



CAPITAL DISTRICT
**Regional
Planning
Commission**

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities 3.0

CDRPC Overview and Support

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Our Team

The Capital District Regional Planning Commission assists municipalities in [Albany](#), [Rensselaer](#), [Schenectady](#), [Saratoga](#), [Columbia](#), [Greene](#), [Warren](#) and [Washington Counties](#) to complete clean energy actions in the hopes of creating designated Clean Energy Communities.



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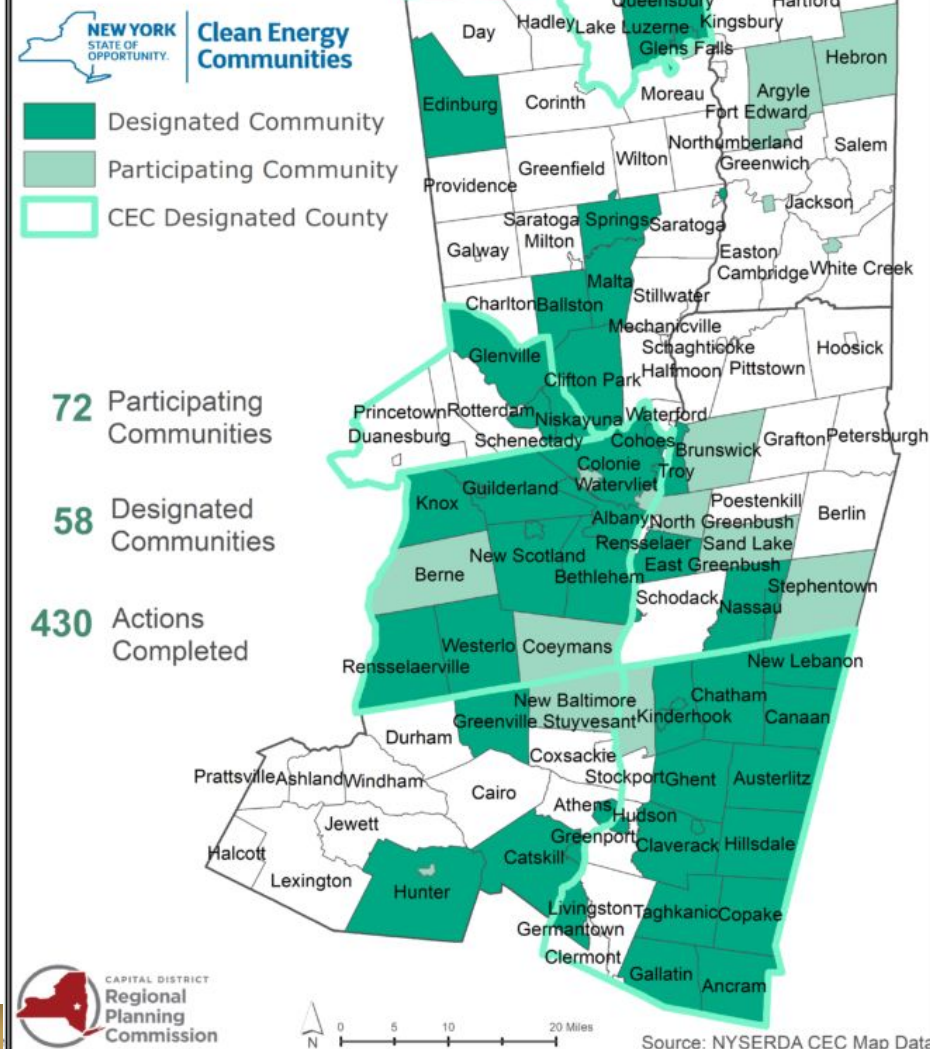
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Warren, Washington Counties

Free Technical Support

- Resources and toolkits
- choosing energy actions that are right for your community
- assist with grant development and applications
- present the cec program to your stakeholders

Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program Participation in Capital Region



Designation Grants – the Points System

More Points = Bigger Grants



Designation Grants

\$25 Million Available Statewide

First Come, First Served until December 31, 2025

DESIGNATION GRANTS BEFORE 10/1/24:

To earn funding at these levels, the municipality must submit the required documentation for the action(s) that qualifies them for the designation grant by 9/30/24 at 11:59 PM EST. If the action(s) is rejected, municipalities will not be eligible for grant awards at this level.

