

The New York Community Trust

National Environment Program Request for Proposals 2026

PROPOSALS DUE at 9 p.m. ET on Thursday, April 23, 2026

About The New York Community Trust:

As New York's largest community foundation, The New York Community Trust (The Trust) fosters and engages in enduring and innovative philanthropy, making grants that bring together the local knowledge and expertise of its team, nonprofits, and partners to help donors fulfill their vision for the causes they love. From education and the arts to health care and the environment, The Trust seeks to improve every aspect of the cultural and civic life of New York City, Long Island, and Westchester.

The Trust is a regional philanthropic leader. In addition to a distinguished competitive grantmaking program, The Trust hosts donor-advised funds that make grants throughout the United States as well as funder collaboratives that work on the leading edge of philanthropy to improve the lives of New Yorkers. In 2025, it made close to 11,000 grants totaling nearly \$230 million.

Having celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2024, The Trust has catalyzed innovations in philanthropy ranging from establishing the first donor-advised fund in the 1930s to making landmark grants, including some of the first to fight AIDS, build the High Line, support immigrant communities in the region, and respond quickly in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Request for Proposals:

The Trust seeks proposals for its National Environment Grantmaking Program, supported by the Henry Phillip Kraft Memorial Fund. The four broad priorities of this grantmaking program are to:

- mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and removing legacy carbon from the atmosphere and oceans;
- adapt and become more resilient to the consequences of a warming world;
- protect public health from toxic chemicals and other environmental hazards; and
- preserve and create ecological connectivity by supporting terrestrial and marine conservation corridors.

More details on The Trust's environmental grantmaking priorities and strategy can be found [here](#).

Grants made pursuant to this request for proposals will be for national projects, i.e., projects working in the United States (including its territories). Grants will not exceed \$150,000 per year for up to two years.

If you would like to be considered for a national grant from The Trust, please submit a proposal that includes a 4-page narrative, a project budget, and the organization's annual operating budget. The narrative section should include a:

1. short paragraph that describes the organization or organizations seeking a grant (if the proposed project involves multiple organizations, describe them as well as how they will work together);
2. brief analysis of the problem or opportunity to be addressed;
3. description of proposed activities to address the problems and expected results; and
4. discussion of how progress will be assessed.

Also submit a project budget (rather than a grant budget), which should include personnel, project, and administrative costs, as well as existing and potential income sources other than The Trust, and the applicant organization's current year, board-approved operating budget. For projects involving multiple nonprofits, provide the information requested above, and include regrants to partner groups in the project budget. *Please note that the project and operating budgets are not included in the 4-page limit.*

Submission Directions:

1. Combine the narrative, project budget, and operating budget into a single PDF file, no more than 25 MB in size, using the following file format: "*Applicant Organization Name.pdf*".
2. Go to The Trust's [Grantseeker Portal](#) and click on the "Apply" button next to the National Environment Program RFP submission opportunity.
3. Complete the Proposal Cover Sheet and upload your single PDF file.

The Trust will hold a **virtual information session** about this funding opportunity on **Thursday, March 19, at 3:00 p.m. ET**. Advance [registration is required](#). Attendance is strongly recommended, given this year's changes to the submission process, but not required.

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Please direct all program-related questions about this RFP to Arturo Garcia-Costas, Program Director for the Local, National, and International Environment, at agarciacostas@theytrust.org.

Please direct questions regarding the use of the Grantseeker Portal (completing the cover sheet, uploading the proposal) to Marc Schell, Program Department Manager, at mschell@theytrust.org.