

**Request for Applications**

**Climate Change and Health Adaptation Projects**

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# **Background**

The New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) is a not-for-profit association with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, representing all 58 local health departments (LHDs) in New York State. The association provides advocacy, training, and technical assistance to LHDs. It is the voice of the state’s local public health system working for all New Yorkers to prevent disease and disability, promote health and safety, and protect against public health hazard in the environment.

In line with NYSACHO’s mission to support and empower LHDs in their work to promote health and wellness, NYSACHO is committed to providing support to LHDs as they work to address and prevent the health impacts of climate change. To this end, NYSACHO, with support from New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), intends to award up to seven (7) entities up to $3,000 each to be support climate change and health adaptation projects.

# **Application Information**

Applicants will submit a project description and proposed project budget, using the Application Template (Appendix A). Complete applications should be submitted electronically to Emily D’Angelo (edangelo@nysacho.org) by February 10, 2023, with the email subject line: “Climate and Health Grant Application”. All applicants will be notified of their selection status by February 24.

## ***Eligibility***

To be considered for this funding opportunity, applicants must be a local health department based in the State of New York. If a local health department believes another county government agency may be an appropriate recipient for these funds, they may invite them to apply and should notify Emily D’Angelo (edangelo@nysacho.org).

## ***Scoring & Evaluation***

NYSACHO and NYSDOH will use the following criteria to review and score applications materials:

* **Project Description (40 points)**: Provide a description of the initiative, project, or activity to be supported with this funding. The project description should describe:
	+ Ways in which the project would address health equity within the community
	+ How project will build upon previous work, and/or how project will be used to support work beyond the scope of this funding period
* **Statement of Need (30 points)**: Describe the need for funding, and how proposed project will address climate and health priorities within the community using relevant data, if possible.
* **Collaboration (10 points)**: Include information on how internal and/or external partners will be involved with carrying out the proposed project
* **Workshop Participation (10 points)**: Applicants who participated in at least one Fall 2022 Climate and Health Adaption Workshop will be given preference in this application process
* **Small or Rural Health Department (10 points)**:Small and rural health departmetns will be given preference in this application process (defined as population served smaller than 50,000)

# **Project Information**

## ***Requirements***

By July 31, 2023, selected applicants will be required to:

* Participate in three (3) check-in calls with NYSACHO and NYSDOH
* Submit a final report to NYSACHO detailing how funds were utilized, and evaluating the successes, challenges, and lessons learned throughout the project
* Present about your project through a NYSACHO webinar or meeting
* Save receipts for purchases made using project funds. Receipts should be made available upon request from NYSACHO or NYSDOH

## ***Timeline***

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| *Deadline* | *Activity* |
| *January 12, 2023* | RFA opens |
| *February 10, 2023* | Applications due to Emily D’Angelo (edangelo@nysacho.org)  |
| *February 24, 2023* | All applicants notified of selection status |
| *March 2023 – July 2023* | Begin project activities and participate in check-in calls with NYSACHO and NYSDOH |
| July 31, 2023 | Submit final report to NYSACHO |

## ***Method of Payment***

NYSACHO will disburse payments to awardees via a one-time payment.

## ***NYSACHO Contact Information***

Please direct any comments, questions, or concerns related to this funding opportunity to:

Emily D’Angelo, MPH
Program Manager
edangelo@nysacho.org
(518) 925-5368

# **Appendix A: Application Template**

***General Information***

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| **Applicant Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Email:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Position Title:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Phone:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Organization Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **If Selected, Will Applicant Serve as Lead Staff on Project?** |[ ]  Yes |[ ]  *No* |
| **Please Provide the Following Information on Lead Staff (if different from applicant).** |
| **Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Email:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Position Title:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Phone:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Did you or someone from your organization participate in a Fall 2022 Climate and Health Adaptation Workshop?** |[ ]  Yes |[ ]  *No* |
| **Please indicate which workshop(s) you participated in:**[ ]  10/26 – Extreme Heat, Weather Vulnerability[ ]  10/27 – Flood Mitigation, Storm Response, Emergency Response Framework[ ]  11/2 – Complete Streets, Climate Smart Communities, Environmetnal Improvements[ ]  11/3 – Vector-borne Diseases, Harmful Algal Blooms, Food Security |

***Project Description***

Click or tap here to enter text.

***Statement of Need***

Click or tap here to enter text.

***Collaboration***

Click or tap here to enter text.

***Proposed Project Budget***

*Instructions*: Using the table below, list anticipated project expenditures. Total award should not exceed $3,000. If necessary, add more rows to the table to capture all project expenses.

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| **Item** | **Description** | **Cost** |
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| **Total Award** |  |

# **Appendix B: Examples of Climate and Health Adaption Projects**

Project funds can be used to supplement or support ongoing climate and health initiatives or be used to fund a pilot project or campaign. If applicants would like support in developing a project proposal, please reach out to Emily D’Angelo (edangelo@nysacho.org). Ideas for potential projects could come from presentations given during the Fall 2022 Virtual Climate and Health Adaptation Workshops: <https://www.nysacho.org/topic/climate-and-health-workshops/>. The Resource Guide developed for the Workshops may also be useful to review: <https://www.nysacho.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Resource-Guide-10.24-v3.pdf>.

Listed below are examples of how this funding could be used:

* Convene a meeting with local climate and health stakeholders to advance adaptation planning
	+ This could range from broader activities (e.g., to coordinate plans for future adaptation work or Climate Smart Community actions) to more specific activities (e.g., working with local partners to increase awareness about heat risks or OTDA cooling benefit among vulnerable populations)
* Develop educational materials that highlight locally relevant health impacts of climate change
* Host an event for community members to do environmental cleanup
* Distribute seed packets to promote gardening edible and/or non-edible native plants
* Purchase tick kits with tools to identify and safely remove ticks
* Formalize plans or improve infrastructure associated with local cooling and/or warming centers
* Purchase incentives to be used for research or focus group participants