Designation Level	Number of Points	Funding for Small Municipalities (Up to 39,999 population)	Funding for Large Municipalities (40,000 or greater population)
CEC Designation - must complete 4 high-impact actions	N/A	\$5,000	\$5,000
1-Star Designation ★	1,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2-Star Designation ★★	3,000	\$50,000	\$125,000
3-Star Designation ★★★	5,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
4-Star Designation ★★★★	7,000	\$175,000	\$275,000
5-Star Designation ★★★★★	9,000	\$250,000	\$350,000

DESIGNATION GRANTS ON OR AFTER 10/1/2024:

Designation Level	Number of Points	Funding for Small Municipalities (Up to 39,999 population)	Funding for Large Municipalities (40,000 or greater population)
CEC Designation - Must complete 4 high-impact actions	N/A	\$5,000	\$5,000
1-Star Designation ★	1,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2-Star Designation ★★	3,000	\$40,000	\$100,000
3-Star Designation ★★★	5,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
4-Star Designation ★★★★	7,000	\$125,000	\$200,000
5-Star Designation ★★★★★	9,000	\$200,000	\$300,000

Where Do You Stand?

	Community	Community Population (2010)	Points Achieved	Match Free \$ Awarded
5000 Point Tier	Town of New Lebanon	2,305	5300	\$120,000
	Town of Germantown	1,954	4200	\$45,000
4000 Point Tier*	Albany County	304,204	4100	\$435,000
3000 Point Tier	Village of Athens	1,668	3900	\$50,000
	Town of Canaan	1,710	3700	\$55,000
	Town of Austerlitz	1,654	3500	\$55,000
	City of Albany	97,856	3400	\$255,000
	Town of Ghent	5,402	3300	\$40,000
	Town of Hillsdale	1,927	3200	\$95,000
	Village of Philmont	1,379	3100	\$50,000
	Town of Ancram	1,573	3000	\$95,000
	Town of Taghkanic	1,310	2700	\$10,000
	Village of Kinderhook	1,211	2600	\$45,000
	City of Glens Falls	14,700	2600	\$50,000
	Town of Clifton Park	36,705	2500	\$70,000
	Town of Kinderhook	8,498	2600	\$40,000
	Schenectady County	154,727	2200	\$250,000
	City of Schenectady	66,135	2100	\$5,000
	Town of Chatham	4,128	2100	\$40,000
	Village of Valatie	1,819	2100	\$5,000
	Town of Queensbury	27,901	2000	\$60,000

*Note 4,000 points is no longer an achievement tier.

programs/Clean-Energy-Communities/Tracking-Progress/Scorecard
Scorecard can be printed and can be displayed or distributed.

[View Data Table](#)

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Scorecard

Thank you for participating in NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program. This scorecard shows your community's accomplishments and how they compare to others in your region and across New York State.

Select Your Community:

City of Watervliet



A NYSERDA Clean Energy Community

10,254

POPULATION (2010 CENSUS)

Capital Region
REGION

Accomplishments

5

ACTIONS COMPLETED



POINTS EARNED

High Impact Actions

	Count	Points
Benchmarking	2	300
Climate Smart Communities Certification	1	600
Energy Code Enforcement Training	1	0
Unified Solar Permit	1	200
Grand Total	5	1,100

Action Grants: Community Campaigns



- Up to 3,800 points
- Earn grants for completing campaigns, and earn more funding as more community members participate
- Undertake a community campaign to increase number of residents benefiting from clean energy
- CEC designation not required

Up to \$97,500 for small communities
Up to \$290,000 for large communities

Case Study - Small Community

Key

Completed
Planned

Community Name	
Current Date	1/2/2024
Current Points	2600
Potential Points	5200
Potential Grants	\$170,000

Points Grants Amounts until 9-24

1,000 points =	\$10,000
3,000 points =	\$50,000
5,000 points =	\$100,000
7,000 points =	\$175,000
9,000 points =	\$250,000

