

Environmental Facilities Corporation  
 Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Webinar  
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**Summary:** This webinar provides an in-depth look at the 2026 funding round for the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation's Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant (EPG). Get a guided review of program requirements, eligibility, and the application process to help prepare strong submissions.

Timestamps	Notes and Summary
0:18	<b>Introduction and housekeeping</b>
1:48	<b>Agenda</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. About EFC</li> <li>2. Program Overview and Updates</li> <li>3. Application Portal</li> <li>4. Program Requirements</li> <li>5. Q&amp;A</li> </ol>
2:40	<b>About the EFC</b> The EFC is New York State’s Water Infrastructure Bank and provides multiple programs to provide water infrastructure funding, such as the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, as well as other State Water Grants, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engineering Planning Grant (EPG)</li> <li>• Green Innovation Grant (GIGP)</li> <li>• Green Resiliency Grant (GRG)</li> <li>• Water Infrastructure Improvement Grants (WIIA)</li> <li>• Intermunicipal Grant (IMG)</li> <li>• Clean Vessel Assistance Program (CVAP)</li> </ul>
4:40	<b>2026 EPG Program Overview</b> The goal of the EPG program is to encourage communities to advance water quality projects to the design stage, and ultimately construction, by funding the development of an engineering report. This allows the community to seek financing through the CWSRF program or funding from other sources.  \$3M was available in 2026 to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary Inflow and Infiltration (PII) Study – high-level evaluation of the entire municipal sewer collection system to support future Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Surveys (SSES)</li> <li>• Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Report – for any eligible wastewater infrastructure related planning activity.</li> <li>• Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) – required by an executed Enforcement instrument.</li> </ul>

	<p>For Engineering Report Outline Updates, visit:  <a href="https://efc.ny.gov/engineering-report-outline-clean-water">https://efc.ny.gov/engineering-report-outline-clean-water</a></p> <p>Eligibility Criteria for EPG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must be a municipality</li> <li>• Projects must be for wastewater or water quality improvement</li> <li>• Municipalities must meet income criteria for Median Household Income (MHI). For Mid-Hudson Region, MHI must be equal to or less than \$110,000.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9:28</b></p>	<p><b>Preliminary Inflow and Infiltration (PII) Eligible Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-level evaluation of the entire sewer collection system to estimate inflow and infiltration</li> <li>• Analyze system data to link rainfall, I/I, and SSO/CSO events</li> <li>• Identify system conditions, such as physical damage, capacity limitations, corrosion, etc.</li> <li>• Accurate map the full sewershed</li> <li>• Recommend approach for future Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Surveys (SSES)</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:41</b></p>	<p><b>EPG Eligible &amp; Ineligible Projects:</b></p> <p>Eligible projects include planning activities to determine the scope of water quality issues, evaluation of alternatives, and capital project recommendations.</p> <p>Project Examples**:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New WWTP &amp; Existing WWTP Improvements or Upgrades</li> <li>• Disinfection</li> <li>• Collection System Improvements &amp; Extension</li> <li>• Pump Station Improvements</li> <li>• Inflow and Infiltration (SSES)</li> <li>• CSO/SSO</li> <li>• Combined Sewer Separation</li> </ul> <p>**Truncated list of eligible projects. For full list, see EFC website</p> <p>Ineligible projects may not use EPG funding for planning activities related to a proposed capital project that is not a CWSRF eligible project. This includes projects that (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will not restore or protect a surface waterbody or groundwater</li> <li>• Drinking water projects</li> <li>• Not for a capital project to a POTW</li> <li>• Has an engineering report previously funded by an EPG</li> <li>• Does not identify a plan to address the entire collection system when I/I is identified as the primary need for the project</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:48</b></p>	<p><b>EFC Funding Priorities</b></p>

