

Lewis County Planning Department
Grants & Community Opportunities
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Submit online requests for grant support to: <https://www.lewiscounty.org/departments/planning/grantassistance>

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Office of Community Renewal

New York Main Street Program

Funding Available:

1. **Technical Assistance Grants:** Up to \$20,000 (5% cash match)
2. **Streetscape Enhancement Grants:** Up to \$60,000 (5% cash match, must be combined with another grant project).
3. **Building Renovation Project Grant:** \$50,000 - \$500,000 (25% local match)
4. **Downtown Anchor Project:** \$100,000 - \$500,000 (25% local match)
5. **Downtown Stabilization Project:** \$100,000 - \$500,000 (25% local match)

Deadline: 1/15/2021

Description:

1. **Technical Assistance:** Applicants may request up to \$20,000 to complete a project that improves community or property owner readiness to participate in a future New York Main Street renovation activity. Examples include:
 - a. *Building Reuse or Feasibility Analysis*
 - b. *Building Design Guidelines*
 - c. *Downtown market analyses and business development plans*
2. **Streetscape Enhancement:** Up to \$15,000 in grant funds may be used for streetscape enhancement activities: planting trees, installing street furniture and public art to enhance the NYMS target area. Applicants may request an additional \$45,000 if the funds will directly alleviate COVID-related impacts and further economic recovery and neighborhood/community revitalization (e.g. creation of shared outdoor dining space, public space improvements to improve access and use of outdoor space, etc.). Projects that support the artist community will receive favorable consideration.
3. **Building Renovation Project:** May request between \$50,000 - \$500,000 for downtown mixed-use building renovation activities. Requests must not exceed an amount that can be reasonably expended in the identified target area, within a 24-month term.
4. **Downtown Anchor Project:** Applicants may request between \$100,000 and \$500,000 for a standalone, single site, "shovel ready" renovation project. NYMS Downtown Anchor Project funds are intended to help establish or expand cultural, residential or business anchors that are key to local downtown revitalization efforts through substantial interior and/or exterior building renovations.

- 5. Downtown Stabilization Project:** Applicants may request \$100,000 to \$500,000 to complete a Downtown Stabilization Project. Funds are available to assist with environmental remediation and associated construction costs to stabilizing and developing a downtown, mixed-use project. Examples include asbestos management, soil vapor intrusion testing and mitigation, building stabilization construction activities.

Example New York Main Street Technical Assistance & Streetscape Enhancement Application Request

Technical Assistance Funds: Re-use study for two downtown buildings	\$20,000
Streetscape Enhancement Funds: Install benches, street trees, and create shared outdoor dining space	\$24,000
Administration: Staff time to administer streetscape project	\$1,000
Total Cost	\$45,000
Local Cash Match (5%) / Grant Award	\$2,250 local cash match / \$42,750 award

Example NYMS Technical Assistance Projects:

- Ticonderoga: Used funds to create feasibility studies for pivotal downtown buildings
- Livingston County: Conducted a building reuse analysis for the American Hotel at 7304 East Main Street in Lima.
- Village of North Collins: Used funds to create design concepts for mixed-use properties in the Village's downtown area

**Lewis County Chamber of Commerce
Community Mural Initiative**

Description: Murals are a great way to beautify blank spaces and showcase a community's identity and history. Interested towns and villages can reach out to the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce for more information.

Contact: Kristen Aueter, 315-376-2213
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Mural at Harrisville Free Library

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)

Charge Ready NY

Funding available: \$4,000 rebate per charging station

Deadline: Rolling application

Description: Charge Ready NY offers public and private organizations that install Level 2 EV charging stations at public parking facilities, workplaces, and multi-family apartment buildings rebates of \$4,000 per charging port they install. Charging stations are an eligible high impact action item to earn Clean Energy Communities designation and funding.

Eligible Locations:

- Public parking lots: Includes municipal lots, parking at retail locations, parks, schools, hotels/motels, etc. that have a minimum of 10 parking spots and are open to the general public at least 12 hours per day, 5 days per week.
- Workplaces: Schools, hospitals, office buildings, and businesses with a minimum of 15 employees regularly working at the site.
- Multi-unit dwellings: Apartment buildings with at least eight parking spaces that serve five or more housing units.

National Endowment for the Humanities

[Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#)

Funding available: Up to \$10,000 (no matching funds required)

Deadline: January 14, 2021

Description: Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions — such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities — improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

Northern New York Community Foundation

[LEAD Impact Grant Program](#)

Region served: Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties

Funding available: Up to \$25,000

Deadline: TBD, 2021

Description: The LEAD Council of the Northern New York Community Foundation determines a strategic focus to address key community needs across the region. The grant focus will be announced in the spring. A grant application will become available at that time and eligible nonprofit organizations with a mission aligning with the grant focus are encouraged to apply

Northern New York Community Foundation

[Safe Schools Endeavor Fund](#)

Region served: Jefferson and Lewis counties

Funding available: Schools may request any amount, but typical grants fall in a range of \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Deadline: Available in 2021 (TBD)

Description: Support for programs, projects or initiatives to improve safety within a public or private school should. Proposals that are student-led or involve close collaboration with students may receive additional weight as funding is considered.