

NICIP 2023 RFA Questions Received 10/2/2023-10/31/2023 - UPDATED 11/30/2023

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Eligible Projects	Would an agency elevator upgrade be an eligible cost?	An elevator would be considered an eligible capital project so long as the primary beneficiary of the project is the NICIP applicant and their programs. It would not be eligible if other entities outside of the NICIP applicant were to benefit from the project.	10/3/23 11:58 AM
Eligible Projects	Would an agency generator be an allowable cost?	Generators, and the electrical work to support them are an eligible project.	10/3/23 11:58 AM
Requisition of Funds	na	na	10/3/23 3:43 PM
Eligible Projects	Our programs are located in several building that make up a campus. In addition to work that is needed in the buildings there are several projects related to the infrastructure of the campus that we would like to submit. Will this initiative cover items such as re-building retaining walls, paving of roads and parking lots that are currently dangerous to walk on and which damage vehicles, enhanced exterior lighting, etc.	Only one project location can be part of a NICIP application. If all of the structures of your facility are at one definable location – i.e. 15 Main Street – and your organization is eligible, then you could apply for multiple project tasks at your location	10/3/23 3:53 PM
Eligible Projects	Can this funding be used to partially fund the build out of a new, yet to be approved, satellite facility or is it limited to upgrades, etc. to already existing facilities?	Technically, new construction projects are eligible for NICIP eligible applicants. However, due to the tight timeline of the NICIP program, an organization may have difficulty in fully completing a new construction project - and submitting for all eligible costs - prior to the 12/31/26 deadline.	10/3/23 3:53 PM
Application Process - Materials	On the Project Eligibility Example Chart on page 11 of the RFA, it is written that an example of an eligible expense is "installing energy-efficient windows throughout a residential facility". Would we be able to fund window replacements in a commercial building through the NICIP grant, as well? We are a not for profit social service organization that is housed in a commercial building.	Window replacement is an eligible project as long as the organization and project location are eligible. This is true for both residential and non-residential facilities. However, please note that the NICIP applicant must be the sole beneficiary of the NICIP project, if you do not utilize the entire space, you would not be permitted to install the windows throughout the facility.	10/3/23 4:06 PM
Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	Will part of the funding be used to hire staff workforce or contractors or will the funding only be for materials for the project	NICIP funding can only be used for reimbursement for capital costs associated with the project as outlined in the NICIP application. Organization's staff costs are not eligible for reimbursement with NICIP funds. All work performed on the NICIP project must be completed by professional contractors/vendors licensed and registered to do business in NYS.	10/3/23 4:12 PM
Project Timeline	What is the approved timeline for the project.	Scoring of Applications will begin as early as December 18th. As Applications are deemed to be Qualifying, they will be advanced to DASNY's Grants Administration Unit for processing. Qualifying Applicants will be notified by DASNY and will have six months to secure an executed Grant Disbursement Agreement. It is our expectation that Grant Disbursement Agreements could be executed as early as March 2024. However, the exact timing will be dependent upon the speed with which Applicants submit documents and information to DASNY	10/3/23 4:12 PM
Other	I have another funding request that is pending at this time and am unsure of when I will be notified if I am to be funded. Do I have to decline this funding if awarded to apply for this program? Or am I able to accept that award until a determination is made on this program? This program could supply a higher level of funding than the one in process.	An organization is free to apply for any and all funding that may be available to them. However, in order to receive NICIP funding, they would have to decline any other NYS funding they may receive.	10/3/23 4:41 PM
Eligible Projects	Is a camp program (summer child care) run by a nonprofit child care center an eligible site? We own the campground. The campground is used year-round for other programming (e.g. teen programming).	As long as the site is located within NYS and the project itself is eligible, it does appear that you would be able to apply.	10/3/23 7:06 PM
Application Process - Materials	I am new at my agency which is a nonprofit Hospice facility. We are not a hospital or nursing home or treatment center, would we qualify to be able to submit an application?	As long as the site is located within NYS and the project itself is eligible, you could be able to apply. Please note however that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/3/23 8:03 PM
Eligible Projects	We are a Social Services Governmental Agency that also has a Warming Center. Would we be eligible to apply for this funding and could the funding be used to fund a Warming Center?	Only nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply and only for eligible capital costs. Governmental organizations are not eligible, nor are operating costs	10/4/23 8:53 AM
Application Process - Materials	We share one EIN however operate separately at each Community Center and have separate banking accounts. We share the same EIN for 13 states that are all part of our Eastern Territory.	All prospective NICIP organization will need to be Pre-Qualified in the NYS Grants Gateway and as such will have to verify that they are appropriately filed with both the federal IRS and the NYS Department of State. They will need their own designated EIN to be entered into NYS Statewide Financial System and to receive any payments from NICIP.	10/4/23 9:43 AM
