

NPC Outreach

Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of NYS

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NPP Mid-Year Reports to be released in December

- ▶ Mid-Year Reports will be reviewed in the order they are received. **If approved, all Grant Agreements MUST be executed by December 29, 2023.**
- ▶ Failure to execute a grant agreement by 12/29 will result in a reduced award.
- ▶ **The final disbursement will be available no earlier than January 1, 2024.**
The final payment is contingent upon the submission and approval of the Mid-Year Report and the company's most recent audit.
- ▶ **Mid-Year Report, Final Disbursement, and Audit Due February 16, 2024.**
All documents must be uploaded via CDOL

Visit HCR for Forms

2023-24 PROGRAM CALENDAR											
2023			2023-24			2024			2024-25		
2023-24 PROGRAM CALENDAR NEIGHBORHOOD & RURAL PRESERVATION PROGRAMS 2023 Renewal Application and Annual Performance Report (APR) Available April 16, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) May 1, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) May 15, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) June 1, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) June 15, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) June 30, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) July 1, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) July 15, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) July 31, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) August 1, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) August 15, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) August 31, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) September 1, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) September 15, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) September 30, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) October 1, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) October 15, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) October 31, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) November 1, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) November 15, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) November 30, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) December 1, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) December 15, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed) December 31, 2023—Contract Execution Request Deadline (if needed)											

Message from Board President Cassandra Perry



As we approach the year's end, a moment of reflection feels fitting. Your unwavering commitment to The Coalition has been the heartbeat of our collective journey, and for that, I extend my sincere gratitude.

Let's carry forward the spirit of compassion that characterizes our interconnected communities. Every act, no matter how modest, weaves into the rich fabric of our shared experiences.

As we look toward 2024, let's recognize and appreciate the kindness and gratitude that infuses our work. By doing so, we honor the impact we've collectively made.

Remember to extend that kindness inward. Take moments for personal reflection and care, ensuring that the flame of dedication continues to burn brightly in the coming year.

Thank you, to each and every one of you, for the dedication and energy you bring to the diverse communities of The Coalition.

If you need help with your application, please reach out to the NPC. We're here to help you! Contact Eileen McCashion at emccashion@npcnys.org if you have questions or need assistance.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 2023						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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- Hanukkah
- Request for Applications (NPP)
- Request for Initial Applications (HOME-ARP Program)
- Christmas Day
- HCR Mid-Year Report
- New Year's Eve

Executive Director's Message

GEAR UP NOW FOR THE 2024-25 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

It's hard to believe it's December already, and that we're about a month away from the 2024 session of the New York State Legislature.

We're creating materials now for members to use in preparing for Advocacy Day in Albany in February.

What can you do in December to gear up for Advocacy Day?

Note the date and make a personal commitment to attend. Now is the time to organize groups to travel to Albany, attend the rally, and to meet with your legislator(s).

The importance of attending Advocacy Day in Albany

It's worth reminding ourselves that we successfully advocated for a historic 37% increase in funding this past year.

Board President Cassandra Perry spoke of the power of advocacy during

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SAVE THE DATE

Advocacy Day serves the vital role of facilitating direct communication between us and our New York State Senators and Assemblymembers.

Our Advocacy Day in Albany on February 14th will begin with a rally and lead up to your organization's meeting with your legislator(s).

When: Wednesday, February 14th

Location:

Legislative Office Building (LOB)
Corner of State Street & South Swan
Albany, NY 12207

Place:

Well of the Legislative Office Building

Registration: 10:30 a.m.

Webinar Dates & Times

February 1 @ 2:00 pm

February 6 @ 11:00 am

February 7 @ 1:00 pm

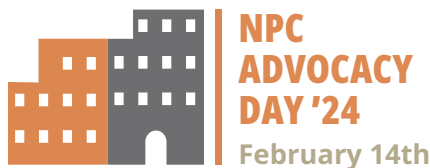
February 12 @ noon

Registration links will be available in January.

Prepare for Advocacy Day by attending our webinar

Mark Streb, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Preservation Coalition, invites you to participate in an engaging Zoom lobby training session to prepare for the day. Together, we will delve into our agenda and strategize for the upcoming 2024 legislative session.

The session will provide valuable insights and reminders for every stage of the process. From identifying your State Legislator(s) to navigating your meeting(s) with your them, we'll guide you through each crucial step.



Executive Director's Message *(continued)*

our “Bridging HomeUnity” Conference in September.

“The achievement of the unprecedented increase in NPP funding is a shining example of the incredible power of advocacy.

- ▶ For one, it reaffirms that our advocacy efforts are not in vain — they are instrumental in shaping policies and decisions that impact our communities.
- ▶ It also demonstrates how our collective voice has the potential to transform our challenges into opportunities for growth and progress.
- ▶ Finally, this achievement is a testament to the fact that when we come together with a united voice, when we share our stories and amplify our concerns, we can drive real change.”

