New York’s Great Lakes Basin Small Grant Program

This document provides answers to questions that were not answered during the August 26th webinar session. All questions asked during the September 2nd webinar were answered.

Q. Are there ineligible expenses?

A. Yes. The Call for Proposals focuses on what can be budgeted for in your request. You are encouraged to propose activities that fit what is listed as eligible, and those that fit with the requirements established by the proposal evaluation team at the end of the call for proposals. Describe the proposed activity well within the expectations of the program, and if it meets all the requirements then it is most likely an eligible activity; grants funds need to be consistent with normal grant funding requirements (i.e. allowable expenses). Funds cannot be used for lobbying or land purchases.

Q. Can these funds be used for conservation easements, including expenses associated with them?

A. As long as the project clearly advances the goals of the Great Lakes Action Agenda Goal #7 and are for the common good, expenses related to conservation easements could be allowable. However, such applications may be subject to further review by a State agency on a case-by-case basis during grant evaluation process.