Eligible Projects	Are not for profit adult care facilities licensed under Title 2 of Article 7 of the Social Services Law eligible to apply for funding under this RFA?	Please note that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/4/23 10:51 AM

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Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	The RFA states that projects are ineligible for NICIP funding if the same project has received funding from other state sources. Does this prevent an applicant from applying to other sources of state funding that have similar application timelines, with the understanding that if NICIP funding was awarded, other applications to state funding sources would be withdrawn?	No other State funding for a project can be combined with NICIP funding. This includes the entirety of a project, not just the one portion of a project for which you are requesting NICIP funding. If the larger overall project contains any other NYS funding, this project is not eligible for NICIP. If your NICIP application were to advance to DASNY for processing, you would have to decline any other State funding you may receive for the project.	10/4/23 12:45 PM
Other	Would childcare be considered as a "direct service"?	Yes, childcare organizations are a direct human service organization for the purposes of NICIP.	10/4/23 12:45 PM
Eligible Projects	Can we use grant funds to purchase capital equipment ONLY (e.g., outfit a kitchen)?	Yes, the purchase of capital eligible equipment would be allowed.	10/4/23 1:34 PM
Eligible Projects	Would a one-time purchase of furniture for a Permanent Supportive Housing (ESSHI) project be eligible? This would be furnishings for the apartments where the youth would be living (beds, dressers, tables, etc.).	If the applicant and project location are eligible, furniture is an eligible capital expense.	10/4/23 3:21 PM
Eligible Projects	Would a dialysis center be considered an eligible entity?	As long as the site is located within NYS and the project itself is eligible, you could be able to apply. Please note however that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/4/23 4:25 PM
Eligible Projects	Is a capital improvement grant for the installation of an elevator permissible	An elevator would be considered an eligible capital project so long as the primary beneficiary of the project is the NICIP applicant and their programs. It would not be eligible if other entities outside of the NICIP applicant were to benefit from the project.	10/5/23 8:08 AM
Eligible Projects	Can we used NICIP fund to address environmental issues such as asbestos or lead?	As part of an overall construction or renovation project, the full removal of asbestos and/or lead by qualified contractors could be eligible for reimbursement.	10/5/23 9:12 AM
Eligible Projects	Can we utilize funding for Technology Upgrades such as: fire alarm security systems, keyed door locks and cameras?	Yes, security upgrades can be eligible project costs. However, please note than any related subscription or software costs for the project would not be eligible for reimbursement.	10/5/23 9:12 AM
Eligible Projects	Page 7 states that nonprofit organizations are limited to one application. I work for a nonprofit which operates two affiliated corporations, which have different Executive Directors and Boards of Directors. Is it allowable for each of the two affiliated corporations to submit an application?	If both organizations are distinct duly registered nonprofits, and they meet the eligibility requirements, they should be able to submit separate NICIP applications for their respective projects.	10/5/23 9:49 AM
Eligible Projects	2. Is it allowable to utilize the funds to develop a database that will enable us to meet new state and city regulations? We would not be utilizing this funding to pay for the operating costs of computer software, but only for the capital expenses associated with its development.	There are strict limits on what technology costs are capital eligible. Most software and licensing costs are not capital eligible. The complete creation of an individualized program for a specific use may have costs that could be reimbursed with NICIP funds. An applicant would be encouraged to provide significant details with their application as to the proposed project costs and be certain to delineate items like design, software development and implementation costs.	10/5/23 9:49 AM
Eligible Projects	Hypothetical: A location (owned by an eligible applicant and used for direct services) is undergoing a major reconstruction (multi-million/multi-phased), a portion of that reconstruction is an eligible project (say for example, accessibility modifications) and the cost of the accessibility modifications is, hypothetically, \$100,000. Is the total project cost \$100,000 or is it the cost of the entire reconstruction of the location?	For the NICIP application the project budget is the total anticipated costs of the entire project regardless of the anticipated amount of the NICIP funding	10/5/23 10:38 AM
Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	will these projects be subject to certain M/WBE/SDVOB percentage requirements or is it good faith efforts?	Per the terms of the RFA and the Grant Disbursement Agreement for NICIP grants, all grantees must use their best efforts in good faith to utilize MWBE/SDVOB wherever possible. No set quota is required per this program but the receipt of NICIP funds in no way waives an organization's obligation to meet its own procurement policies	10/5/23 10:52 AM
