



# OFFICE OF FAITH & NON-PROFIT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

## February 2025 Newsletter

Greetings and welcome back! Please use this newsletter for information on upcoming events, funding opportunities, and resources to ensure your organizations can thrive.

### Safer Streets and Subways: Reducing Gun Violence Across New York State



Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$20.7 million to support SNUG Street Outreach programs that work to reduce gun violence and save lives in 14 communities across New York State. These grants to community-based organizations and hospitals fund outreach workers, hospital responders, social workers and case managers who are credible messengers and work with individuals at risk of gun violence, connecting them with support and services to change behavior and increase opportunities. Last week, Governor Hochul announced that [shooting incidents with injury reported in communities participating in the State's Gun Involved Violence initiative reached record lows in 2024](#) with 588 incidents reported compared to 817 in 2023, a 28 percent reduction. The Governor's FY26 Executive Budget continues unprecedented support for SNUG, Gun Involved Violence and other initiatives in communities that report 90 percent of violent crimes with firearms and 85 percent of violent crimes outside of New York City.





## Recent Highlights







NEED HELP UNDERSTANDING HOW TO PREQUALIFY FOR NYS GRANTS  
IN THE STATEWIDE FINANCIAL SYSTEM (SFS)?



Join us for this webinar to learn about how to navigate the SFS  
system!

**NYS Grants - Getting Started Webinar:** Please join us on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 from 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM for an introductory presentation on NYS grants, hosted by the NYS Department of State (DOS) and NYS Grants Management. Please see below for Webex login details. This presentation will provide a general overview on how to get started with the NYS grant process. The topics to be covered include registering in the Statewide Financial System, the NYS Prequalification process, and searching for NYS grants. Time for questions and answers will be provided. This is a great opportunity for smaller organizations who are new to NYS grantmaking and are interested in learning about how to be prepared for any future grant solicitations.

**Meeting Details:**

<https://meetny-gov.webex.com/meetny-gov/j.php?MTID=m4e0bf789b13041b5ff96a0ce39d8ad7e>, 1-415-527-5035



**NEW YORK STATES GRANT INFO – UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

**US Department of Energy  
Renew America’s Nonprofits Grant Program**

**Do you represent a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in New York?**

**Do you own the building you use to provide services and need energy conservation improvements?**

Sustainable Westchester is one of the nine nonprofits selected by the US Department of Energy to be awarded with the Renew America’s Nonprofit grant to help implement energy efficiency building upgrades for other nonprofit organizations in New York.

Buildings owned and operated by nonprofit organizations in New York will be eligible to receive grant funds to support projects that reduce energy use and costs. The program will support energy efficiency upgrades in buildings owned by nonprofits across New York State with subrecipient grants available of up to \$200,000 per nonprofit and is limited to a single building per grant award.

**NEW AMERICANS**

**NYS Office for New Americans (ONA)  
Office for New Americans ONA Opportunity  
Center Grant**

**Application Deadline: February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The New York State Office for New Americans (ONA) was launched in 2012 to assist newcomers to the State who are eager to contribute to our economy and become part of the family of New York State. As part of this work, ONA supports a network of neighborhood-based “ONA Opportunity Centers” across New York State to offer programming to help interested eligible new Americans through the naturalization application process, provide citizenship classes, provide community workshops on relevant topics to the immigrant communities being serviced, and host free legal consultations in conjunction with an Immigration Attorney, the ONA Legal Counsel.



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### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### **NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH)**

#### **Supports for Unhoused Individuals – Mobile Shower Units**

**Application Deadline: March 3rd, 2025, at 2:00pm EST**

**Mobile Shower Units (Statewide):** Providing access to sanitation facilities can build confidence and offer comfort to unhoused individuals. By meeting their basic hygiene needs, people are more likely to engage and participate in services such as:

- mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder treatment
- housing readiness and navigation
- employment support

Mobile Shower Units also create a trusted location where people can easily get referrals to services. The Office of Mental Health has funding available for the one-time purchase and modification of a Mobile Shower Unit.

#### **NYS Office of Victim's Services (OVS)**

#### **2025 VOCA Victim Assistance Grant Program**

**Application Deadline: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:00pm EST**

The primary purpose of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant Program is to provide direct services and assistance to victims of crime. Direct assistance to crime victims includes crisis counseling, telephone and onsite information and referrals, criminal justice support and advocacy, shelter, therapy, and additional assistance. Funds may also be used to develop new programs that address emerging needs, gaps in services, and training of victim service advocates.

### ENVIRONMENTAL

#### **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation**

#### **2024 Community Reforestation (CoRe) Grant**

**Application Deadline: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 2:00pm EST**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is pleased to announce the first round of the Community Reforestation (CoRe) Grant program. The purpose of this grant is to develop, expand, and restore healthy forested natural areas in or near urban communities across New York State.





