

NYS Consolidated Funding Application # 146761
Organization Name: Otsego County
Project Name: Town of Oneonta Woodland Water Project
City: Oneonta **State:** NY

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Region

Mohawk Valley

Questionnaire Questions & Answers

Location

Q_3527 US Congressional District where the project is located. (This question's value will be filled automatically, based on the project address, when the application is finalized.)

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Q_928 Project Street Address: Please input the project street address (**Street Number and Street Name only**).

If the project has multiple locations, please input the primary street address of the project. If the project does not have a definite street address, please input the approximate street address of the project (Street Number and Street Name only).

171 Youngs Road

Q_565 Project City

Oneonta

Q_972 Project county or counties.

Otsego

Q_568 Project State

NY

Q_572 Project Latitude (This question's value will be filled automatically, based on the project address, when the application is finalized.)

42.45485613900007

Q_573 Project Longitude (This question's value will be filled automatically, based on the project address, when the application is finalized.)

-75.01320595399994

Q_184 NYS Assembly District where the project is located. (This question's value will be filled automatically, based on the project address, when the application is finalized.)

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Q_190 NY Senate District where the project is located. (This question's value will be filled automatically, based on the project address, when the application is finalized.)

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Q_1034 Project ZIP Code. (please use ZIP+4 if known)

13820

Basic

General Project Information

Q_556 Select an applicant ID type from the list below that you normally use to identify your organization on application forms.

Federal Tax ID Number

Q_2655 Based on your selection from the previous question, enter the associated ID number.

15-6000464

Applicant

	Answer
Organization Legal Name	Otsego County
Applicant First Name	Tammie
Applicant Last Name	Harris
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City	Cooperstown
State	NY
Zip Code (use ZIP+4 if known)	13326
Telephone Number (include area code)	607-547-4225
Email Address	harrist@ otsegocountyny.gov

Contacts

	Primary Contact	Contact Authorized to Execute Contract if Awarded	Additional Contact
Salutation	Ms.	Mr.	Mr.
First Name	Tammie	Steve	Edwin
Last Name	Harris	Wilson	Frazier
Title	Director of Planning	County Administrator	Chair of the Board of Representatives
Organization	Otsego County	Otsego County	Otsego County
Street Address	197 Main Street	197 Main Street	197 Main Street
City	Cooperstown	Cooperstown	Cooperstown
State	NY	NY	NY
ZIP Code	13326	13326	13326
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Project Description

Q_575 Project Description. Concisely describe the project, indicating the location, what will be planned, designed, acquired, and/or constructed, the issues/opportunities to be addressed, and expected outcomes and deliverables. Additional details will be collected later in the application process.

Otsego County will work with the Town of Oneonta to replace the asbestos cement and PVC piping in the Woodland Water District, including the Angel Heights and Morningside Heights developments, and extend the piping and District across County Rte. 47. The project will support an additional 4 units of senior housing at St. James Manor and promote a minimum of 10 units of housing development across County Rte. 47 along County Rte. 58. The four homes proposed for addition to the St. James Manor area will be 2,400 square feet per unit. The ten additional homes slated for the Hemlock Road area will be an average size of 1,850 square feet per unit.

Q_976 Statement of need: Provide a brief summary of the need for the project in the geographic area proposed and the project's financing needs, including funding gaps of the proposed project.

The Town of Oneonta's Woodland Water District needs to replace asbestos cement and PVC piping to support existing housing and expand the district to create new housing. The Town is currently a Certified Pro Housing Community. Favorable zoning and existing concentrated housing development make this an ideal location

to improve and expand upon the water district. Otsego County's 2024 Housing Needs Assessment demonstrates loss in housing units over the last decade. Improving and expanding the water district will help increase the number of housing units in the County. The County Infrastructure Grant will be used to close a funding gap after using \$4.2 million from Congressionally Directed Spending funds and applying for financing from the EFC Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for remaining expenses.

Q_929 Current State of Project Development (i.e. planning, preliminary engineering, final design, etc. You may enter N/A for non-project related applications)

Preliminary engineering

Q_975 Estimated Project Timeline: include project start/completion dates, estimates for design, permitting and construction or other major steps.

The following timeline is based on the estimate of award one month following the application submission.

Month 1-6 (May-December 2025) – Design

Month 7-8 (January-February 2026) – Bidding and Negotiations

Month 8-20 (February 2026-February 2027) – Permitting and Construction

Month 20-24 (February-June 2027) – Construction Closeout

Q_580 Provide a list of all federal, state, and local reviews, approvals, or permits needed or completed, including the dates when they are expected to be completed or were completed. If Not Applicable, indicate "NA".

