

# RESOURCES

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## NYSERDA'S CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Local governments in New York State can use the Clean Energy Communities program to implement clean energy actions, save energy costs, and improve the environment. In addition to providing tools, resources, and technical assistance, the program recognizes and rewards leadership for the completion of clean energy projects.

To learn more about NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program, please visit: [nyserdera.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities](https://nyserdera.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities)

To read case studies of the Clean Energy Communities program in Buffalo Niagara, please visit: [regional-institute.buffalo.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/10/MovingCleanEnergyForward\\_BuffaloNiagaraCEC\\_SRPING2020\\_FINAL.pdf](https://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/10/MovingCleanEnergyForward_BuffaloNiagaraCEC_SRPING2020_FINAL.pdf)

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Clean Energy Coordinators provide free technical assistance to local governments participating in the Clean Energy Communities program. Contact Jason to find out how we can work together to reach sustainability goals in your community.

Click [here](#) to sign up for UBRI's monthly Clean Energy Communities eNewsletter and stay in the know about grant opportunities, trainings, and clean energy programming in Buffalo Niagara, including UBRI's monthly roundtable discussions, which will delve deeper into each of the High Impact Actions.

## NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) provides grant funding for municipalities to install electric vehicle charging stations and to purchase or lease zero-emission vehicles for fleet use. The DEC also provides grant funding for municipalities to complete climate change adaptation and mitigation projects that are part of a strategy to become a certified Climate Smart Community.

To learn more about DEC grants, please visit: [dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html](https://dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html)

## LOCAL UTILITIES

Many utility providers have financial incentive programs that can help offset costs associated with clean energy actions, such as installing electric vehicle charging stations, converting heating and cooling systems from natural gas or propane to electric, and converting streetlights to LED technology. They can also help conduct energy audits, feasibility studies, and cost-benefit analysis to determine which actions would be best for your community to pursue.

To learn more about these financial incentive programs, please contact your local utility provider.