Complete	Pathway	High-Impact Actions	Action Lookback Date	Available Points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benchmarking - Advanced Reporting	None	300
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Benchmarking - CEC Energy Study Qualification	Most recent two years	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Build Ready - Site Nomination	December 13, 2023	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Build Ready - Site Selection	December 13, 2023	700
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CDG Subscription	None	300
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Clean Energy Generation Installation on Municipal Property Tier 1 - 5 kW - 49.9 kW	January 26, 2021	400
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Clean Energy Generation Installation on Municipal Property Tier 2 - 50 kW - 99.99 kW	January 26, 2021	500
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Clean Energy Generation Installation on Municipal Property Tier 3 - 100 kW DC or more	January 26, 2021	600
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean Energy Generation Installation Owned by a Municipality Tier 1 - 5 kW - 49.9 kW DC or more	January 26, 2021	600
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean Energy Generation Installation Owned by a Municipality Tier 3 - 100 kW DC or more	January 26, 2021	800
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	100% Renewable Electricity	2021 and later	700
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean Energy Upgrades -10%	August 1, 2016	500
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clean Energy Upgrades -15%	August 1, 2016	200
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clean Energy Upgrades -20%	August 1, 2016	300
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal Building Demonstrations - Clean Heating and Cooling Tier 1 - 1,000 - 14,999 Sq Ft Plus	August 1, 2016	700
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal Building Demonstrations - Clean Heating and Cooling Tier 2 - 15,000 Sq Ft Plus	August 1, 2016	1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal Building Demonstrations - Net Zero Tier 1 - 1,000 - 14,999 Sq Ft	August 1, 2016	500
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal Building Demonstrations - Net Zero Tier 2 - 15,000 Sq Ft Plus	August 1, 2016	800
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal Building Demonstrations - Pool Heat Pump	December 13, 2023	100
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LED Street Lights - Cobra Head Street Lights	None	700
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LED Street Lights - Decorative Street Lights	None	200
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thermal Energy Network Study	December 13, 2023	500
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thermal Energy Network BPP	December 13, 2023	500
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Campaigns - Community Solar Tier 1 - 10 Participants	scoping doc approval date	200

Campaign Grants

Small Communities (< 40K Pop)				
Please note: Levels must be done in order and completion amounts are discrete between levels.				
Community Solar Campaign				
Achievement Level	L1	L2	L3	Total
Sign Ups	10	50	100	160
Points	200	300	500	1,000
Grant	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	#####
Grant w. DAC Bonus		\$15,000.0	\$30,000.0	
Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign				
Achievement Level	L1	L2	L3	Total
Installations	5	10	15	30
Points	500	600	700	1,800
Grant	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	#####
Grant w. DAC Bonus		\$15,000.0	\$30,000.0	
Electric Vehicle Campaign				
Achievement Level	L1	L2	L3	Total
Purchases	5	15	50	70
Points	200	300	500	1,000
Grant	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$15,000	#####
Grant w. DAC Bonus		\$11,250.0	\$15,000	
Grant Total				#####

Case Study - Large Community w/ Disadvantaged Community Tract (DAC)

Key

Completed

Planned

Community Name

Current Date

Current Points

Potential Points

Potential Grants

Points		Action Lookback Date	Available Points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benchmarking - Advanced Reporting	None 300
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Benchmarking - CEC Energy Study Qualification	Most recent two years 0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benchmarking - Large Private Buildings	None 1500
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Build Ready - Site Nomination	December 13, 2023 100
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Build Ready - Site Selection	December 13, 2023 700
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CDG Subscription	None 300
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host Clean Energy Generation Installation on Muncipal Property Tier 1 - 5 kW - 49.9 kW DC	January 26, 2021 400
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Clean Energy Generation Installation on Muncipal Property Tier 2 - 50 kW - 99.99 kW	January 26, 2021 500
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Clean Energy Generation Installation on Muncipal Property Tier 3 - 100 kW DC or more	January 26, 2021 600
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	100% Renewable Electricity	2021 and later 700
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clean Energy Upgrades -10%	August 1, 2016 500
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean Energy Upgrades -15%	August 1, 2016 200
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean Energy Upgrades -20%	August 1, 2016 300
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muncipal Building Demonstations - Clean Heating and Cooling Tier 1 - 1,000 - 14,999 Sq Ft	August 1, 2016 700
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muncipal Building Demonstations - Net Zero Tier 1 - 1,000 - 14,999 Sq Ft	August 1, 2016 500
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muncipal Building Demonstations - Net Zero Tier 2 - 15,000 Sq Ft Plus	August 1, 2016 800
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muncipal Building Demonstations - Pool Heat Pump	December 13, 2023 100
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LED Street Lights - Cobra Head Street Lights	None 700
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LED Street Lights - Decorative Street Lights	None 200

