code
- Question Requirements:

To look up a zip code, click [HERE](#).

Q_651

Applicant Telephone Number (please include area code)

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Phone

Q_555

Applicant Email Address

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Email

Q_547

Contact First Name

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_1049

Contact Last Name

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_1050

Contact Title

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: No
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_5490

Primary Organization

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: No
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_3688

Contact Street Address

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_3689

Contact City

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_3690

Contact State

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: State Dropdown

Q_3691

Contact ZIP Code (please use ZIP+4 if known)

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Zip Code

Q_562

Primary Contact Phone Number. (please include area code)

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Phone

Q_3692

Contact Email

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Email

Q_575

Project Description. Concisely describe the project, indicating the location, what will be planned, designed, acquired, and/or constructed, the issues/opportunities to be addressed, and expected outcomes and deliverables. Additional details will be collected later in the application process.

- Question Header: Project Description
- Question Type: Basic
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Rich Text (HTML)
- Characters: 1 - 1200
- Question Requirements:

Please include details relevant to all programs on this application. Programs on this application are: {{program_list}}

Q_4160

For each program to which you are applying under the CFA, explain your strategy for proceeding if the full amount of requested funding, required matching funds, and temporary financing are not secured as expected, or committed sources become unavailable. This explanation must address any proposed project phases, and both CFA and non-CFA sources of funds.

- Question Type: Basic

- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Rich Text (HTML)
- Characters: 1 - 5000

Q_19185

Please enter your SFS ID number

- Question Type: Basic
- Required: No
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_19170

If you are applying for this program jointly with another municipality or are a county, regional planning entity or soil and water conservation district applying on behalf of an eligible municipality, please attach a Memorandum of Understanding or municipal resolution demonstrating the consent and support of all participating entities and identifies the primary applicant.

- Question Type: Attachment
- Required: No
- Answer Type: Attachment

Q_19174

Include a map with the proposed project site.

- Question Header: Map of Proposed Project Site
- Question Type: Attachment
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Attachment

Q_19175

Include a risk area map identifying the project site and areas of high-risk for coastal erosion, flooding, or other climate-related impacts affecting Lake Ontario's shoreline and associated ecosystems as documented by the NYS Geographic Information Gateway, FEMA Flood Map Service Center, DEC Info Locator, NYS Climate Impacts Assessment, or other relevant state or federal tool.

- Question Header: Need for Resiliency Design
- Question Type: Attachment
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Attachment

Q_12239

Applicants are required to submit the MWBE Compliance Form with their application confirming their understanding of the MWBE requirement and agreeing to show due-diligence and make good faith efforts to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs, whenever possible, if awarded the contract. The MWBE Compliance Form is available at <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>.

- Question Header: M/WBE Compliance Form
- Question Type: Attachment
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Attachment
- Question Requirements:

If your project is selected for an award, you will be required to comply with all the contractual requirements, including demonstrating that a good faith effort is made to meet the goals for certified MWBE firms participation as stated in your contract and in accordance with Article 15-A. If an applicant chooses to move forward with a project prior to any award announcement, they are responsible for meeting M/WBE requirements established by the State of New York. The requested form is intended to help an applicant think about how to comply with the regulations and provide information showing their due-diligence to comply with the M/WBE requirements.

The MWBE Compliance Form is available at <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>.

Q_19038

Applicants are required to complete and submit the Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace Certification to certify that their organization has in place and has implemented a Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace Policy and has provided such policy to all of its employees, directors and board members. The certification may be found here: <https://dos.ny.gov/procurement-forms>. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of subdivision 11 of section five hundred seventy-five of the executive law. If the bidder cannot make this certification, they must include a signed statement setting forth in detail the reasons therefor.

- Question Header: Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace Certification
- Question Type: Attachment
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Attachment
- Question Requirements:

For more information on the Gender-Base Violence and the Workplace Policy visit:

<https://opdv.ny.gov/gender-based-violence-and-workplace>

The certification may be found:

<https://dos.ny.gov/procurement-forms>

Q_15763

Attach resolutions, municipal agreements, executed Intermunicipal Agreements or other items to the submission to help illustrate support for the application/project .

