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GRANT TYPE RESOURCE GUIDE

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FIRM INTRODUCTION



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Landscape Architecture
Architecture
Engineering
Master Planning
Community Planning
Visual Assessment

PRACTICE AREAS

Community Planning and Design
Facility Design and Construction
Scenic Resources Management
Visual Impact Assessment

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Saratoga Associates Landscape Architects, Architects, Engineers, and Planners, P.C. is a multi-disciplinary, professional design firm with over 50 years of experience providing landscape architecture, architecture, engineering, and planning services throughout the Northeast. Saratoga Associates currently employs a professional, technical, and support staff of 25 individuals.

As one of the top creative design firms in Upstate New York, Saratoga Associates has comprehensive expertise bringing together diverse groups of stakeholders and creating a shared vision based on complementary values and needs. Our firm has experience with a diverse range of projects covering all phases of architectural and landscape architecture designs. Our portfolio showcases examples of our work in park design, residential and mixed-use development, comprehensive plans, stormwater management, historic preservation, and waterfront revitalization.

We believe in the transformative power of place. As landscape architects, architects, engineers, and planners, we see what happens when projects are carried out with imagination, intelligence, technical mastery, and a strong environmental conscience; individual lives and communities are richer, stronger, greener, and more productive.

In creating compelling destinations, enriching communities and safeguarding special places treasured for their historic, cultural, or natural importance, our commitment to our clients' success remains the same. We take pride in our long-term client relationships, which are built on years of confidence and collaboration. We strive to offer dedicated, timely, and cost-effective services and customized recommendations that meet each project's specific needs. Many of our client relationships are ongoing, with clients often returning to us to provide additional design consulting services or to design the facilities we have previously planned for them.

**CREATING COMPELLING DESTINATIONS
ENRICHING COMMUNITIES
SAFEGUARDING SPECIAL PLACES**



Center Park Pavilion Concept
Dolgeville, NY



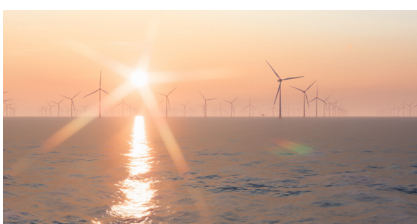
John Boyd Thacher State Park Visitor Center
Voorheesville, NY



Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook Pedestrian
Bridge Amsterdam, NY



Comprehensive Plan Charrette
East Fishkill, NY



Vineyard Wind I, Visual Impact Assessment
Martha's Vineyard, MA



Veterans Memorial Park
East Fishkill, NY

FACILITY DESIGN + CONSTRUCTION

Parks, Recreation + Cultural
Corporate and Commercial Buildings
Primary + Secondary Education
Higher Education
Commercial + Residential Housing
Historic Preservation
Hospitality and Lodging
Health Care
Corporate Interiors

COMMUNITY PLANNING + DESIGN

Waterfront Development
Sustainable Landscape Design
Urban Planning + Development Design
Parks, Recreation & Cultural
Corporate + Commercial
Higher Education
Community Planning + Development Housing
Health Care
Historic Preservation and Restoration
Downtown Revitalization
Brownfields Redevelopment
Waterfront Development
Sustainable Development
Tourism Planning
Transportation Corridor Planning Housing
Public Facilitation
Grant Writing
Land Use Regulations

SCENIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT + VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Solar - Community + Utility Scale
Wind - Offshore + Community Developments
Battery Storage - Utility Scale
Transmission Industrial Landfills
Commercial Developments
Residential - Developments
Additional Services + Regulatory Requirements
Expert Testimony
Solar Ordinance
NYS 94c + NEPA BOEM

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Community Parks + Recreation
Green Infrastructure
Historic Landscape Preservation
Landscape Master Planning

Public Spaces + Plazas
Streetscape Design
Stormwater Management
Trail & Greenway Design
Urban Design
Waterfront & Coastal Design

ARCHITECTURE

Adaptive Reuse + Historic Preservation
Building Design + Renovation
Code Compliance + Regulatory Approvals
Educational Facilities
Healthcare Facilities
Institutional Design
Interior Architecture
Library + Cultural Facilities
Public Safety + Municipal Buildings
Sustainable Design + LEED Certification

ENVIRONMENTAL

Environmental Engineering
NYSDEC SEQR Coordination
SWPPP Reporting

PLANNING

Community Planning + Visioning
Comprehensive Planning
Development Feasibility Studies
Economic Development Strategies
Environmental Planning
Grant Writing + Administration
Land Use + Zoning Analysis
Public Engagement + Outreach
Resiliency + Climate Adaptation Planning
Transportation & Mobility Planning

VISUAL ASSESSMENT

Impact Assessment
Regulatory Compliance
Project Visualization
Night Lighting/Shadow Analysis
Zone of Visual Influence (Viewshed) Mapping
Mitigation Strategies
Public Outreach + Expert Testimony

GRANT TYPES

NY OPRHP ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND (EPF) GRANTS FOR PARKS, PRESERVATION, AND HERITAGE AREAS

- **Administered by:** New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)
- **Description:** Provides matching grants for the acquisition, planning, development, and improvement of parks and recreational facilities, as well as historic preservation and heritage area projects.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations.
- **Match Requirement:** Typically 50/50 match. Professional and real estate look back.
- **Funding Range:** Up to \$675,000.
- **Key Dates:** Applications usually submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), open early May, due in late July each year.