NYSDOH Plan Approval

NYSOPRHP – Letter of No Effect

Otsego County Department of Public Works – Highway Work Permit

NYSDEC – GP-0-25-001 Stormwater Permit for Construction Activity

Q_12606 Does this project require State and/or Federal Environmental Review?

Yes

Q_2364 What is the status of State and/or Federal Environmental Review?

Not started

Q_12607 Please indicate the lead agency (if applicable).

Q_12604 Has a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Record of Decision been issued?

No

Prior CFA Funding

Q_12625 Has the applicant or project been awarded funding in prior CFA rounds?

Yes

Q_2362 What were the CFA numbers for which funding was awarded? (separate multiple CFA numbers with commas)

31533, 40621, 40619, 40615, 55040, 53405, 40621, 75944, 74411, 74408, 94249, 91089, 90137, 120488, 124505

REDC

County Infrastructure Grant Program

Q_2366 How does your project align with the Regional Economic Development Council's Strategic Plan/Upstate Revitalization Initiative Plan? (strategic plans are located at <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>)

The Mohawk Valley Strategic Plan identifies housing as a regional priority, and in particular lists the importance of connecting infrastructure to sites to develop more housing while maintaining the availability and affordability of existing housing in the region. These efforts are necessary to supporting and maintaining the region's workforce. By improving existing infrastructure and expanding it, the Woodland Water District Improvements project will support the region's goal to "(draw) new residents and (keep) communities intact."

Q_930 Explain what makes your project a regional economic priority - for example creates jobs, economic investment, sustainability and community revitalization, government efficiency or consolidation etc.

Housing and infrastructure are among the top priorities of municipalities in this region, as noted in the Mohawk Valley REDC Strategic Plan, Otsego County's Housing Needs Assessment, and Otsego County's Strategic Plan. Development of additional water service infrastructure will lead directly to the addition of more housing units in the Town of Oneonta. Availability of housing is an important aspect to population growth and workforce development, which are critical for economic development. When combined these key components bode well for economic development in the future, both in terms of potential commercial and residential development or community building.

Standard Question

Q_16556 The program is intended to invest in the three (3) following types of projects; projects that contribute to placemaking, support the creation of housing, and encourage visitation and tourism. List which area(s) that this project will specifically focus on.

Support the creation of housing

Q_16563 Describe how this project will contribute to placemaking, support the creation of housing, and/or encourage visitation and tourism for the County.

This project will expand the Town of Oneonta Woodland Water District to serve 4 units (2, 400sf each) of senior housing at St. James Manor and 10 units (average of 1, 850sf each) of housing to be developed at 207 County Highway 47 in the Town of Oneonta.

Site Data

Q_13522 Region

Mohawk Valley

Q_16565 Does the project directly support the creation of housing?

Yes

Q_16566 How many new housing units does it support the creation of?

14

Q_16567 What is the proposed square footage of housing that will be created in total?

28100

Q_16568 Describe how the project will directly support the creation of housing units?

This project proposes to improve, and increase capacity of, the water service infrastructure to existing

residences in the Town of Oneonta. Additionally, this improved and expanded capacity will provide

service to four additional housing units at St. James Manor and at least ten more housing units

near the intersection of County Routes 47 and 58 (Hemlock Road Extension).

Q_16569 Please describe the municipality where the project will occur and specify other related or complimentary investments being made related to the project area.

The Town of Oneonta is located in the southern part of Otsego County and surrounds the City of Oneonta. As the second most populated municipality in the County, the Town of Oneonta's Southside hosts the County's largest big-box retail district. The Town is also home to the Cooperstown All Star Village, a popular summer baseball camp in the County. The Town also has several existing concentrated areas of housing as a result. These economic features, coupled with its proximity to the City of Oneonta, Interstate 88, and NYS Route 28, make the Town of Oneonta a desirable location for the development of new housing.

As part of the proposed replacement and expansion of the Woodland Water District, St. James Manor, near County Highway 47, has proposed 4 additional units of senior housing and Enck Enterprises has proposed at least 10 new units of housing at County Highway 58.

Q_16571 Why is this project a priority for the county and what criteria were used to prioritize this project for funding over other projects?