- Question Header: Resolutions
- Question Type: Attachment
- Required: No
- Answer Type: Attachment
- Question Requirements:

For applications submitted by a county, regional planning entity, or non-profit organization acting on behalf of a village, town, or city, the application must include a letter or resolution from each eligible municipality participating in the project which demonstrates the municipal consent and support for the application.

For applications submitted by a non-profit organization or a regional planning entity on behalf of a county, the application must include a letter or resolution from the eligible municipality participating in the project which demonstrates the municipal consent and support for the application.

Q_12241

Please provide Letters of Support for your project (if applicable). All letters should be scanned into a single PDF file and their total size cannot exceed 30 Megabytes (MB).

- Question Type: Attachment
- Required: No
- Answer Type: Attachment

Q_19035

Complete a DOS Budget Summary & Detail table to demonstrate eligible costs. Document is available at the link provided.

- Question Type: Attachment

- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Attachment

Q_13013

Provide a concise press-ready project description (500 characters or less) which identifies the grant recipient and other major project partners, provides a brief description of the project scope of work and describes the project goals/objectives.

- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Rich Text (HTML)
- Characters: 0 - 500
- Question Requirements:

Below are several examples of press-ready descriptions

The Village of Groton will update their 2005 Comprehensive Plan. The plan will look at Climate Act goals, environmental sustainability, smart growth principles, asset risk assessments, carbon reduction and abatement, energy efficiency, and alternative energy benefits. The Plan will look for actions that the Village can take to mitigate the impacts of climate change, protect natural resources, reduce their carbon footprint, and prepare the community for future extreme weather events.

The City of Jamestown's new comprehensive plan will be guided by smart growth principles. The new plan will address community and economic development, housing, health and well-being, equity and inclusion, and energy and the environment. The plan will provide a roadmap to creating policies fostering the creation and enhancement of community assets, and cultivating viable economic, social, wellness, and professional pathways for its residents, workers, and visitors.

Q_19196

Statement of need: Provide a brief summary of the need for the project in the geographic area proposed and the project's financing needs, including funding gaps of the proposed project.

- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Rich Text (HTML)
- Characters: 1 - 1000
- Question Requirements:

Provide a brief summary of the need for the project in the geographic area proposed, the project's financing needs, including funding gaps.

Q_17683

Describe the community or area that is the subject of the proposed work. The description should be a brief, general overview of the place, focused on geography, character, population, economy, and environment.

- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: 0 - 1000

Q_19202

Identify the current design or engineering status of the proposed project (e.g., conceptual, site plan, or no existing design). Specify the exact deliverables this grant funding will produce (e.g., Feasibility Study, Engineering Report, Preliminary Design, or 30% Design) and explain how these deliverables will meet the minimum requirements outlined in Section IV of the Request For Applications.

- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any

Q_19172

Explain how the project is located in an area identified as high-risk for coastal erosion, flooding, or other climate-related impacts affecting Lake Ontario's shoreline. Describe current or future hazards, and how those hazards may negatively impact the community.

- Question Header: Need for Resiliency Design
- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any

Q_19173

Describe the anticipated resilience benefits and long-term outcomes of the proposed project including the reduction of hazard risk, protection of assets, ecosystem benefits, public benefits, and broader community benefits.

- Question Header: Need for Resiliency Design
- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any

Q_19182

Describe how the proposed project is identified as a priority in existing planning efforts such as a comprehensive plan, hazard mitigation plan. Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP), CLEAR plan, or climate adaptation plan.

- Question Header: Planning and Implementation Efforts
- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any

Q_19176

Describe how the project design(s) will implement nature-based shoreline protection measures, resilient stormwater infrastructure, and/or blue-green infrastructure that directly benefit Lake Ontario coastal ecosystems and communities.

- Question Header: Alignment with Article 14 and CLEAR Recommendations
- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any

Q_19177

Describe how the project design incorporates and advances the principles of Article 14 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law as outlined in the Request for Applications.

- Question Header: Alignment with Article 14 and CLEAR Recommendations
- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any

Q_19178

Describe how the project design will contribute to the overall goals of the CLEAR Initiative and enhance the resilience of coastal communities along Lake Ontario.

