

LAND ACQUISITION FOR SOURCE WATER PROTECTION FUNDING

Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program

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Apply for funding to protect your community's drinking water supply. Municipalities, land trusts and soil and water conservation districts can receive state money to purchase land that is near their public drinking water sources. Awardees will then protect that land and make sure it is only used for activities that will not harm their public water supply.

Program Overview

The Water Quality Improvement Project Program (WQIP) is a competitive, statewide, reimbursement grant program. The grant program protects sources of public drinking water by providing funds to purchase parcels and/or conservation easements for land that is near an active public drinking water supply.

- **Maximum grant amount: \$4,000,000**
- **Required local match: 25% of requested grant amount**
- Eligible project costs include: buying land or development rights; transactional costs such as surveys, appraisals, transfer taxes, and title reports; and riparian buffer or wetland restoration costs.

For full grant details view the WQIP Program Overview at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html>.

Why Should You Apply?

- Protect your community's health by preventing pollution from entering a public drinking water supply.
- Low out of pocket costs.
- Avoid paying for preventable drinking water treatment.
- Increase community confidence in their local public drinking water.

Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities
- Not-for-profit corporations (such as Land Trusts)
- Soil and water conservation districts

How to Apply

WQIP is part of the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). To apply visit <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/cfa>. **Applications are due July 30, 2021 at 4:00 PM.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

On the web: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html>

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KEY POINTS

- **\$4,000,000** maximum grant amount
- **25%** local match
- Eligible Applicants: **Municipalities, not-for-profit organizations, and soil and water conservation districts**
- Application Deadline: **July 30, 2021 at 4:00 PM**