NY DOS LWRP

- **Administered by:** NYS Department of State
- **Description:** Funds planning and implementation of projects that enhance waterfront public access, improve resiliency, and support recreation.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities with coastal or inland waterway resources.
- **Match Requirement:** Typically 50/50 match.
- **Funding Range:** Minimum \$50,000, maximum of \$2,000,000
- **Key Dates:** Applications usually submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), open early May, due in late July each year.

NY BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA (BOA) PROGRAM

- **Administered by:** NYS Department of State
- **Description:** Planning and pre-development grants to revitalize brownfield sites into community assets, including parks and open spaces.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities and community-based organizations.
- **Match Requirement:** Typically 10% local match.
- **Funding Range:** The maximum State assistance request for each grant award is \$500,000. The minimum State assistance request and award for each grant is \$100,000.
- **Key Dates:** Applications usually submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), open early May, due in late July each year.

NY EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) GRANTS

- **Administered by:** Empire State Development
- **Description:** Economic development-focused grants that can include parks, trails, and waterfront amenities as part of tourism or community revitalization strategies.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities, non-profits, public benefit corporations, some private entities with municipal sponsorship.
- **Match Requirement:** Often 50% or more. Generally, ESD assistance may not exceed 20% of the project cost. Applicants are expected to provide significant leverage.
- **Funding Range:** \$100,000 minimum
- **Key Dates:** Applications usually submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), open early May, due in late July each year.

NYSERDA CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES (CSC) / CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES (CEC)

- **Administered by:** NYSERDA
- **Description:** Provides grants and incentives for climate and energy actions; can support green enhancements in parks (LED lighting, EV charging stations, solar installations).
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities participating in CSC or CEC programs.
- **Match Requirement:** Varies; many incentives have no local match.
- **Funding Range:** \$5,000 to \$300,000
- **Key Dates:** Rolling opportunities; depends on achieving program actions.

GRANT TYPES

CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE, FACILITIES, PLANNING

- **Administered by:** NYS Office of Community Renewal (OCR), funded by HUD
- **Description:** Offers funding for community development activities that benefit primarily low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. Park-related projects can be funded under the public facilities category if they serve an LMI area and address a documented community need. Eligible improvements may include adding or upgrading playground equipment, ADA-accessible pathways, safety lighting, and other enhancements to public recreation spaces.
- **Total Available Funding:** Approximately \$25,000,000 for Infrastructure, Facilities, and Planning projects in the upcoming round.
- **Eligibility:** Units of local government in non-entitlement areas (cities, towns, and villages not receiving direct HUD CDBG funds). Projects must meet a CDBG national objective, typically serving at least 51% LMI households.
- **Match Requirement:** There is no minimum local match requirement for CDBG Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities, or Planning activities; however, applications that include leverage will be more competitive
- **Funding Range:** Awards typically range from \$50,000 up to \$2,000,000 or more

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

- **Administered by:** NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) with funding from the National Park Service
- **Description:** Supports acquisition, development, and enhancement of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities (e.g. park improvements, playgrounds, trails).
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities and state agencies. Non-profits may partner but cannot apply as the primary applicant.
- **Match Requirement:** Typically 50/50 match.
- **Funding Range:** Projects will be awarded a minimum award of \$300,000 and maximum award of \$15,000,000.
- **Key Dates (2023-2024):**
 - Round 7 NOFO Issued: November 8, 2023
 - Grants Gateway Opportunity Closes: March 11, 2024 (11:45 p.m. EST)
 - Federal Submission Deadline: April 30, 2024 (11:59 p.m. EST)
- **Additional Information:**
 - Website: [OPRHP Grants Page](#)

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) & CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CMAQ)

- **Administered by:** New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)
- **Description:** Funds non-motorized transportation projects including pedestrian/bike paths, greenways, and trail linkages that can improve park access.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, and certain non-profits (with municipal sponsorship).
- **Match Requirement:** Typically 80% federal / 20% local match.
- **Funding Range:** Generally ranges from \$50,000 up to a few million, depending on project scope.
- **Key Dates:** Funding rounds open every 2-3 years, often released late spring, with applications due in summer (next application round likely in 2025-2026)
- **Additional Information:**
 - [NYSDOT TAP/CMAQ](#)

HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY GRANTS (NYS DEC)

- **Administered by:** NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
- **Description:** Supports communities in the Hudson River Estuary watershed to improve water quality, enhance public access, restore habitats, and promote environmental education.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities and non-profits within the Estuary Watershed. Parts of Schenectady, Rensselaer, Albany are included
- **Match Requirement:** Applicants are encouraged to provide match, but it is not always required. Matching funds and in-kind services may increase competitiveness.
- **Funding Range:** From \$10,000 to several hundred thousand dollars
- **Key Dates:** Generally announced in spring, due summer.