- Question Header: Alignment with Article 14 and CLEAR Recommendations
- Question Type: Standard Question

- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any

Q_19180

Describe how the project will incorporate the NYSDOS Resilience Principles and which principles the project incorporates.

- Question Header: Resiliency and Sustainability
- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any

Q_19181

Explain how the project will prioritize non-structural or nature-based approaches to promote resiliency.

- Question Header: Resiliency and Sustainability
- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any

Q_19179

Explain how completing the design, feasibility, or engineering work under this grant will reduce barriers to project implementation and make the project competitive for construction funding. Identify the specific future funding sources you intend to pursue (e.g., Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act, Climate Smart Communities, federal grants, or local capital funds) and provide a realistic strategy and timeline for securing these funds once your 30% design is complete.

- Question Header: Connection to Funding Sources for Final Implementation
- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any

Q_17715

Describe the local capacity and administrative/organizational structure in place to advance and complete the project. Identify the individuals who will be responsible for specific tasks, such as contract and grants administration, fiscal accounting, and project and consultant management, and describe their relevant experience.

- Question Header: Local Capacity
- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Rich Text (HTML)
- Characters: any
- Question Requirements:

In addressing Local Capacity:

- Demonstrate that an effective organizational structure exists to advance and complete the project
- Demonstrate there is sufficient experience and ability of key project personnel to successfully carry out the project

Please refer to the Environmental Protection Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Request for Applications for information at <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>

Q_19171

Is the Applicant able to provide the required local portion (10%) of the total eligible costs of this project?

- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Yes/No

Q_19201

Describe your plan for public input and community engagement during the design process. Specifically, identify the members or roles of your proposed Project Committee, confirming that it will include at least one local resident who is not an elected official or municipal employee. Detail how the committee will advise on site selection and design reviews, and outline your strategy for broader public outreach (e.g., public meetings, surveys, or workshops).

- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any

Q_19197

Estimated Project Timeline: include project start/completion dates, estimates for design and planning including public outreach.

- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Rich Text (HTML)
- Characters: 1 - 850

Q_19184

Describe and document how budget and costs were determined. Identify the person(s) responsible for compiling the budget; include relevant experience working on similar projects and the background of all parties. Include the method/approach that was used to arrive at estimates.

- Question Header: Evaluation of Budget and Cost
- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any
- Question Requirements:

Please refer the Evaluation of Budget and Cost in the appropriate Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Request for Applications <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>

Q_19058

Describe how the project will be implemented using a complete scope of work. Identify the set of discrete tasks necessary to complete the project and for each task provide relevant deliverables, anticipated timeframe, key personnel or parties responsible for completion, and cost per task.

- Question Type: Standard Question
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Long Answer
- Characters: any
- Question Requirements:

Tasks should mostly align with the provided sample work plans.<https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>

Q_1037

By entering your name in the box below, you certify and agree that you are authorized on behalf of the applicant and its governing body to commit the applicant to comply with the requirements of Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law: Participation By Minority Group Members and Women With Respect To State Contracts by providing opportunities for Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE)/Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE) participation. You further certify that the applicant will maintain such records and take such actions necessary to demonstrate such compliance throughout the completion of the project.

- Question Header: General Certifications
- Question Type: Certification
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_1038

By entering your name in the box below, you certify that you are authorized on behalf of the applicant and its governing body to submit this application. You further certify that all of the information contained in this Application and in all statements, data and supporting documents which have been made or furnished for the purpose of receiving assistance for the project described in this application, are true, correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief. You acknowledge that offering a written instrument knowing that the written instrument contains a false statement or false information, with the intent to defraud the State or any political subdivision, public authority or public benefit corporation of the State, with the knowledge or belief that it will be filed with or recorded by the State or any political subdivision, public authority or public benefit corporation of the State, constitutes a crime under New York State Law.

- Question Type: Certification
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer

Q_19187

By entering your name in the box below you are submitting an application under the CLEAR Implementation Design Grant and hereby certify that all components of the requested Total Project Cost are reasonable and necessary for the conduct of the proposed project and that prudent analysis has been undertaken, as outlined below, to ensure that all costs are consistent with current prevailing costs for such goods and services in the geographic area that will benefit from the project.

- Question Type: Certification
- Required: Yes
- Answer Type: Short Answer