

# ONONDAGA COUNTY

## AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN

### APPENDIX D: POTENTIAL FUNDING & FINANCING RESOURCES

#### COUNTY AND REGIONAL RESOURCES

##### Onondaga County Agriculture Council

- Partner program grants and assistance
- Land Trust partnership grants

##### Onondaga County IDA

- Revolving Loan Programs
- Sales tax exemptions
- Real property tax exemptions
- Mortgage recording tax exemptions

##### Central New York Regional Economic Development Council (REDC)

- REDC CNY Rising
- Regional Council Capital Fund
- Rural Initiative Program (administered by IDA)
- Shovel Ready Program – Infrastructure Fund

##### Centerstate CEO/Local Chambers of Commerce

##### CNY Regional Planning and Development Board (RPDB)

- Central New York Enterprise Development Corporation

##### Onondaga County Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE)

- Educational and technical assistance/trainings on agricultural topics (e.g., marketing, production, processing, and waste management of various types of agriculture)
- Operation of young farmers programming (e.g., 4-H, Cornell Beginning Farmers Program)
- Coordination/support of local promotional and educational initiatives (e.g., Empire Farm Days, Onondaga Grown, Agriculture in the Classroom)
- Urban agricultural education in partnership with the Refugee and Immigrant Self-Empowerment (RISE) program
- Natural resource education (e.g., invasive species management, forest management)
- Gardening programming (e.g., site improvement, plant selection and care, composting)
- Nutrition and health programming with workshops, applied research projects, and other information

##### Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

- Technical assistance to landowners (e.g., farm pond design/maintenance, sediment and erosion control, drainage, flooding prevention/mitigation)
- Author grants for Best Management Practices projects to protect water quality & environment
- Administration of the Agricultural Environmental Management program
- Nutrient management planning; soil sampling and analysis
- Critical area seeding/revegetation
- Watershed assessment
- Agricultural use value assessment
- Equipment rental (e.g., no-till drill, hydro seeder, soil meter)
- Invasive species management (terrestrial and aquatic)

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- Agricultural emergency response
- Annual tree and shrub sale

### STATE RESOURCES

#### Department of Agriculture & Markets

- Farmland Protection Planning Program
- Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program
- Good Agricultural Practices Certification Assistance Program
- Organic Certification Reimbursement Program
- Specialty Crop Block Grant
- Land Trust Grants Program
- NYS Climate Resilient Farming Program
- Farm To Schools Program
- Source Water Buffer Program

#### Empire State Development

- New Farmers Grant Fund
- Environmental Investment Program
- Healthy Food & Healthy Communities Fund
- Regional Council Capital Fund
- Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies Program
- Economic Development Fund
- Economic Development Purposes Grant Program
- Grow-NY Innovation Competition (in partnership with Cornell University and NYS Center of Excellence for Food & Agriculture)

#### Energy Research & Development Authority

- Agriculture Energy Audit Program
- Energy Best Practices for Agriculture
- NY-Sun Solar Program

#### Homes and Community Renewal

- Farmworker Housing Grants

### FEDERAL RESOURCES

#### Federal Emergency Management Agency

- Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

#### USDA

- Market Access Program
- Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program
- Farm and Food Workers Relief grant program
- Value-Added Producer Grant Program (VAPG)

#### USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

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- Agricultural Management Assistance Program
- Conservation Reserve Program
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Healthy Forest Reserve Program
- Conservation Stewardship Program
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
- Emergency Conservation Program
- Conservation Technical Assistance Program

### USDA Farm Service Agency loans and other financial assistance programs

- Direct Farm Ownership loans
- Direct Farm Operating loans and microloans
- Emergency loans
- Disaster Assistance Programs
- Conservation loans
- Youth loans
- Land Contract Guarantees
- Biomass Crop Assistance Program
- Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

### USDA Rural Development loan programs

- Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program
- Rural Energy for America Program
- REAP Guaranteed Loans
- Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants Program
- Rural Business Investment Program

### USDA Rural Development grant programs

- Value-Added Producer Grant Program
- Rural Business Enterprise Grants Program
- Rural Business Opportunity Grants Program
- Rural Energy for America Program
- Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program
- Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program

### USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture

- Small Business Innovation Research Program
- Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program

### USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

- Farmers' Market Promotion Program
- Local Food Promotion Program
- Organic Cost Share Program

### US Small Business Administration

- 7(a) General Small Business Loan Program
- Microloan Program
- CDC/504 Real Estate & Equipment Loan Program

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- Disaster Loan Program
- US Environmental Protection Administration
- Environmental Education Grants

### OTHER RESOURCES

Farm Credit East private loans

- FarmStart
- Young, Beginning, Small Farmer Incentive Program
- CountryFlex equity loans

New York Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education  
Northeast Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)

- Farmer grant program
- Partnership grant program
- Sustainable Community grant program
- Graduate Student grant program
- Professional Development grant program
- Research and Education grant program
- Agroecosystems Research grant program
- Conference and Workshop Support (technical assistance)

NY Farm Viability Institute grant programs:

- Agricultural Innovation Center  
Outreach and Applied Research
- Private Foundations
- 1772 Foundation Grants for Northeast Farmland Preservation
- The Fruit Guys Community Fund
- Wells Fargo Environmental Grant Program
- Monsanto Fund
- Cargill Foundation
- Northeast Agricultural Education Foundation
- The Wallace Center at Winrock International Farm Assistance Grant Program
- Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Grant Program
- Animal Welfare Approved Good Husbandry Grant Program
- Surdna Foundation Regional Food Supply Grant Program
- Hannaford Charitable Foundation
- Save-a-Lot community giving program