Points Grants Amounts until 9-24 w. DAC Bonus		
1,000 points =	\$10,000	\$15,000.0
3,000 points =	\$125,000	\$187,500.0
5,000 points =	\$200,000	\$300,000.0
7,000 points =	\$275,000	\$412,500.0
9,000 points =	\$350,000	\$525,000.0
Campaign Grants		

Large Communities (> 40K Pop)				
Please note: Levels must be done in order and completion amounts are discrete between levels.				
Community Solar Campaign				
Achievement Level	L1	L2	L3	Total
Sign Ups	25	100	250	375
Points	200	300	500	1,000
Grant	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$35,000
Grant w. DAC Bonus		\$45,000.00	\$90,000.00	
Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign				
Achievement Level	L1	L2	L3	Total
Installations	10	20	30	60
Points	500	600	700	1,800
Grant	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	#####
Grant w. DAC Bonus		\$45,000.00	\$90,000.00	
Electric Vehicle Campaign				
Achievement Level	L1	L2	L3	Total
Purchases	10	50	100	160
Points	200	300	500	1,000
Grant	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$80,000
Grant w. DAC Bonus		\$37,500.00	\$60,000	
Grant Total				#####

DAC Projects receive a bonus of up to 50% of the award grant amount, if the project is located in a DAC

How Can This Match-Free Funding Be Used?

Pre-Approved Projects

- Solar
- EVs (road and non-road)
- Charging Stations
- Heat Pumps
- Building Energy Upgrades (with energy study)
- Electric Landscaping Equipment

Custom Projects





1. Buildings and Facilities

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300 to 1,800
points

Benchmarking

100 to 4,100
points

**Clean Energy Upgrades &
Municipal Building Demo**

100 to 800
points

Build Ready

200 to 900
points

LED Streetlights

300 to 4,600
points

Renewable Energy

500 to 1,000
points

Thermal Energy Networks

Benchmarking

Benchmarking - Advanced Reporting

(300 Points)

- Adopt Benchmarking policy
- Upload and share 24 months of energy-use data for municipal buildings >1000sf in Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Benchmarking - CEC Energy Study Qualification

(No Points awarded; *Free Energy Study*)

- Complete Benchmarking - Advanced Reporting HIA with two most recent calendar years of data
- Enable “Share Forward” abilities to NYSERDA in Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Benchmarking - Large Private Buildings

(1,500 Points)

- Adopt Benchmarking policy for commercial and multifamily buildings >25,000sf

Build Ready

Advance large-scale renewable energy projects on underutilized land (ie. brownfields, landfills, parking lots, former industrial sites, etc.). For more information, visit: <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Build-Ready-Program>

Lookback date: 12/13/23

Site Nomination

(100 Points)

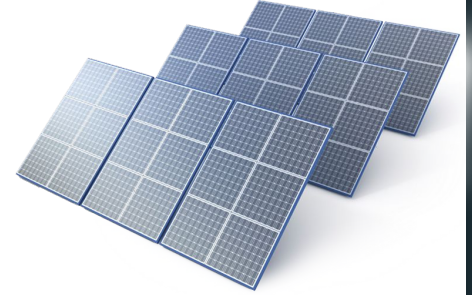
- An elected official, local community member, private company, or other interested party nominates a potential Build-Ready site through NYSERDA's Build Ready nomination form.

Site Selection

(700 Points)

- NYSERDA conducts preliminary study of site to determine if site is suitable for development
- Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between municipality and NYSERDA can be submitted for HIA credit.