GRANT TYPES

GREEN INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM (GIGP)

- **Administered by:** NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)
- **Description:** Funds green infrastructure projects including permeable surfaces, rain gardens, bioswales, and other stormwater management solutions in parks.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities, certain not-for-profit, public benefit corporations.
- **Match Requirement:** Can fund up to 90% of eligible project costs.
- **Funding Range:** Often \$50,000 to several million dollars depending on project scale.
- **Key Dates:** Applications usually submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), open early May, due in late July each year.
- [Green Innovation Grant Program | Environmental Facilities Corporation](#)

LAND TRUST ALLIANCE

- **Description:** Supports land trusts with capacity building, conservation planning, and community partnerships that can help protect open space or enhance parklands.
- **Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) land trusts working in New York. Municipalities can partner with land trusts.
- **Key Dates:** Usually announced early in the year, with spring deadlines.
- [Grant Partnerships With The Land Trust Alliance - NYSDEC](#)

NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION (NBRC)

- **Administered by:** NBRC
- **Description:** Funds economic and community development projects in Northern Border region counties, including recreation infrastructure and park improvements.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities, non-profits, and other public entities in eligible counties.
- **Match Requirement:** Typically 50% match.
- **Funding Range:** Often \$50,000 to \$1,000,000.
- **Key Dates:** Annual funding cycles; RFP typically released in spring.
- [Northern Border Regional Commission](#)

USDA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM

- **Administered by:** U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Description:** Supports essential community facilities in rural areas, including parks, recreation centers, and athletic fields.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities, public bodies, non-profits serving rural areas (pop. <20,000).
- **Match Requirement:** Grants can cover up to 75%, often coupled with loans.
- **Funding Range:** Grants vary widely, often up to several hundred thousand dollars.
- **Key Dates:** Rolling application process.
- [USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program](#)

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS (NYSCA)

- **Description:** Funds cultural programming, public art, and community engagement activities that can enhance recreational areas.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities, non-profits, tribal governments, cultural organizations.
- **Match Requirement:** While cost share or match is not always required, NYSCA encourages applicants to demonstrate leveraged funding
- **Funding Range:** Typically \$5,000 to \$50,000.
- **Key Dates:** Annual cycles, usually open in winter with spring deadlines.

GRANT TYPES

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA) “OUR TOWN” GRANTS

- **Administered by:** NEA
- **Description:** Supports creative placemaking that integrates arts into community revitalization—can include park enhancements, cultural installations, and public art.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities must partner with a non-profit cultural organization.
- **Match Requirement:** 1:1 non-federal match.
- **Funding Range:** \$25,000 to \$200,000.
- **Key Dates:** Annual application period; typically due in August.

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION (NRPA) GRANTS & CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

- **Description:** Periodic competitive grants from NRPA and corporate sponsors for park improvements, healthy living programs, green infrastructure, and playgrounds.
- **Eligibility:** Municipal park and recreation agencies.
- **Match Requirement:** Varies by program, some require in-kind or cash match.
- **Funding Range:** Typically \$5,000 to \$100,000+.
- **Key Dates:** Vary by opportunity; check NRPA website frequently.

KABOOM! GRANTS FOR PLAYGROUNDS

- **Description:** Partners with communities to build or improve playgrounds, often with corporate support.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities, school districts, and community-based organizations serving under-resourced areas.
- **Match Requirement:** Kaboom! works with communities to raise funds, secure volunteers, and provide a community-build model rather than requiring a strict cash match
- **Funding Range:** Usually covers a significant portion of playground equipment and installation costs (e.g. \$15,000+ in value).
- **Key Dates:** Rolling opportunities.

U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION – SAFE PLACES TO PLAY

- **Description:** Grants for the development or enhancement of soccer fields and play spaces.
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities, non-profits, community organizations.
- **Match Requirement:** Applicants are expected to contribute a portion of project costs. Safe Places to Play grants typically complement local fundraising and other sources
- **Funding Range:** Up to \$50,000-\$100,000 for field improvements.

NEW YORK STATE HEALTH FOUNDATION

- **Description:** Supports projects improving community health, potentially including parks and recreational facilities that promote active lifestyles.

THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND (TPL)

- **Description:** Provides technical assistance, planning, and sometimes financial support for creating or improving public parks and open space. While direct grants from TPL are less common, when they occur, match requirements vary.