

**NYS Department of State
Division of Local Government Services
2022-23 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program
RFA #22-LGE-13**

The responses to questions included herein are official responses by the Department of State (DOS) to questions submitted by potential applicants and are hereby incorporated into the Request for Applications RFA #22-LGE-13 issued on May 2, 2022. In the event of any conflict between the Request for Applications and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.

Questions and Answers

Q1: Can a single application be applied to multiple grant programs?

A1: Applicants may submit one application through the CFA to apply for funding from multiple programs. The CFA will be evaluated separately by each grant program to determine if funding for each will be awarded. If funded by multiple grant programs, the municipality would need to execute separate contracts with DOS.

Q2: Can a municipality applying to multiple grant programs submit a separate application for each?

A2: Yes. For more information see the 2022 CFA Application Guide:
<https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/2022CFAApplicationManual.pdf>.

Q3: Our project involves a sewer consolidation via a joint wastewater treatment plant. Property taxes are not used to finance the project as it will be financed using sewer rates. How do we document tax savings in this case?

A3: The Local Government Efficiency (LGE) application Fiscal Impact Worksheet is designed to measure the financial impact of a project on either property tax levies or user fees. Property taxes are funded through General (A & B) Funds, whereas User Fees are funded through Enterprise (FX, G & S) Funds. It is important not to combine the two types of funding sources on a single worksheet as this will result in an erroneous measure of return. Please use separate worksheets for revenues and expenditures associated with either General or Enterprise Funds.

Q4: Genesee County is exploring a study that then can be used for constructing a new Human Service Campus to house all county human service departments. Would this be eligible for a Local Government Efficiency (LGE) grant?

A4: The LGE program requires at least 2 local governments to partner in a project. Please refer to the RFA, Section II, Eligible Applicants for a definition of eligible applicants under this grant opportunity. The project would be eligible if there is another local government partner applicant whose services would also be considered for sharing in the human services campus.

Q5: Would the joint construction and operation of a new wastewater collection and pumping system for the Town of Hamlin and Town of Kendall, in partnership with New York State and Monroe County, will be eligible for a Local Government Efficiency Grant if the project demonstrates cost savings based on the difference in cost between a joint project and two individual projects?

A5: Yes, the establishment of shared operations and management of a new wastewater collection system would be eligible.

Q6: The Town of East Fishkill is planning on submitting a grant application for the Local Government Efficiency program. Is a town board resolution required for submittal and what is the anticipated award amount?

A6: Resolutions are not required for an application. However, they do illustrate municipal support for the project and are a consideration in scoring for Project Readiness. Please see RFA Section V. LGE Project Evaluation, Implementation Questions, #6. Municipal Readiness. As noted in the RFA, Section II. LGE Application Information, Project Funding, applicants are eligible to receive maximum cumulative funding for an implementation project of \$200,000 for each local government involved in the project, not to exceed \$1,000,000, and maximum cumulative funding for planning grants of \$12,500 for each local government, not to exceed \$100,000.

Q7: Would the sharing of a street sweeper between the Towns of Parma, Clarkson, Sweden, and Hamlin be eligible for a Local Government Efficiency Grant to replace a sweeper originally purchased under a previous shared services grant?

A7: Replacement of equipment previously funded through the Local Government Efficiency Program (LGE), Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grant (CREG), Financial Restructuring Board (FRB), Municipal Restructuring Fund (MRF), or any other New York State grant programs without expanding the services/project to include other local government partners would not be eligible. However, if the project is expanding to other local government partners, then it would be considered.

It should also be noted that the purchase of a street sweeper may be an eligible project under the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program offered by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation under the Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control category. Please refer to the CFA Resource Guide for additional information about that grant program.