The 2024 Otsego County Housing Needs Assessment demonstrated a decrease in housing units in the County, as well as challenges to maintaining the availability of quality housing. Noted priorities in the Needs Assessment included applying for funding to increase the number of housing units in Otsego County, while also following Smart Growth principles, such as increasing development within existing developed communities. Municipalities contacted the Otsego County Planning Department with interest in the County Infrastructure Grant program. The Planning Department created an expression of interest form in order to evaluate each municipal request in a consistent format. These requests were presented to the County Board's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, where the Town of Oneonta's Woodland Water District project was voted on by the Committee as the project most in need of the additional investment, as well as being a project that would have a substantial impact.

Q_16570 What strategies were employed to solicit feedback and input from local residents, businesses, and stakeholders regarding the proposed infrastructure project?

Key stakeholders were contacted to solicit input on potential infrastructure projects, including Otsego Now and SUNY Oneonta's Regional Innovation Council (RIC). The RIC has organized a series of housing discussions with municipalities, developers, landlords, and community organizations to address housing needs in the Oneonta area. The Otsego County Planning Department has participated as both presenters and participants in stakeholder discussions, where the need for infrastructure to support more housing emerged as a focus area. These meetings also served as a way for interested municipalities to connect with the County Planning Department regarding their project ideas for the County Infrastructure Grant.

There have been multiple complaints (28 since September 2024) from the District's residents regarding poor water quality. Residents of the Hemlock Road area have requested the Town of Oneonta Board to consider expanding the Woodland Water District to include their homes. Residents circulated a petition with 28 people signing and delivering it to the Town of Oneonta Board.

Q_16572 What specific metrics will be used to determine the success of the project? (i.e. improved tax revenues, number of users, increased tourism, etc.)

Linear Feet of Water Line (replaced and expanded) = 20, 000

Q_16564 Please detail how this project will support economic development in the county. This should include the anticipated community benefits, direct or indirect job creation, placemaking activities, and/or other community benefits.

The Woodland Water District Project will improve existing housing and allow for the creation of additional housing units. This is critical to Otsego County, where population and both the quantity and quality of housing units have been on the decline. Available housing is critical to population growth and increasing workforce, which are key factors to economic growth and development. Improving and expanding the Woodland Water District will allow for the improvement of existing housing and the creation of new housing, improving the landscape for economic development in Otsego County.

General Information

Q_4603 Has the Municipality ever been or currently delinquent under the terms of any agreements with Empire State Development?

No

Q_13519 Does the proposed project include additional NYS benefit?

No

Q_13525 Does the proposed project include benefits from a local Industrial Development Agency (IDA)?

No

Site Data

Q_13421 Are there multiple property owners for the proposed site?

No

Project Readiness and Feasibility

Q_4637 Has the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) consultation process been initiated?

No

Q_4638 Has the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) review process been initiated?

No

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)

Q_4653 If a SEQR has NOT been completed for this property, explain the status of the SEQR review, provide the identity of the lead agency and date when the review is anticipated to be complete.

See Scoring Tips for acceptable lead agencies.

The SEQR Review of the project is pending further design work to finalize the locations of the replacement

and extensions. The Town of Oneonta Town Board will serve as the lead agency for SEQR. A completed

review is anticipated by January 2026 if the project is able to commence by May 2025.

Project Readiness and Feasibility

Q_13424 Has a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment been completed?

No

Project Implementation

Q_13225 Will any other entity (local, state, federal agency or private investor) be involved in implementation of the project?

Yes

Q_13234 Identify each entity and their involvement in the project.

Town of Oneonta - owner of the water district; HUD - congressional funding; NYSDOH - approvals; NYSOPRHP - approvals; County of Otsego - highway work permit; NYSDEC - stormwater permit

Project Information

Q_13405 If the project is not fully funded, explain what other sources the applicant will seek or measures it will take, to fully fund, implement and complete this project.

The Town of Oneonta was awarded a \$4.2 million Community Project Funding Grant through Congressionally Directed Spending funds in 2024 for their West Main Street Water & Sewer Extension Project. The Town is working with HUD to finalize a technical change that will redirect this award to the Woodland Water Project. The Town will finance the rest of the project using EFC Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds.

Q_4954 Was an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) requested or completed for any property associated with this project? If yes, one hardcopy of the Draft and Final EIS and the lead agency's Statement of Findings must be submitted to Empire State Development.

No

State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

Q_4645 Does your project involve acquisition of real estate?

No

Q_13518 Please describe any problems that are anticipated in completing any of the above activities.

There are no anticipated problems once the technical change is completed for the congressional funding.