Other	Is this project subject to prevailing wage?	At this time NICIP does not require all Applicants to utilize prevailing wage for their projects. However, all NICIP Applicants are expected to follow all the relevant laws surrounding their organization, including their local building requirements as well as their established procurement policies.	10/5/23 10:52 AM
Eligible Projects	Technology is an eligible expense. Does that include upgrading old desktop computers/laptops? Does that include replacement of old server/modem as well as adding direct wired and expandable Wi-Fi in office building?	As per Section 2.5 of the RFA, technology hardware, including cabling and electrical improvements is an eligible cost.	10/5/23 11:47 AM
Eligible Projects	Would paving a gravel driveway at our main office to meet wheelchair accessibility be an eligible expense?	Full paving of parking areas would be an eligible cost. Top coating, or seal coating would be considered maintenance and would not be eligible.	10/5/23 11:47 AM
Eligible Projects	Would purchase of a generator be an allowable expense. This would be used for any of our facilities that lose power. We have tenants and our food pantry storage located in our Main Office and appliances in Warehouse building. This would ensure our vulnerable population of residents at elderly & handicapped/disabled complex have power and our Pantry refrigerated/frozen food remain consumable.	Generators are eligible costs but please note that all NICIP applications can only be for one project location.	10/5/23 11:47 AM

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Eligible Projects	Roofing replacement is an eligible expense. Would replacing damaged ceiling tiles from leaking be eligible. Would we have to list previous minor repairs to stop leaking in previous funds used?	Simply replacing stained ceiling tiles would not be a capital project. As finishing step of the full roof replacement, the replacement of the ceiling system would also be eligible.	10/5/23 11:47 AM
Application Process - Materials	Are American Legions eligible to apply for Capital Improvements under this program?	Provided the Legion meets all eligibility requirements, they should be able to apply.	10/5/23 12:26 PM
Eligible Projects	On Page 7, the RFA states: "Project sites that have been or will be funded by a tax credit structure (i.e., New Market Tax Credits (NMTCs), Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCS), Brownfield Tax Credits (BTCs), etc.) are ineligible." •Does the stipulation relate to projects that are not connected to the real property financed with tax credits; for example, an IT hardware project that is not physically connected to the building's real property?	In order to be eligible, the organization would have to show proof that all project costs and related funding are in no way related to the tax credit structure.	10/5/23 12:38 PM
Site Control/Project Location	On Page 7, the RFA states: "Project sites that have been or will be funded by a tax credit structure (i.e., New Market Tax Credits (NMTCs), Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCS), Brownfield Tax Credits (BTCs), etc.) are ineligible." •Does this stipulation relate to buildings in the development pipeline, and/or does it relate to any building that has ever had tax credit financing, even if the tax credit structure was established many years ago and/or if it has exited the tax credit structure?	If the organization has exited the tax credit structure and none of the project funds will be funneled through the corpus of the tax credit, then the organization should be able to apply	10/5/23 12:38 PM
Eligible Projects	In September 2023 our nonprofit signed a seven-year lease for a space in which direct human services will be provided. Planning expenses (architectural/construction documents) were incurred beginning several months prior and actual renovation work began November 2023. If we finish the work by March 2024 are we eligible? In other words if the work is already completed and paid for before DASNY makes a decision is such work eligible for reimbursement. Are "retroactive" expenses eligible, assuming those expenses started after April 1, 2023?	Yes, provided that the organization can provide evidence that the costs to be paid for with NICIP funds were not already provided by long term debt, another grant funding source and there are no other NYS funds involved in the project.	10/5/23 1:48 PM
Application Process - Materials	For the Contract, will the following be required pre and/or post submission? <input type="checkbox"/> Title Search <input type="checkbox"/> Survey of Property <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Good Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors Resolution	1.All NICIP applicants are required to provide proof of site control. If the documentation provided does not clearly indicate the property identified in the application, DASNY may require that the organization provide a letter from their attorney stating the linkage of the property and the site control documentation. In some cases, especially with older documentation, an attorney will recommend to their client that a title search and or survey may be necessary to clarify the deed. 2.After DASNY completes all the required reviews of the NICIP project a Grant Disbursement Agreement will be sent to the Applicant for signature. It will then be sent to the organization's attorney who will opine that the organization is in good standing. 3.If an organization's governing body requires a formal resolution to apply for and/or accept State funding, then a Board of Director's Resolution would be necessary.	10/5/23 2:23 PM
Eligible Projects	If an organization received funding from the Dept of State for a project through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), would the project be deemed non-eligible for funding through the NICIP?	As per the RFA, no other NYS funding can be part of the NICIP project.	10/5/23 4:01 PM