Renewable Energy



CDG Subscription

(300 Points)

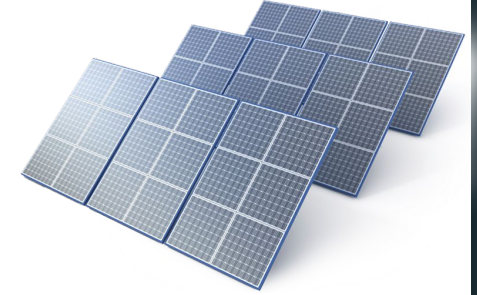
- Municipal subscription to Community Distributed Generation (CDG) projects like solar, hydro, or wind
- Municipalities that have already received credit for CDG subscriptions under Clean Energy Upgrades in the a previous round of the CEC program are not eligible

100% Renewable Electricity

(700 Points)

- Municipality purchases Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)
- RECs must be produced in the same calendar year as the electricity consumption; electricity consumption must occur in 2021 and later to earn credit for this action

Renewable Energy



Host Clean Energy Generation Installation on Municipal Property

(400-1,500 Points)

- Municipalities that allow third-party owners to install clean energy projects on municipal rooftops, parking lots, landfills or other sites
- Eligible technologies are solar, hydro, or wind

Host Clean Energy Generation Installation on Municipal Property		
Tier Number	Total Project(s) Size	Points
Tier 1	5 kW - 49.9 kW DC	400
Tier 2	50 kW - 99.99 kW DC	+ 500 Additional Points
Tier 3	100 kW DC or more	+ 600 Additional Points

Clean Energy Generation Installation Owned by Municipality

(600-2,100 Points)

- Municipalities are eligible for points if they own clean energy projects
- Points are tiered based on project size

Own Clean Energy Generation Installation		
Tier Number	Total Project(s) Size	Points
Tier 1	5 kW - 49.9 kW DC	600
Tier 2	50 kW - 99.99 kW DC	+ 700 Additional Points
Tier 3	100 kW DC or more	+ 800 Additional Points

Clean Energy Upgrades & Municipal Building Demonstration

Clean Energy Upgrades

(500-1,000 Points)

- Earn credit for building retrofits and upgrades
- Tiered points based on % reduction in emissions for municipal buildings owned or occupied >1,000sf
- Upgrades must be substantially completed after August 1, 2016

Clean Energy Upgrades			
Tier Number	% Reduction	Points	Prequalification
Tier 1	10% reduction	500	If you received points through a previous CEC PON for a 10% reduction, you are not eligible.
Tier 2	15% reduction (an additional 5% from the previous tier)	+ 200 Additional	Must have already received approval for the 10% reduction tier.
Tier 3	20% reduction (an additional 5% from the previous tier)	+ 300 Additional	Must have already received approval for the 10% and 15% reduction tiers.

Clean Energy Upgrades & Municipal Building Demonstration

Muni Building Demo: Clean Heating & Cooling (700-1,700 Points)

- Earn credit for installing ground- and/or air-source heat pump systems as a building's primary (75% or greater) heating and cooling system
- Lookback date: August 1, 2016

Municipal Clean Heating & Cooling Demo		
Tier Number	Bldg Sq Ft	Points
Tier 1	1,000-14,999 sf	700
Tier 2	15,000 sf and above	1,000

Muni Building Demo: Net Zero (500-1,300 Points)

- Municipal buildings that are built or retrofitted to be zero emissions through renewable energy technology installation, energy efficient technology installation and energy efficient operation strategies
- Lookback date: August 1, 2016

Municipal Net Zero		
Tier Number	Bldg Sq Ft	Points
Tier 1	1,000-14,999 sf	500
Tier 2	15,000 sf and above	800

Muni Building Demo: Pool Heat Pump (100 Points)

- Municipal pools that use a heat pump pool heater after December 13, 2023 can earn credit

LED Streetlights



50% Conversion of Cobra Head Streetlights

(700 Points)

- Earn credit if half of all municipal and utility-owned cobra head streetlights are converted to LEDs
- Municipalities with less than 20 streetlights can earn credit if at least 10 fixtures are converted to LEDs



