

NY BRICKS RFI - Open Questions Received with Answers as of 3/28/2025

If you have not already done so, please take the opportunity to respond to the NY BRICKS RFI Questions. All responses from the public will be considered during the development of future Requests for Applications.

Please note that participation in the RFI will not guarantee selection in any future grant opportunity.

Question	Answer
Playground funding	<i>The Governor proposed new programs in January that could provide funding for capital improvements to recreational facilities including playgrounds, swimming facilities and community centers. If funding is allocated toward any or all of these in the final adopted State budget, formal Requests for Applications will be developed and published later this year. All information regarding the new program(s) will be made available at that time. Please be sure to respond to the questions in the RFI as the responses we receive will be used to develop future funding opportunities.</i>
Where can I get more information about applying for the Building Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids and Seniors (NY BRICKS) funding?	<i>If funding is allocated to NY BRICKS in the final adopted State Budget, a formal Request for Applications will be published later this year. All information regarding the new program will be available at the that time.</i>
In my community we are lucky to have a small swimming pool that was built by community members who pooled resources 50 years ago. It is not publicly funded; it is mostly run by volunteers and membership fees. It is currently financially struggling. Is there a way we can apply for a grant to maintain and keep the pool open while expanding our swim lessons to the community.	<i>If additional funding is allocated to NY SWIMS in the final adopted State Budget, a formal Request for Applications will be published later this year. All information regarding the new program will be available at the that time. Please be sure to respond to the questions in the RFI as the responses we receive will be used to develop future funding opportunities.</i>
Last week I heard Governor Hochul announce on NPR that there are grants for building swimming pools and recreation centers in New York State. I cannot find anything online other than the information from last year regarding the NY swims program. Is this a continuation of that program or a new program? I would like to highlight the need for an indoor swimming pool and recreation center in Ulster County. Did I hear correctly that the state is allocating funds for these kinds of projects.	<i>The Governor proposed new programs in January that could provide funding for capital improvements to recreational facilities including playgrounds, swimming facilities and community centers. If funding is allocated toward any or all of these in the final adopted State budget, formal Requests for Applications will be developed and published later this year. All information regarding the new program(s) will be made available at that time. Please be sure to respond to the questions in the RFI as the responses we receive will be used to develop future funding opportunities.</i>
I am a Universal Pre-Kindergarten teacher in NYS. I was looking for more information about the NY PLAYS initiative and grant opportunities. Many schools, including the one that I work at, do not have age-appropriate playgrounds for Universal PreK students. Play is such an important part of a young child's development, specifically their gross motor skills. I would love the opportunity to apply for this grant. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!	<i>The Governor proposed new programs in January that could provide funding for capital improvements to recreational facilities including playgrounds, swimming facilities and community centers. If funding is allocated toward any or all of these in the final adopted State budget, formal Requests for Applications will be developed and published later this year. All information regarding the new program(s) will be made available at that time.</i>
Are you interested in potentially including igloo structures in this project to enhance parks?	<i>Specific aspects of a proposed project would likely be determined by the applicant organization. Please be sure to respond to the questions in the RFI as the responses we receive will be used to develop future funding opportunities.</i>
By answering these questions, am I eligible for grant funds?	<i>If funding is allocated to NY BRICKS in the final adopted State Budget, a formal Request for Applications will be published later this year. All information regarding the new program, including eligibility requirements, will be available at the that time.</i>
May an eligible community center target only one population (i.e. youth OR older adults)?	<i>It is anticipated that the RFA, once completed would look for proposals serving the public and not limit one particular age group over another. Please be sure to respond to the questions in the RFI as the responses we receive will be used to develop future funding opportunities.</i>
Can renovations include a community center's indoor pool, locker rooms and additional bathrooms?	<i>In general, renovations could include any portion of the facility, either interior or exterior. Please be sure to respond to the questions in the RFI as the responses we receive will be used to develop future funding opportunities.</i>
Can a tenant submit an RFP for renovations or must it come from the community center's landlord?	<i>In general, tenants are permitted to request funding for an eligible project within their leased space. If the proposed project encompasses an entire building, (i.e. new roof), and the community center only leases a portion of the building, then the landlord would generally be the more appropriate one to make the grant request.</i>
Will there be stipulations to the sale or transfer of a center property if grant funds are awarded?	<i>In general, when capital funds are utilized to improve a facility, the recipient of the grant funds is required to maintain site control over the facility for the anticipated useful life of the improved asset. Failure to do so could be considered a default of the contract to receive funding and the recipient could be asked to repay the grant funds.</i>
Can projects include both a renovation and expansion of community center to increase capacity?	<i>In general a capital grant can be used for both renovation and expansion. Please be sure to respond to the questions in the RFI as the responses we receive will be used to develop future funding opportunities.</i>