Certification

Q_1038 By entering your name in the box below, you certify that you are authorized on behalf of the applicant and its governing body to submit this application. You further certify that all of the information contained in this Application and in all statements, data and supporting documents which have been made or furnished for the purpose of receiving assistance for the project described in this application, are true, correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief. You acknowledge that offering a written instrument knowing that the written instrument contains a false statement or false information, with the intent to defraud the State or any political subdivision, public authority or public benefit corporation of the State, with the knowledge or belief that it will be filed with or recorded by the State or any political subdivision, public authority or public benefit corporation of the State, constitutes a crime under New York State Law.

Tammie Harris

General Certifications

Q_2180 By entering your name in the box below, you certify and agree that you are authorized on behalf of the applicant and its governing body to commit the applicant to comply with the requirements of Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law: Participation By Minority Group Members and Women With Respect To State Contracts by providing opportunities for MBE/WBE participation. You further certify that the applicant will maintain such records and take such actions necessary to demonstrate such compliance throughout the completion of the project.

Tammie Harris

Q_4955 By entering your name in the box below, you are acknowledging that ESD's Contractor & Supplier Diversity policy will apply to this project. You are further acknowledging that you are aware of ESD's agency-wide Minority and Women Business Enterprise ('MWBE') utilization goal of 30%. Please note that each project will be assigned an individual contract-specific goal, which may be higher or lower than 30%. Furthermore, you understand that, should this project receive a funding award, the Applicant shall be required to use good faith efforts to achieve the prescribed MWBE goals assigned to this project and failure to attain MWBE goal could result in grant amount being reduced.

Tammie Harris

Net New Jobs

No job answers necessary due to your associated programs.

Qualified Investments

No investment answers necessary due to your associated programs.

Project Totals

Total project cost: \$ 6,640,000

Funding Requested from Program

Program	Amount Requested
County Infrastructure Grant Program \$ 1000000	maximum funding allowed: \$1,000,000

Program Budget

County Infrastructure Grant Program

Use	Source	Status	Amount	Indicate Source / Comments
Design	Federal	In Progress	\$110500	Congressionally Directed Spending (Awarded with a technical change request in progress)
Infrastructure/Site Work	Federal	In Progress	\$309500	Congressionally Directed Spending (Awarded with a technical change request in progress)
Infrastructure/Site Work	State	Anticipated	\$100000	County Infrastructure Grant
Infrastructure/Site Work	State	Anticipated	\$143000	EFC DWSRF
Contractual and/or Consultants	State	Anticipated	\$10000	EFC DWSRF (Legal expenses)

Attachment Questions & Answers

County Infrastructure Grant Program

Application Fee

Q_13352 Application Fee should be wired via the instructions in the guidelines. Please provide proof of payment here.

[Q_13352_Application Fee Wire.pdf](#)
[Download](#)

Q_16557 Attach a project proposal.

[Q_16557_NYS County Infrastructure Grant Project Proposal_Letterhead.pdf](#)
[Download](#)

Q_16559 Attach documentation of site ownership/control or written consent from the ownership entity consenting to the application for funding.

[Q_16559_SiteControlAffidavits.pdf](#)
[Download](#)

Project Information

Q_13395 Attach a letter of support from the chief executive and/or legislative resolution of the local municipality that maintains land use control over the proposed project site.

[Q_13395_LOS_TownofOneonta.pdf](#)
[Download](#)

Q_16558 Attach any additional demonstration of support from local government, elected officials, and/or community support for the proposed project.

[Q_16558_support.pdf](#)
[Download](#)

Q_16560 Attach documentation of financial information, including an organizational chart and list of owners, affiliates, related parties, and beneficiaries.

[Q_16560.pdf](#)
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Project Readiness and Feasibility

Q_13528 Attach a sources and uses of funds table including documentation of leveraged investment, such as private and local investment

[Q_13528_SourcesUsesFunds.pdf](#)
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Q_16561 Attach a letter of matching fund commitment(s), including 50% utilization of non-program funds.

[Q_16561_LOS_TownofOneonta.pdf](#)
[Download](#)

Q_4625 Attach copy of third party estimates for project costs.

[Q_4625_Oneonta \(T\) WWD WSI Opinion of cost; 3-18-25.pdf](#)
[Download](#)

Q_13402 Attach documentation of any environmental review.

[Q_13402_Environmental Review.pdf](#)
[Download](#)

Q_16611 For projects proposing specific housing goals, attach a credible plan for achieving proposed housing goals.

Q_16611_siteplanshousing.pdf
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Q_16562 Attach any applicable maps, photos, plans, diagrams, etc. that depict the proposed project.

Q_16562_waterdistrictmaps.pdf
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Legend

[x] = Expired Program