50% Conversion of Decorative Streetlights

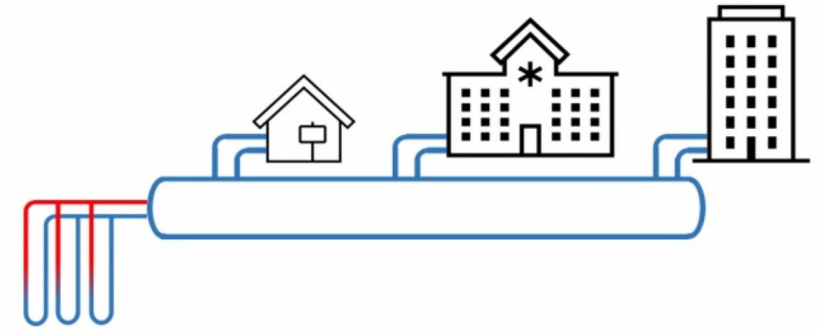
(200 Points)

- Earn credit if half of all municipal and utility-owned decorative streetlights are converted to LEDs
- Municipalities with less than 20 streetlights can earn credit if at least 10 fixtures are converted to LEDs

Thermal Energy Networks

Thermal Energy Networks, aka Community Heat Pump Systems, use a network of pipes to connect multiple buildings to share thermal sources and sinks, such as geothermal, to provide space heating & cooling and domestic hot water. For more information, visit:

<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Community-Heat-Pump-Systems>



Thermal Energy Network: Study

(500 Points)

- Conduct Thermal Energy Network feasibility study funded through NYSERDA's FlexTech Program (<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/FlexTech-Program>) to assess if this is the right fit for your community

Thermal Energy Network: RFP

(500 Points)

- Issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) after December 13, 2023 to earn credit



2. Community Engagement and Training

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200 to 3,800
points

Action
Grants

Community Campaigns

300 to 1,200
points

County Hosted Trainings

300 points

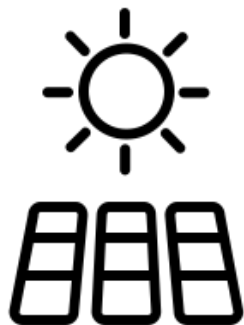
Energy Code Enforcement Training

Community Campaigns

Action Grants

Community Solar (200-1,000 Points)

- Small communities can earn up to \$35,000
- Large communities can earn up to \$105,000
- Lookback for Tiers 2 & 3: June 1, 2023 (or SD date)



Tier 1 – 200 Points		
Municipality Size by Population	Required Number of Campaign Participants	Action Grant Amount
Large (40,000+)	25	\$15,000
Small/Medium (0-39,999)	10	\$5,000

Tier 2 – Additional 300 Points			
Municipality Size by Population	Required Number of Campaign Participants	Action Grant Amount	DAC Bonus
Large (40,000+)	100 (125 total participants)	\$30,000	\$45,000
Small/Medium (0-39,999)	50 (60 total participants)	\$10,000	\$15,000

Tier 3 – Additional 500 Points			
Municipality Size by Population	Required Number of Campaign Participants	Action Grant Amount	DAC Bonus
Large (40,000+)	250 (375 total participants)	\$60,000	\$90,000
Small/Medium (0-39,999)	100 (160 total participants)	\$20,000	\$30,000

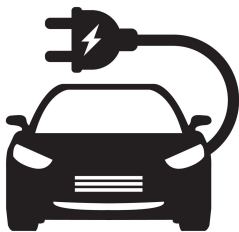
Community Campaigns

Action Grants

Electric Vehicles

(200-1,000 Points)

- Small communities can earn up to \$40,000
- Large communities can earn up to \$80,000
- Lookback for Tiers 2 & 3: June 1, 2023 (or SD date)



Tier 1 – 200 Points

Municipality Size by Population	Required Number of Campaign Participants	Action Grant Amount
Large (40,000+)	10	\$15,000
Small/Medium (0-39,999)	5	\$5,000

Tier 2 – Additional 300 Points

Municipality Size by Population	Required Number of Campaign Participants	Action Grant Amount	DAC Bonus
Large (40,000+)	50 (60 total participants)	\$25,000	\$37,500
Small/Medium (0-39,999)	15 (20 total participants)	\$7,500	\$11,250