## Upcoming Events



If you are part of a faith based or nonprofit organization, please fill out [THIS FORM](#).

## Connect with us!

### Important Interfaith Dates This Month

- \* February 13 - Tu BiShvat
- \* February 25 - Maha Shivaratri
- \* February 28 - Ramadan Begins

Does your organization have public events coming up? Fill out [THIS FORM](#) to have it included in our next newsletter.

Please fill out [THIS FORM](#) to be added to our **database of faith leaders**.



**ARE YOU CONSIDERING A CAREER IN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY?**

**ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT SERVING DIVERSE POPULATIONS FACING  
HEALTH CHALLENGES?**

Discover the profound impact of compassionate care with our **Introduction to Hospital Chaplaincy Internship** program. This unique opportunity invites you to support patients and their families during vulnerable times, offering spiritual and emotional guidance. Gain hands-on experience in a diverse and dynamic healthcare setting while working alongside seasoned chaplains. Develop essential skills in pastoral care, crisis intervention, and interfaith dialogue. Join us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and enrich your own spiritual journey.

Spanning approximately 14 weeks with a minimum commitment of 10 hours per week, our internship program is crafted to provide participants with invaluable hands-on experience in ministering to diverse populations. Through meaningful engagement with patients, families, and healthcare professionals, interns will gain practical insights and skills essential for a career in professional chaplaincy.

**We invite passionate individuals from all walks of life and all faith traditions to join us in this transformative journey of service and discovery.** Apply now to start your path toward transformative service and personal growth.

**To learn more, or to apply for our Healthcare Chaplaincy Internship, email us at [ExternalAffairsFBI@nychhc.org](mailto:ExternalAffairsFBI@nychhc.org) or call (646) 815-3029.**





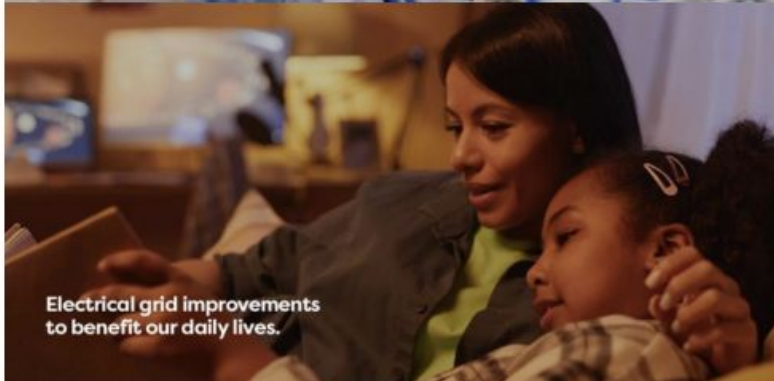
**NY Power Authority**

**New York Transco**  
Building a Clean Energy Future Together

# Strengthening NY's Electric Transmission Grid Together



Delivering energy when and where it's needed most



Electrical grid improvements to benefit our daily lives.

From operating rooms to living rooms, New Yorkers rely on the electric transmission system (or grid) to power our daily lives. Made up of more than 11,000 miles of power lines and hundreds of substations that traverse the state, this system moves power from where it's created to where it is needed. Like the roads we travel, it is core infrastructure that is relied upon 24/7, 365, and is critical to economic and community vitality.

## Electric Transmission Needs Improvement

Several factors are straining our electric grid:

- **Aging Infrastructure:** 80% of NYS's transmission was built before the 1980s, some assets are a century old
- **Increase in Demand:** Est. 50-90% growth in the next 20 years
- **Electrification:** Increased use of and dependency on electrical devices
- **Extreme Weather:** More and stronger storms
- **Constraints and Congestion:** bottlenecks on existing lines prevent efficient power flows

## A Project to Bolster the Grid

Two New York organizations – the New York Power Authority and New York Transco – are advancing PropelNY Energy, a 90-mile underground electric transmission solution through parts of downstate NY (see map). Once complete in 2030, it will bolster grid reliability and resiliency and offer pathways for clean energy delivery. This will promote healthy and safe communities, while supporting jobs and economic growth.

**Status:** Permitting and Public Engagement phases  
**Timeline:** Construction start anticipated mid-2026  
**Learn More:** [PropelNYEnergy.com](http://PropelNYEnergy.com)



## Your Voice Matters

A robust grid benefits all New Yorkers now and into the future. But it will take all of us working together to make timely progress on a reliable and resilient future by advancing grid improvements.

Let's talk about what this means for you. **Connect with the Propel NY Energy team for more information.**

## Connect With Us

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