	<p>All applications will be evaluated, scored, and ranked by priority. Highest scores will be selected for grants</p> <p>Priorities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required by an EPA Administrative Order or DEC Order of Consent</li> <li>• Upgrading or replacing an existing system</li> <li>• Constructing a WWTP in an area with failing onsite septic systems</li> <li>• Addressing a pollutant of concern in a DEC approved plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)</li> <li>○ 9 Element Watershed Plan</li> <li>○ Harmful Algal Bloom (HABs) Action Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>15:16</b></p>	<p><b>Application Portal</b></p> <p>Visit the portal at: <a href="https://portal.efc.ny.gov/">https://portal.efc.ny.gov/</a></p> <p>The portal allows applicants to save progress, print drafts, and validate responses. The portal also provides detailed application instructions.</p> <p>The application includes 6 sections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applicant</li> <li>2. General Information</li> <li>3. Project Information</li> <li>4. Total Project Budget</li> <li>5. Supporting Documents</li> <li>6. Acknowledgements</li> </ol> <p>*This part of the video provides a tutorial of how to progress the application portal, addressing sections that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating or login into an account</li> <li>• Accessing the Home page, Applications page, and Help page</li> <li>• Application Creation and Action Validation Reports</li> <li>• Entering and Editing Project Information</li> <li>• Application Upload and Submission</li> </ul>
<p><b>25:26</b></p>	<p><b>Application Tips</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Application instructions can be found at <a href="https://efc.ny.gov/epg">https://efc.ny.gov/epg</a></li> <li>2. Provide clear and concise responses</li> <li>3. Assign the level of priority</li> <li>4. Submit supporting documents</li> <li>5. Document of public engagement efforts</li> <li>6. Application must be signed/certified by an authorized member</li> <li>7. Submit early</li> </ol>
<p><b>28:15</b></p>	<p><b>Program Requirements</b></p> <p>If selected for an award, this section describes documents and step needed to enter a grant agreement.</p> <p><b>Required documents:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified board resolution for establishing an authorized representative and committing local match</li> <li>• Executed engineering agreement</li> <li>• Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Certification</li> <li>• Budget &amp; Plan of Finance form</li> </ul> <p>Project checklist available at:  <a href="https://efc.ny.gov/checklist-supporting-documentation-pdf">https://efc.ny.gov/checklist-supporting-documentation-pdf</a></p> <p><b>Local Match Requirement:</b>  All EPGs require a local match of at least 20% of grant amount, which can include in-kind services.</p> <p><b>A/E Procurement:</b>  All services must be procured in accordance with 40 U.S.C 1101</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public Announcement</li> <li>2. Evaluation and Ranking</li> <li>3. Discussion with at least 3 Firms</li> <li>4. Selection of at least 3 Firms</li> <li>5. Contract Negotiation</li> </ol> <p><b>Grant Terms:</b>  Upon project award and document submission is completed, EFC and awardee will enter into a Grant Agreement. Grants are typically executed within 6 months of the award and for agreement terms of 2-3 years.</p> <p><b>Dispersment Schedule:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25% upon execution of Grant Agreement</li> <li>• 25% upon submission of engineering report meeting requirements</li> <li>• 50% upon EFC/DEC acceptance of engineering report</li> </ul>
34:00	<p><b>PII Study Requirements</b>  <a href="https://efc.ny.gov/preliminary-inflow-and-infiltration-study-outline-pdf">https://efc.ny.gov/preliminary-inflow-and-infiltration-study-outline-pdf</a>  Applications must follow the Study Outline, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation Standards</li> <li>• Cover Page</li> <li>• Executive Summary</li> <li>• Definition of Problem</li> <li>• Project Background and History</li> <li>• Summary and Next Steps</li> </ul>
37:45	<p><b>Engineering Report Requirements</b>  For wastewater infrastructure projects, reports must be developed in accordance with the most recent DEC/EFC Engineering Report Outline:</p>

	<p><a href="https://efc.ny.gov/engineering-report-outline-clean-water">https://efc.ny.gov/engineering-report-outline-clean-water</a></p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum Requirements</li> <li>• Cover Page</li> <li>• Executive Summary</li> <li>• Definition of Problem</li> <li>• Project Background and History</li> <li>• Alternative Analysis</li> <li>• Recommended Alternative</li> <li>• Maps &amp; Figures</li> </ul>
<b>41:12</b>	<p><b>Important Reference Documents</b></p> <p>All applicable program documents for reference can be found on EFC’s website: <a href="http://www.efc.ny.gov/EPG">www.efc.ny.gov/EPG</a> and links to references documents can be found on the Application Portal on the Help Page.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Community Survey Data</li> <li>• Program Summary</li> <li>• Application Instructions</li> <li>• Application Document Guidance</li> <li>• Engineering Report Outline</li> <li>• PII Study Outline</li> </ul>
<b>44:20</b>	<p><b>Contact Info</b></p> <p>With any remaining questions, contact the EFC at:  EPG@efc.ny.gov</p>
<b>45:00</b>	<b>Q&amp;A from webinar recording</b>