

2025 CCPEG Support for Economic Development Projects

About the Initiative

The **Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth** (CCPEG) offers resources for select projects identified to have potential for transformational county-wide impact. Support could include technical assistance, funding match requirements for local, state, or federal grants being used for projects that align with the Chautauqua County Economic Development Strategic Plan, or other projects that enhance or leverage previous investment in economic development within Chautauqua County.



Award Options

Grant awards typically range between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Requests of up to \$50,000 will be considered.

Eligibility

- Municipalities
- Nonprofits
- Community organizations
- Academic institutions
- Economic development organizations
- Excludes for-profit businesses

Resources are available for projects designed to spur economic development within Chautauqua County.

1. Technical Assistance

Grant writing assistance, project development support, design, conceptualization, costing, and related services.

2. Match Requirements

Local, state, or federal grants being used for projects that align with the Chautauqua County Economic Development Strategic Plan.

3. High-Priority Projects

Enhance and/or leverage previous investment in economic development within Chautauqua County.



Additional Information

- Projects must align with the Chautauqua County Economic Development Strategic Plan <https://bit.ly/chqstrategicplan>
- Funds cannot be used for general operating sustainability
- Funding cannot directly support private sector initiatives but can be used by a municipality or other agency to support overall project readiness for commercial real estate or related projects

Program FAQ's

What is the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG)?

CCPEG is an organization that brings together public and private community leaders to focus on county-wide and regional economic development. CCPEG is the central coordinating entity for the formation, retention, development, and attraction of quality jobs and advancements to the quality of life in Chautauqua County. We catalyze and broker resources for advancing economic prosperity efforts, provide leadership for businesses, develop our community, and facilitate entrepreneurial growth in the region.

What is the CCPEG Support for Economic Development Projects?

In 2021, the **Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC)**, the umbrella organization of CCPEG, accepted a three year, \$1.05 million grant award from the **Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation (RWJF)**. This grant in part was designed to provide critical local-matching dollars for catalytic economic and community development projects.



Matching dollars were provided for a wide variety of projects in 2022, 2023, and 2024, helping to advance a wide array of important community and economic development projects throughout the county.

In 2024, CCPEG was awarded additional funding from RWJF, allowing this vital funding program to continue in 2025, 2026, and 2027.

Who should apply?

We invite municipalities, academic institutions, nonprofits, economic development organizations, and community groups to submit applications for funding consideration and/or technical assistance for 2025 projects. For-profit businesses are not eligible.

How will projects be assessed?

Projects that directly align with the Chautauqua County's Economic Development Strategic Plan will be looked at favorably through the review process. Project readiness, feasibility, transformation potential, and economic impact will be used to guide decision making. The goals and strategies of the Strategic Plan can be found at <https://bit.ly/chqstrategicplan>.

Where do I apply?

Interested applicants should **complete the online application**. Application should include a project description, rationale and expected economic impact, total project cost and anticipated timeline, type of support being sought (technical assistance, grant-writing support, and/or financial assistance), and contact information. A link to the application is available using the QR code below, or by visiting the Support for Economic Development Projects page at CHQPartnership.org.

How much can I apply for?

Grant awards typically range between **\$10,000** and **\$20,000**. Requests of up to \$50,000 will be considered for high priority/impact projects.

When are applications due?

All applications should be submitted by February 21, 2025. Late applications will not be considered. Only applications submitted online will be accepted. Please contact us directly for requests outside of our application period.

When will the awards be made?

Following the submission and review of applications, award notifications will be made in **March 2025**.



Apply Today!

Scan to fill out the Google form or visit CHQPartnership.org

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