Tier 3 – Additional 500 Points

Municipality Size by Population	Required Number of Campaign Participants	Action Grant Amount	DAC Bonus
Large (40,000+)	100 (160 total participants)	\$40,000	\$60,000
Small/Medium (0-39,999)	50 (70 total participants)	\$15,000	\$22,500

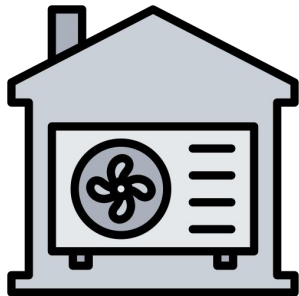
Community Campaigns

Action Grants

Clean Heating & Cooling

(500-1,000 Points)

- Coordinate with **Clean Energy Hub:** www.CleanEnergyCapitalRegion.org
- Small communities can earn up to \$35,000
- Large communities can earn up to \$105,000
- Lookback for Tiers 2 & 3: June 1, 2023 (or SD date)



Tier 1 – 500 Points		
Municipality Size by Population	Required Number of Campaign Participants	Action Grant Amount
Large (40,000+)	10	\$15,000
Small/Medium (0-39,999)	5	\$5,000

Tier 2 – Additional 600 Points			
Municipality Size by Population	Required Number of Campaign Participants	Action Grant Amount	DAC Bonus
Large (40,000+)	20 (30 total participants)	\$30,000	\$45,000
Small/Medium (0-39,999)	10 (15 total participants)	\$10,000	\$15,000

Tier 3 – Additional 700 Points			
Municipality Size by Population	Required Number of Campaign Participants	Action Grant Amount	DAC Bonus
Large (40,000+)	30 (60 total participants)	\$60,000	\$90,000
Small/Medium (0-39,999)	15 (30 total participants)	\$20,000	\$30,000

County Hosted Trainings

Only applicable to County Governments

County Hosted Training Type	Description	Points
Overview of Model Solar Energy Law	Provides an in-depth review of the customizable template zoning law contained in NYSERDA's Solar Guidebook for Local Governments. Municipal board members, code enforcement officials, and staff are encouraged to attend.	300
Overview of Model Battery Energy Storage System Law	Provides an in-depth review of the customizable template zoning law contained in NYSERDA's Battery Energy Storage System Guidebook for Local Governments. Municipal board members, code enforcement officials, and staff are encouraged to attend.	300
Clean Energy and Your Comprehensive Plan	Offers an introduction to best practices and strategies for incorporating clean energy goals and objectives into a new or updated municipal comprehensive plan. Municipal board members, planning staff, and comprehensive plan committee members are encouraged to attend.	300
Solar PV Permitting and Inspecting	Offers an in-depth review of permitting and inspecting solar energy systems in New York State from start to finish; topics covered include the NYS Unified Solar Permit and various components of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Code enforcement and building officials are encouraged to attend. (Approved for 2-hours of In-Service training credit.)	300

Energy Code Enforcement Training

Next training:

Date & Time: March 20th from 8am-5pm

Location: CDRPC, One Park Pl, Suite 102, Albany, NY 12205

To Register: Link on CDRPC CEC webpage (<https://cdrpc.org/programs/sustainability/cecp>)

Energy Code Enforcement Training

(300 Points)

- Municipal code official attends free training on both residential and commercial NYS Energy Codes
- Trainings after January 26, 2021 count towards credit under this action



3. Legislation and Regulation

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800 to 1,400
points

**Climate Smart Communities (CSC)
Certification**

500 to 2,000
points

**Community Choice
Aggregation**

200 to 1,000
points

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Climate Smart Communities Certification

Bronze Certification

(800 Points)

- Date of completion = date NYSDEC provides notification of achievement of certification level
- Certification level must be current when submitting to NYSERDA Portal

Silver Certification

(600 Points)

- Date of completion = date NYSDEC provides notification of achievement of certification level
- Certification level must be current when submitting to NYSERDA Portal
- Submit SEPARATELY to earn full 1,400 points



**Climate Smart
Communities**

Community Choice Aggregation

NEW - CCA - 50 to 100% Renewable Default Supply Mix with 100% Opt-up Option

(500 Points)