Eligible Projects	We provide therapeutic recreation to individuals with developmental disabilities. We are a certified HCBS respite provider. We are a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. We receive a portion of our revenue from twelve municipalities to provide community recreation to residents with developmental disabilities. Our office is located in a building owned by a municipal town. Decades ago, we built a greenhouse on the property. The green house is now dilapidated, and in desperate need of renovations. We do pay rent, but do not have a formal lease. Would renovations to the greenhouse qualify for this Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Improvement Program?	If the greenhouse is directly involved in the human services provided by the nonprofit organization, and the organization is the sole user of the greenhouse, then the capital renovations should be an eligible project. However, please note that the NICIP application will have to be submitted with a formal lease with a term of at least 5 years from the time of application to be advanced for scoring	10/5/23 4:28 PM
Other	The RFP lists Prequalification or Prequal Submissions Due By 11/30/2023. Is this specifically regarding Grants Gateway Prequalification requirements or is there also another prequalification process to be completed? If there is another process to be completed in addition to the Grants Gateway process, what needs to be submitted and where and how do we submit those items? Thank you.	The RFA is referring to Pre-Qualification in the NYS Grants Gateway. We recommend that all prospective applicants verify their continued Pre-Qualified Status or submit their initial documents to the Gateway by 11/30/2023 to ensure that the Gateway has time to verify the documentation and deem them Pre-Qualified so the applicants can apply for NICIP prior to the close of the NICIP application window.	10/5/23 4:46 PM
Eligible Projects	We are considering applying for this opportunity and have a question regarding furniture. We are undergoing a major construction project for our center that provides direct support services to vulnerable individuals in Rockland County. We wonder if purchasing new furniture for reconstructed spaces in which direct services are provided is an eligible expense. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.	Furniture is an eligible project cost. However, please note that NICIP does not permit the inclusion of any other NYS funding to be combined with the NICIP project. As the furnishing of the new space would be the finishing phase of the construction project, if there is any other NYS funding included in the construction portion of the project, your organization would be ineligible to apply for the furnishing phase.	10/6/23 8:34 AM

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Eligible Projects	Good morning We received the RFP and regarding eligibility, and understanding that Article 28 facilities are excluded, please advise as to the eligibility of the following provider types: 1) Article 7 Medicaid Assisted Living Program (ALP) 2) HUD 202 housing provider (not for profit, and provides both housing and case/care management) 3) Article 36 Homecare provider (e.g.-not for profit LHCSA or CHHA) Thanks so very much- Laurie Freedman	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NIICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project	10/6/23 10:51 AM
Eligible Projects	Is replacement of generators or replacement of a chimney eligible?	Full replacement of both a chimney and a generator would be considered capital expenses.	10/6/23 11:45 AM
Eligible Projects	We would like to fund several projects at our campus location, which has several buildings on it. Would that be eligible? The items at our campus are as follows: - Installation of 7 generators at our on-campus cottages. These are residences where many of our students live. - Replace/refurbish 1 generator in our on-campus IT department. - Install a school generator. - Replace the chimney at our on-campus Mooradian building, where we do a lot of our intakes. - Replace old windows with energy-efficient windows at our on-campus administration building. Although this is called the "administration building," it is also where we provide several services directly to our students, including a gym, rec room, and art program. We also have several clinicians officed in the building, who provide counseling for the kids in their offices.	Please note that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility. However, schools, pre-K through college, are not eligible for NICIP funding. Additionally, only one project location can be part of a NICIP application. If all of the structures of your facility are at one definable location – i.e. 15 Main Street – and your organization is eligible, then generators and windows are an eligible project.	10/6/23 11:45 AM
Eligible Projects	We own a property that has 15 units. 10 of the units receive case management because those apartments are under our HHAP (Homeless Housing Assistance program). We go on a monthly basis to this complex to provide case management that is uploaded to the HMIS program. I need partial roof and cesspool completed at this unit. Windows are in bad condition. And boiler is antiquated. Is this something that would qualify for assistance?	If the organization that owns the housing facility is a NICIP eligible organization per the RFA then the replacement of the HVAC and windows would be an eligible project.	10/6/23 11:49 AM
Eligible Projects	2.We have various owned shelters all around Suffolk county could we select one that is need of roof, electrical upgrade etc. Would they fall under this grant?	If the organization that owns the shelter is a NICIP eligible organization per the RFA then capital construction projects should be eligible.	10/6/23 11:49 AM
Eligible Projects	Is the purchase of an ambulance an eligible project	Yes	10/6/23 11:51 AM
Eligible Projects	Is ambulance responder equipment eligible	Yes	10/6/23 11:51 AM
