



Program Application

Grant Application Form: Feasibility Study or Project Implementation (please indicate)
Please Complete the Project Narrative section found on page 8 as appropriate (*indicates optional).

APPLICANT INFORMATION
Applicant Organization's Name: Town of Preble
<input type="checkbox"/> County government <input type="checkbox"/> Large municipal government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small municipal government (population under 10,000)
Applicant Contact and Title: Debra Brock Town of Preble Councilperson
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Other:
MUNICIPAL COMMITMENT TO REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS:
Provide a brief description of your organization's history, if any, in undertaking energy efficiency, sustainability, or climate action projects or programs. Describe relationships with other organizations, municipalities, or entities that you have developed as a product of the above efforts.
Has your municipality participated in any state, federal, or international climate initiatives such as NYS DEC's Climate Smart Communities, and/or ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability? (Please indicate which one(s)) Has your municipality begun or completed a greenhouse gas emissions inventory or climate action plan in the past 36 months (please explain)?
In July, 2010, the Preble Town Council named a building maintenance committee to inventory and assess Preble Municipal buildings for the purpose of creating a renovation and maintenance schedule. Concerns to be addressed were safety, energy efficiency improvement and general building preservation. We requested a municipal energy audit through NYSERDA, which was the beginning of our climate action plan.
February, 2010 the Preble Highway Superintendent, The Town Supervisor and Town Board members began a discussion with the Cortland County Highway staff to explore shared services for highway maintenance between Cortland County and Preble. The concept is currently being considered by the county highway staff, with the understanding that the Town of Preble is prepared to resume discussions at the county's pleasure.
Preble Highway Department currently shares maintenance duties with the Town of Tully where trading routes saves both towns fuel and mileage on town vehicles.

Has your municipality begun or completed a building and/or systems retrofit project, improved the efficiency of your municipal fleet, or implemented a renewable energy project within the last 36 months (please explain)?

The Town of Preble building maintenance committee applied to NYSERDA for a building energy audit for the Preble Town Hall. The audit was done in August, 2010. We await the NYSERDA report, and will begin implementing the suggestions when we receive a prioritized list of improvements from NYSERDA.

We are planning to construct a Department of Public Works building as soon as we secure funding. The preliminary plans are drawn to exceed the standards for energy efficiency for this type of building. We are interested in investing in additional energy efficiencies and would install alternative energy systems in the building if the budget allows.

Has your municipality engaged in efforts to implement land use planning and management practices in order to reduce energy use, greenhouse gas emissions or to encourage responsible management of urban or rural areas?

The Town of Preble joined the towns of Homer and Scott to develop Agriculture Plans for the towns. The planning process is still in progress, with an expected end date of the spring of 2011. At that time, Preble will have an individualized Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan ready to implement. Preble's Goals Segment will include a commitment to supporting greenhouse gas emission reduction programs in partnership with the town's ag and non-ag businesses.

IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT AREA(S) (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

What types of projects are you interested in exploring as a municipality?

- Energy efficiency (including combined heat and power and geothermal)
- Solar thermal, solar electric and small wind
- Alternative fuel vehicles
- Transportation and Land Use revisions
- Other (please specify) _____

ADDITIONAL APPLICANT QUESTION

Has the Applicant been debarred from receiving federal grant funds? YES NO

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that as the Applicant of this Request for Applications, the identified organization is interested in an developing a greenhouse gas inventory and climate action plan and is requesting funding for eligible costs in developing a demonstration project or conducting an energy conservation or feasibility study through the CNY RPDB's Central New York Climate Change Innovation Program. I certify that the information provided as part of this Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that none of the work identified for funding herein has been undertaken. I certify that the Applicant will be requesting any available technical assistance or financial incentives from NYSERDA (or other organization) to perform the work. I understand that Applications shall meet the other specified criteria described in this solicitation, and that all Applications may not be funded. I agree to provide to the CNY RPDB any and all required materials, documentation, and information, on the schedule required by the CNY RPDB to meet any requirements as determined by the US Environmental Protection Agency Climate Showcase Communities program. I understand that failure to comply with these requirements may result in loss of funding.

Yes No

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

NAME AND TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION AND PHONE: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WOULD ASSIST CNY RPDB IN MAKING A DETERMINATION ABOUT YOUR PROPOSAL

Residents in the Town of Preble are actively engaged in environmental stewardship. The farm community in the town takes great pride in farm operations that abide by the environmental laws, with protection of the Cortland Homer Preble Aquifer a first priority in their operations. The Preble Milk Co-op, the oldest milk co-op in the state, continues to far exceed USDA standards for purity due to high standards set on all farms in the co-op.

Song Lake residents sponsored an educational series which covered topics pertaining to water quality and environmental conservation, including environmentally friendly lawn care and landscaping for water quality. Those sessions led to the Song Lake Watershed Planning Group, which led to the formation of the Cortland-Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations.

These examples, and there are many others, illustrate the sincere interest Preble residents have in protecting our natural resources. We are willing to make the effort to learn and take action. The Climate Smart Communities Pledge will fit our town's profile very well. The Preble community will benefit from the support this pledge provides to efforts already being made to improve environmental conditions. Participation in Local Governments for Sustainability will also be a welcome source of information and support for Preble's existing and future efforts to protect and sustain the environment.