- Need to show approval letter from NYS Department of Public Service
 - or copy of adopted legislation authorizing municipality's participation in an opt-out CCA program
- ESCO/Comparable Information should indicate RECs will be retired on behalf of municipality in the NYS Generation Attribute Tracking System (NYGATS)
- Contract must be signed on or after January 1, 2023
 - If CCA HIA approved before December 13, 2023, municipality must resubmit to earn points if a new contract is signed

CCA - 100% Renewable Default Supply Mix

(1,500 Points)

- Same as above but for opt-out basis default 100% renewable clean energy product mix
- Municipalities who have completed a 100% Renewable Default Supply Mix CCA are eligible to earn credit for **BOTH**
 - CCA greater than 50% but less than 100% Default Supply Mix with 100% Opt-up Option
 - and CCA 100% Renewable Default Supply Mix
- Submit SEPARATELY to earn full 2,000 points



[Kingston Community Energy \(KCE\)](#)

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Open C-PACE Authorization

(200 Points)

- Submit proof of municipality authorizing C-PACE. Requires adoption of a local law and signing a municipal agreement with the C-PACE Administrator

Complete Open C-PACE Project

(400 Points)

- Submit documentation of closing of one or more C-PACE projects in the municipalities jurisdiction
- Open C-PACE Authorization is prerequisite
- Show proof of community outreach regarding C-PACE financing PRIOR to the loan closing

NEW - NY Green Bank Project Closing

(400 Points)

- Show proof of promoting NYGB financing opportunities on municipalities website (Social Media/News Posts)
- Show proof of outreach to developers regarding NY Green Bank Financing programs PRIOR to loan closing





4. Transportation and Landscaping

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200 to 6,700
points

Clean Fleets

200 points

**Municipal Clean
Fleets Inventory**

200 points

**Electric Landscaping
Equipment**

Clean Fleets

Light Duty Electric Vehicles (Class 1-2)

(300 - 1,500 Points)

- Tier 1 - One Vehicle = 300 Points
- Tier 2 - Two ADDITIONAL vehicles to Tier 1 = +500 Points
- Tier 3 - Three ADDITIONAL vehicles to Tier 2 = +700 Points

Medium/Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicles (Class 3-8)

(600 Points)

- Examples: Box Truck, HD Pickup, Bucket Truck, Single-Axle, School Bus, Rack Truck, Refuse Truck, Transit Bus, Truck Tractor, Dump Truck
- Vehicle must be new and manufactured for use primarily on public streets, roads, and highways (55 MPH minimum)
- Must be purchased AFTER December 13, 2023. In-service date = date of completion

NEW - Medium/Heavy-Duty Non-Road Vehicles

(700 Points)

- Examples of eligible vehicles: Aerial Lifts, Backhoes, Cement Mixer, Crawler Tractor, Dumpers, Excavator, Loader, Paver/Paving Equip., AT Forklift, Skid Steer Loader, Sweepers, Tractor, Trenchers
- One submission allowed per municipality. Vehicle must be purchased AFTER December 13, 2023



[Kovaco - Elise 900 - Skid Steer Loader](#)

Clean Fleets Cont.'

Level 2 - EV Charging Stations

(200 - 1,200 Points)

- Tier 1 - Two ports = 200 Points
- Tier 2 - Four ADDITIONAL ports to Tier 1 = +400 Points
- Tier 3 - Ten ADDITIONAL ports to Tier 2 = +600 Points

NEW - Level 3 - DC Fast Charging Stations

(500 - 2,500 Points)

- Tier 1 - One port = 500 Points
- Tier 2 - Two ADDITIONAL ports to Tier 1 = +800 Points
- Tier 3 - Three ADDITIONAL ports to Tier 2 = +1,200 Points



NYPA's EVolve NY DC Fast Chargers - Amsterdam, NY - 2021

Municipal Clean Fleets Inventory

NEW - Municipal Clean Fleets Inventory (200 Points)

- Inventory must have been completed ON or AFTER January 1, 2023.
- Minimum of five vehicles and must include all required 11 categories for every four-wheeled owned/operated by the municipality



City of Schenectady - EV Fleet Vehicles

Electric Landscaping Equipment

NEW - Electric Landscaping Equipment

(200 Points)

- Must be purchased AFTER December 13, 2023.
- In-Service Date = Date of Completion



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