Eligible Projects	Is a volunteer ambulance Corp an eligible organization	Yes.	10/6/23 11:51 AM
Application Process - Materials	Regarding the section titled: Supporting Documentation required for the Pass/Fail section: • Pre-Qualification History and Prequalification Status Report Printouts I see where to print the Prequalification Status Report but not where to find a Prequalification History Report that is printable, only viewable. Where do we get the Pre-Qualification History Printout inside the document vault?	As each NICIP application is reviewed for the Pass/Fail portion of scoring, the reviewer will be printing these forms, (as well as the NYS DOS Corp Bureau and IRS 990), to be attached to the application. The applicants themselves do not need to upload this information so long as their document vault is up to date and they are Pre-Qualified in the Grants Gateway.	10/8/23 7:31 PM
Eligible Projects	If an organization has both eligible and ineligible programs at the same site, but they can demonstrate that the project primarily benefits individuals in the eligible program, is their project then eligible?	An eligible organization in an eligible project location could be reimbursed for eligible projects costs for their eligible program. The application should outline how their stated project will be the sole beneficiary of the project.	10/9/23 9:41 AM
Eligible Projects	Can funds be used for reimbursement of projects that have already been completed?	Per the RFA all NICIP projects cannot have started, or the costs incurred prior to 4/1/2023. Additionally, projects cannot be substantially completed at the time of application.	10/9/23 9:41 AM
Eligible Projects	Our organization operates an Article 28 clinic and multiple community-based programs. The clinic and community-based programs are in separate locations. Can we apply for funding to support our community-based program?	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NIICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project	10/9/23 10:54 AM
Eligible Projects	Would installing electric charging stations for cars to promote cleaner energy and efficiency be permissible ?	No, an eligible NICIP project should have a direct benefit to the organization's direct recipients of their programs and services.	10/9/23 3:54 PM
Eligible Projects	Can we use funds to purchase solar panels. (We see they can't be leased).	The purchase and installation of solar panels at the project location is an eligible project	10/9/23 3:54 PM
Application Process - Materials	What time will the portal open for submissions on December 1?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/9/23 3:58 PM
Eligible Projects	Must our lease extend 5 years from the date of application if our request is for removeable computer hardware only? We would not be making any changes to the site we lease, and we can take our hardware with us if we move to a new location.	All NICIP applicants that lease their facility must have a lease that extends for at least five years from the time of their application	10/9/23 5:11 PM

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Eligible Projects	The RFA indicates as eligible: Installing energy -efficient windows throughout a residential facility. The applicant's building is owned and direct services are delivered on-site. The building has no residential use. Is this activity (window replacement) an eligible cost?	Window replacement is an eligible project in both residential and non-residential facilities.	10/9/23 6:36 PM
Eligible Projects	Can a nonprofit parent corporation AND its subsidiary nonprofit Corp (of which the parent is the sole member) Both apply for this grant since they have different tax IDs (and I assume need to be registered separately In Grants Gateway)? Specifically, the parent nonprofit corporation that includes our outpatient Eating disorder programs for adults and adolescents, i.e., partial hospital, intensive outpatient, and outpatient clinic. Our nonprofit subsidiary, was created more recently, and will house our future 24/7 residential program for adolescents with eating disorders. Can both entities apply for the NICIP RFA? Each has capital funding needs due to renovations required for the new residential program (conditionally approved by OMH) and the expansion of space allowing us to return our satellite outpatient clinic to our main campus that currently houses Partial Hospital and intensive outpatient programs. The residential facility will be at a different location off campus in a nearby suburban Area.	All NICIP applicants are expected to be the entity with site control over their project location, enter into all the contracts required for the project and incur the project costs. Additionally, only one project location can be applied for as part of the project. If the two organizations, the two project locations and the two proposed projects are all eligible and distinct from one another, then they should each be able to apply for their own grant,	10/10/23 9:48 AM
Eligible Projects	Our organization is an Article 28 Diagnostic and Treatment Center; however, we are also licensed as an Article 31 Mental Health Treatment Provider and an Article 32 Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Program. Would a project that focuses exclusively on a facility or area of a facility where only Article 31 or Article 32 services are provided, or a facility or area where non-Article 28 social supports are provided, be eligible for NICIP funding? Stated another way, although we are an Article-28 licensed organization, could we apply for an NICIP project in a facility or area that is not covered by our Article 28 operating certificate or where Article 28 services are not provided, or does the organization's identity as an Article 28 licensed provider categorically exclude the organization from NICIP eligibility?	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project.	10/10/23 1:43 PM
