



Local Government Efficiency Program

The **Local Government Efficiency (LGe)** Program provides technical and financial assistance to local governments for projects that achieve savings and improve municipal efficiency through shared services and municipal reorganization.

- Citizen Empowerment Tax Credit and Reorganization Empowerment Grants aid local governments with municipal re-organization activities. (up to \$35 million)
- Local Government Efficiency Grants assist local governments develop and implement new opportunities for savings and service delivery efficiencies. (up to \$4 million)
- Municipal Restructuring Fund assists local governments fund implementation of large scale local government reorganization and modernization efforts. (up to \$25 million)

Citizen Empowerment Tax Credit

- Additional annual aid available to reorganized local governments, not to exceed \$1,000,000.
- 15% of the combined real property taxes levied by each municipality involved in the consolidation or dissolution.
- At least 70% of aid must be used for property tax relief.

Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grant Program

- For the consolidation or dissolution of a local government pursuant to General Municipal Law - Article 17A.
 - \$50,000 maximum for a study (\$25,000 of which can be expedited to petitioned local governments).
 - \$50,000 maximum for planning or implementation of a municipal reorganization.

Local Government Efficiency Grant Program

- Competitive grants to local governments to implement new local government efficiency actions.
 - Planning projects capped at \$12,500 per local government, not to exceed \$100,000.
 - Implementation projects capped at \$200,000 per local government, not to exceed \$1,000,000.
- Project applications are assessed on the expected fiscal impact, level of shared effort and service improvement.

Municipal Restructuring Fund Program

- For transformative projects that demonstrate the broadest impact across local governments.
- Acceptance to the program is based upon the project type, scale, and potential municipal tax levy impact.
- Engages local governments in implementation of projects at different stages of readiness.
- Sample projects could include:
 - Regionalization of services
 - General government restructuring
 - Department reorganization among multiple local governments
 - Police department consolidation
 - Multi-municipal highway department consolidation
 - Fire Service consolidation

Recent Local Government Efficiency Awards

Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority

Regional Plan for the Delivery of Water and Sewer to Cayuga County- \$100,000

Village of Hamburg

DPW Consolidation Planning - \$37,500

Town of Catskill

Functional Consolidation of Code Enforcement Offices - \$12,000

Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES

Shared Bus Repair Planning Project - \$17,500

Washington County

Washington County Shared Regional Highway Operations Centers - \$37,500

Village of Gouverneur

Gouverneur Hydroelectric Upgrade and Expansion Feasibility Study - \$25,000

Town of North Hempstead

Emergency Data and Phone Installation Planning - \$7,500

Erie County

Erie County Household Hazardous Waste Plan - \$24,000

New Rochelle Fire Department

Consolidated Fleet Maintenance Planning - \$25,000

Village of Briarcliff Manor

Consolidated Water Supply Implementation - \$602,879

Village of Hamburg

Water System Consolidation Implementation Project - \$405,500

City of Cortland

Joint Cortland, Cortlandville, Homer Water Meter Project - \$400,000

Town of Macedon

Village of Macedon Dissolution Implementation - \$191,862

Town of Portland

Chautauqua County Regional Water Project - \$270,000

Town of Eden

Waterline Improvement Project - \$402,777

Town of Corinth

Functional Consolidation of Water System Operation and Maintenance - \$400,000

City of Poughkeepsie

Dutchess County Bus Service Expansion - \$315,000

Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES

Capital Region Shared Student Transportation Project - \$182,160

Village/Town of Mount Kisco

Water Plant Operation Consolidation - \$144,234

County of Nassau/Nassau County Police Department

Law Enforcement Records Management System Consolidation - \$399,588