Plan to share your success stories when talking to YOUR legislator(s).

Sharing stories is a powerful tool when advocating to legislators. Stories illustrate real-world impact and provide concrete examples of how legislation or policies affect individuals and communities. They offer a practical perspective on the challenges people face and how legislative decisions can either exacerbate or alleviate those challenges.

Reflect on this past year. It's the perfect time to think about success stories you'd like to share. Perhaps, make a list of stories and outline each. Then, in January you'll be one step ahead in preparing your message.

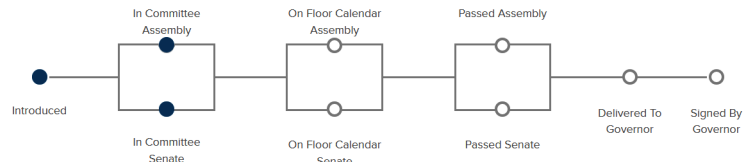
The Coalition supported two specific bills in the 2023-24 session: Right to Counsel and Good Cause Eviction. Both were introduced in the Assembly and Senate. However, with the details of the bills and an extensive array of housing initiatives under consideration among the governor, legislators, and advocates, neither bill advanced to the legislative floor.

Good Cause Eviction

Assembly

Good Cause Eviction A4454 | Assembly Sponsor: Pamela Hunter

Referred to Housing Committee



Senate

Good Cause Eviction S305 | Senate Sponsor: Julia Salazar

Referred to Judiciary Committee

Amending the real property law by setting standards for which eviction is acceptable and prohibit eviction without good cause. By setting

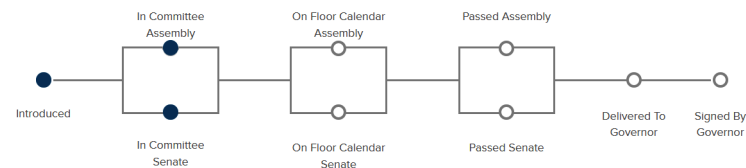
standards in law, renters will be protected from unfair practices that seek to evict them through no fault of their own.

Right to Counsel

Assembly

Right to Counsel A1493 | Assembly Sponsor: Latoya Joyner

Referred to Judiciary Committee



Senate

Right to Counsel S2721 | Senate Sponsor: Rachael May

Referred to Housing, Construction and Community Development Committee

Establishes the civil “Right to Counsel” for all jurisdictions within New York State, allowing low-income tenants the right to have an attorney in eviction proceedings.

Few tenants without this protection are represented by an attorney while most landlords are represented. This imbalance of power often leads to unnecessary evictions.

Notice of Funding Availability & Request for Applications: NYS HOME-ARP Program



Homes and
Community Renewal

Housing
Trust Fund
Corporation

The Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) announces the availability of approximately \$79.46 million of Federal funds for the NYS HOME-ARP Program for the following uses:

- ▶ \$57.86 million – Development of Affordable Rental Housing
- ▶ \$10 million – Supportive Services
- ▶ \$7 million – Acquisition & Development of Non-Congregate Shelters
- ▶ \$4.6 million – Non-Profit Capacity Building

Program Description

The New York State HOME American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) is a federally funded program allocated to New York State by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's (HTFC) Office of Community Renewal (OCR).

The primary goal of the NYS HOME-ARP program is to increase the permanent supply of housing for households consisting of the defined eligible Qualifying Populations and making less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). This may include other populations experiencing housing instability...

Qualifying Populations served with HOME-ARP funding:

Persons who are experiencing homelessness, persons who were formerly homeless but housed with temporary resources, persons at-risk of homelessness, persons with disabilities, persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking, persons exiting institutions or systems of care and other populations experiencing housing instability. See RFA for further definition.

Occupants & Beneficiaries:

- ▶ **Rental:** Every project financed under this program must reserve at least 70% of units for Qualifying Populations. Up to 30% of the units may be for low-income populations earning under 80% of AMI.
- ▶ **Non-Congregate Shelter:** 100% of units must be designated for Qualifying Populations.
- ▶ **Supportive Services:** 100% of recipients must be Qualifying Populations

HOME-ARP Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are defined as:

- 1) Non-Profit corporations incorporated under State Non-Profit Corporation Law
- 2) For-Profit Housing Developers
- 3) Public Housing Authorities

Application for Funding:

The NYS HOME-ARP Program is expected to have multiple release dates.

Application materials for first funding round are available on the NYS Homes & Community Renewal website.

Applications for the first NYS HOME-ARP funding round involve two steps.