Eligible Projects	Our organization received a grant award in 2015 which was subsequently withdrawn in June 2023 due to a lack of funds. A grant disbursement agreement was not executed. Is the organization eligible to apply for a new project at a different location?	As stated in the RFA, any prior recipient of a NICIP award must have either completed their project or withdrawn from the previous round to be eligible to apply for this 2023 NICIP RFA.	10/10/23 2:18 PM
Grant Disbursement Agreement	What are the expected MWBE and SDVOB goals associated with this project? It would be helpful to know the goals so we can obtain quotes and estimates from MWBE or SDVOB contractors during planning.	Per the terms of the RGA and the Grant Disbursement Agreement for NICIP grants, all grantees must use their best efforts in good faith to utilize MWBE/SDVOB wherever possible. No set quota is required per this program but the receipt of NICIP funds in no way waives an organization's obligation to meet its own procurement policies	10/10/23 2:56 PM
Eligible Projects	Hello, We are wondering about the eligibility of requesting NICIP funding for new construction of office space for a nonprofit serving homeless Veterans. The RFA mentions that eligible Capital Costs include: • technology, • renovations, or • expansion of space, but there is no mention of "new" construction. We propose to newly construct an office The office will be used by staff and homeless Veteran participants, including for one-on-one case management services. In order to fulfill the requirements of this RFA, it appears that the new proposed office could not be a free-standing structure and would have to be constructed as an addition to the existing structure(s)	The construction of a new facility would be an eligible project. However, please note the strict timeline requirements of NICIP. All projects cannot have started prior to 4/1/2023 and must be fully completed, with all funds reimbursed, by 12/31/2026. No extensions will be given.	10/10/23 3:27 PM
Application Materials	Can we be provided with a budget template since we cannot access the Grants Gateway Application until Dec 1, 2023?	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/10/23 3:56 PM
Grant Disbursement Agreement	What are the procurement requirements for contractors once funding is approved?	All contractors/vendors performing work on the project must be licensed and registered to do business in NYS.	10/10/23 3:56 PM
Other	Is M/WBE required or just encouraged?	Per the terms of the RGA and the Grant Disbursement Agreement for NICIP grants, all grantees must use their best efforts in good faith to utilize MWBE/SDVOB wherever possible. No set quota is required per this program but the receipt of NICIP funds in no way waives an organization's obligation to meet its own procurement policies	10/10/23 3:56 PM
Eligible Projects	If an accessibility component - a concrete ramp - is in such disrepair it is not usable for individuals in a wheelchair, would reconstruction of the ramp be considered maintenance and therefor be ineligible?	Full reconstruction of an entrance ramp should be an eligible project. Simply resurfacing the ramp would be maintenance.	10/10/23 4:48 PM
Eligible Projects	Under technology, would purchase and installation of key fobs to limit access to secure areas where confidential information is kept be eligible?	Security system equipment would be an eligible project, but please note that no subscription, software or licensing fees would be reimbursable.	10/10/23 4:48 PM
Other	If a church with 501c-3 status which provides direct services such as food pantries, youth education and prevention services and elder care programs such as (prescription assistance, food delivery, transportation, etc.) and other programs designated for youth and elderly members of the community specifically to improve or maintain the quality, efficiency, accessibility to such services, are they able to apply for funding to update, expand or improve the accessibility to improve the infrastructure to items such as the roof, parking lot and wheel chair accessibility, energy sustainability, technology updates as identified in the project eligibility chart?	Religious organizations and facilities are not eligible for capital or NICIP funding. Non-religious nonprofit organizations that are located in religious facilities may have limited eligibility for capital funding but their project would not be permitted to permanently enhance the religious facility nor be utilized by the landlord's members or programs.	10/10/23 11:26 PM
Other	Are NYC Council discretionary funds from Borough President (for capital projects) considered state funds? I consider it city funding but wanted to confirm since that's a preclusion of the application.	New York City funds are not considered New York State funds.	10/11/23 8:54 AM
Other	Are non-profit colleges and universities eligible to apply?	No, they are not eligible.	10/11/23 9:41 AM
Eligible Projects	Would a nonprofit dedication to the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife in be an eligible applicant? We do offer educational programs as well.	Only nonprofit organizations providing direct human services to New Yorkers are eligible to apply.	10/11/23 9:52 AM
Eligible Projects	A. Is the purchase of Voice Over IP equipment and it's installation and B. in more than one of our owned and leased locations a permissible project?	Only one project location is permitted per NICIP application. Additionally, only certain types of technology are considered eligible for capital and NCIP funding.	10/11/23 10:54 AM

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Financial Review/Budget	Would DASNY please clarify whether NICIP construction projects are subject to New York State Labor Law - Article 8 prevailing wage statute?	At this time NICIP does not require all Applicants to utilize prevailing wage for their projects. However, all NICIP Applicants are expected to follow all the relevant laws surrounding their organization, including their local building requirements as well as their established procurement policies.	10/11/23 11:46 AM
Grant Disbursement Agreement	Based on the following statement (page 19 of RFA and Exhibit F), are we correct in assuming utilization of M/WBE vendors is not a requirement under this funding opportunity? "The Grantee is encouraged...to solicit and utilize M/WBE firms for any contractual opportunities generated in connection with the Project."	That is correct, however the receipt of NICIP funds in no way waives any existing requirements an organization may have as part of its own procurement rules	10/11/23 11:46 AM
Prevailing Wage	Are cost estimates required to have prevailing wage or are funds/projects under this RFA exempt?	NICIP does not require the use of prevailing wage. However, all organizations must utilize contractors/vendors registered to do business in NYS. Additionally, the receipt of NICIP funding in no way waives any other procurement requirement that exists in an organization's bylaws or NYS Law.	10/11/23 11:46 AM
Eligible Projects	Can we request funding for an information/business technology system that will serve the entire organization, including all of its programs and multiple sites. The technology of the system would be located at a single administration site.	As noted in the RFA, only certain types of technology are considered capital costs and NICIP eligible. Additionally, each NICIP application can only have one project location. Multiple sites are not allowed	10/11/23 11:53 AM
Eligible Projects	Residential settings can be funded through RRR and day programs can be funded through the PPA process, how does the funding provided through OPWDD's RRR and PPA systems, referenced above, affect the eligibility of the funding request through NICIP?	If the organization is relying on the funding from OPWDD, or any other NYS program, to pay for costs of the project outlined in the NICIP application, then the project would be ineligible. If the OPWDD funding is solely used as operating funding to support the programs your organization provides, and you are otherwise eligible, then this would not invalidate your eligibility.	10/11/23 11:53 AM
Review Process	Once a project has been submitted and rejected (within the application submission time frame) can the organization submit a new application for a different project?	No, only one application per applicant may be submitted within this funding opportunity.	10/11/23 11:53 AM
Eligible Projects	Would an investment in a traveling, mobile classroom (van) qualify as infrastructure?	A mobile service vehicle would be eligible for an eligible organization. Vehicles for transportation are not eligible.	10/11/23 12:55 PM
Eligible Projects	Do education enrichment programs qualify as human services?	Yes, however, please note that schools, pre-K through college, are not eligible for NICIP funding. If your nonprofit organization's services are directly linked to a particular school or schools, then it would not be eligible.	10/11/23 12:55 PM
Eligible Projects	My project only includes the purchase of removable equipment or furnishings to serve the well-being of individuals and families residing in New York State and not for any administrative purposes. Does my project qualify for NICIP funding?	Eligible NICIP Applicants can apply for funding for eligible equipment only.	10/11/23 1:02 PM
Application Materials	Could NYS change the settings of the SurveyMonkey questionnaire to allow users more than one chance to submit questions? Our agency completed the survey once already. We discovered the user was unable to submit follow up questions when they attempted to access the questionnaire again.	NA	10/11/23 1:19 PM
Application Process - Materials	Is it possible to submit or upload site photos as evidence of current conditions to support the need for capital investment?	Additional documentation can be uploaded with a NICIP application. Please refer to the NYS Gateway's suggestions that will be provided in the Webinar for the best file type and sizes when uploading documents to the Grants Gateway.	10/11/23 1:19 PM
Application Process - Materials	How do I access the Webinar?	The Webinar will be pre-recorded and will be posted on Wednesday 10/18/2023 no later than 3pm.	10/11/23 1:50 PM
Application Process - Materials	How many estimates, quotes, and invoices would you ideally like to see for each budget category?	One qualified estimate, dated no earlier than 4/1/2023, for each project task involved in the project. All project costs can be combined on one contractor estimate or multiple estimates for the various project tasks can be submitted, i.e. electrical, plumbing, HVAC, finish carpentry.	10/11/23 1:59 PM
Eligible Projects	Would a library be an eligible entity if its programs include workforce training and other educational programs?	No, libraries are not eligible for NICIP.	10/11/23 2:09 PM
Application Process - Materials	Page six says theaters are not eligible, But we have several lines of effort for Veterans Wesupport Veterans in the arts. our story https://vetrep.org/our-story/ We also hold writing and acting classes for Veterans. We also showcase Veterans with a Festival. Can we apply for this grant for our Festival which will showcase and pay Veterans in all forms of live art from poetry, singer song writers, bands, Artists, dancers- all Veterans, promoting their talents or is it a hard no because we also do theater.	Theatres are not eligible for NICIP funding. Additionally, NICIP funds may only be used to reimburse for capital expenditures. Operational costs are not eligible for reimbursement.	10/11/23 4:01 PM