- 1) Initial applications for threshold review will be accepted until **4:00 pm on Friday December 22, 2023.**
- 2) Upon meeting the HOME-ARP threshold, applicants will be invited to submit a full application which will be accepted **until 4:00 pm on Friday February 16, 2024.**

Read NOFA for information on submitting applications.

Email questions to HOME_ARP@hcr.ny.gov.

[View NOFA](#)

[Visit HOME-ARP Web Page](#)

A virtual Funding Round Presentation will begin at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12th.

A Virtual meeting link will be published on the HOME-ARP website this week.

Request for Applications: Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP)



Homes and
Community Renewal

Housing
Trust Fund
Corporation

The Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) invites eligible not-for-profit organizations to submit applications for participation in the Neighborhood Preservation Program or the Rural Preservation Program (NPP/RPP).

These programs, funded by the State of New York, are administered by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's (HTFC) Office of Community Renewal (OCR) and provide administrative funding to community based not-for-profits across the State engaged in activities related to the preservation, stabilization, or improvement of neighborhoods or rural areas. Organizations participating in these programs are known as "preservation companies."

Preservation companies utilize the administrative funds provided by the N/RPP to deliver services and bolster community development efforts in their designated service areas. NRPP funds do not support capital projects, administrative costs only.

Available Funding:

HTFC will make available State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023-24 funds through this RFA. This amount is a guideline for expected awards and the HTFC reserves the right to award additional or no funds based on resource availability and applications received.

Program: Neighborhood Preservation Program (four awards)

Estimated Funding: \$64,861.94

Funding is limited to half of a standard NPP award for the 2023-24 Program Year. This is a six-month contract, but successful applicants will be eligible for the NPP renewal application to participate for the full award offered in the 2024-25 Program Year.

**Application Deadline Date:
December 20, 2023**

*Please contact OCR staff at
NRPP@hcr.ny.gov with questions.*

Visit HCR for NPP Funding Round Materials

LINKS2Partners

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National Alliance of Community
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NLIHC WEBSITE

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Housing Coalition

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Notice of Funding Availability:

MH (Manufactured Home) Homeownership Outreach Grant



Homes and
Community Renewal

Purpose

The State of New York Mortgage Agency (“SONYMA”) offers affordable mortgage loans and down payment assistance to help qualified first time home buyers achieve the dream of homeownership.

Background

Since 2018, SONYMA has offered the MH Pilot Program for homebuyers purchasing Manufactured Homes (MH), including homes that are, or will be, sited on leased land -i.e., Manufactured Home Communities (MHCs). In 2023, Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation amending SONYMA’s statute to allow SONYMA to offer personal property loans to MH buyers – specifically for those seeking to site the home in MHCs. The legislation is specifically targeted to combat the lack of affordable financing available to MH buyers....

Purpose

SONYMA invites eligible applicants to apply for the MH Homeownership Outreach grant opportunity, aimed to increase participation in this new SONYMA loan product.

Applicants awarded through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), (“Awardees”) will onboard manufactured home park communities who will participate in SONYMA’s personal property loan program and conduct outreach directly to prospective borrowers. Grantees will receive training from SONYMA staff on the protocols for on-boarding MHC owners.

The 2023-2024 NYS Capital Budget made funds available for the purposes of providing services and assistance to first time homeowners. Through this NOFA, SONYMA is making available \$200,000 to award approximately four (4) eligible applicants to apply for grants of up to \$50,000.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are non-profit housing organizations headquartered in New York State and who have demonstrated experience in conducting grassroots outreach, and who have knowledge and experience working with residents of manufactured home communities. **Neighborhood and/or Rural Preservation Corporations are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Eligible Activities

Selected participants of the MH Homeownership Outreach grant (“Awardees”) shall conduct outreach to manufactured home communities to generate interest in participating in the program.

Ineligible Activities

The grant cannot be used to cover the costs of preparing an application for funding under the MH Homeownership Outreach grant program or any other program.

Eligible Target Area

The Eligible Target Areas are defined based on the distribution of manufactured home park communities in New York state.

All regions except for Long Island will be eligible areas to cover, due to the volume of parks in the upstate regions. Awardees may be asked to conduct virtual outreach to community owners and residents on Long Island.

A map of the anticipated Eligible Target Areas is available in Exhibit A of this NOFA.

Eligible Costs

Funds made available through this NOFA can be used to pay for costs associated with program staff, OTPS, travel expenses, and other miscellaneous program delivery costs, such as printing flyers. Applicants are required to provide a proposed program budget as part of their application.

Read NOFA for information on submitting applications.

Email questions to:

NOFA_Applications@hcr.ny.gov.

Deadline for Submission of Applications

**Tuesday, January 9th, 2024,
at 3:00 PM (EST)**

[Download NOFA](#)

This is a summary only. Please read entire NOFA by downloading.