Eligible Projects	Our agency is primarily a human services provider, though it also offers programs in the arts, including music and pottery. Would a capital project focused on needed physical improvements to its music or pottery facilities qualify for funding?	Per the RFA, NICIP Applicants are required to be nonprofit organizations that provide direct services to New Yorkers. See RFA Section 2.2 for eligible and non-eligible entities.	10/11/23 5:59 PM
Other	We were awarded by the NYS Office of Mental Health (Capital Award Funding) for a renovation project to provide a Crisis Residence Program for Youth and just recently had a DASNY Closing for the project. Are we still eligible to apply?	No other New York State funding can be combined with NICIP funding for the same project.	10/12/23 8:34 AM
Application Process - Materials	Where do we find the questions for the narrative?	There are no distinct questions. The NICIP Application requests a brief project description of the capital project to be undertaken by the Applicant.	10/12/23 8:39 AM

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Review Process	How long do you anticipate the review process taking? For example, if we submit our application on 12/1/23, how much time is likely to pass before our application is potentially awarded and before we are able to start requisitioning funds? Due to the need to complete all requisitions by 12/31/26, we will want to start work and its requisitions as quickly as possible if awarded. Thank you!	Scoring of Applications will begin as early as December 18th. As Applications are deemed to be Qualifying, they will be advanced to DASNY's Grants Administration Unit for processing. Qualifying Applicants will be notified by DASNY and will have six months to secure an executed Grant Disbursement Agreement. It is our expectation that Grant Disbursement Agreements could be executed as early as March 2024. However, the exact timing will be dependent upon the speed with which Applicants submit documents and information to DASNY	10/12/23 8:57 AM
Eligible Projects	Our nonprofit organization provides various types of programs and services, including direct programs and services that protect the health and well-being of individuals and families residing in New York State, through multiple NYS contracts. The organization building is used as office space for staff and at times for meetings with clients, as well as staff in other programs. Page 11 of the RFA states: "For construction projects, the proposed project must involve a space that is exclusively or primarily a location where direct services are provided meaning the individual / family or groups of individuals / families being served come to the location on a regular basis." Given the above description of our organization's programs and services, are we eligible to apply for construction projects? If not, are there any projects for which our organization is eligible, such as modifications to make spaces more sustainable and energy efficient resulting in overall cost and energy savings, technology upgrades, and/or accessibility renovations as listed in the chart on page 11?	To be eligible for NICIP funding, the space to be improved with the capital project must be primarily used for direct services. It cannot be primarily an administrative facility	10/12/23 11:54 AM
Eligible Projects	Is our organization eligible to apply for funds to improve the direct services that are outside of our Article 28 licensed services?	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project	10/12/23 12:14 PM
Site Control	Is a fully executed lease with an estimated occupancy date of about 1 year from now acceptable for requirements under 2.3 to prove site control?	Per the RFA, all leased facilities must have a current lease of their facility with a lease term of a minimum of five years from the date of application.	10/12/23 12:14 PM
Application Materials	If we just received funding approval for a SAM grant in October, are we still eligible for this funding?	No other State funding can be combined with NICIP funding.	10/12/23 12:24 PM
Application Process - Materials	Are nonprofit organizations that run a 853 school eligible for the funding? If yes, is the agency able to use the funding for items for or that benefit the 853 school or just for other non-school projects?	853 Schools are not eligible for NICIP funding.	10/12/23 12:24 PM
Application Process - Materials	We would like clarification about state funding being used as part of the project. If the project is receiving additional State SAM funding can NICIP funding be used for the same project, or must they be considered separate construction projects?	NICIP funding cannot be combined with any other New York State funding for the same project	10/12/23 1:57 PM
Application Materials	Is there an M/WBE present goal for this RFA?	Per the terms of the RFA and the Grant Disbursement Agreement for NICIP grants, all grantees must use their best efforts in good faith to utilize MWBE/SDVOB wherever possible. No set quota is required per this program but the receipt of NICIP funds in no way waives an organization's obligation to meet its own procurement policies	10/12/23 3:16 PM
Eligible Projects	Can funding be used to support projects in buildings where direct services are not provided?	No	10/12/23 3:16 PM
Eligible Projects	We are interested in acquiring a vehicle to provide mobile direct services. However, we do not have a site with a lease that will extend for 5 years beyond the submission date; our lease for this site concludes in 2026, and we intend to exercise the option to extend the lease for an additional 5 years. Would we be eligible to submit this application for this mobile services vehicle?	All NICIP applicants are required to have a lease extending out at least five years from the time of application	10/12/23 5:04 PM
Application Materials	Is the Agency/Applicant required to provide a specific number of quotes/estimates from different vendors of the total cost of a project in order to be approved?	Only one qualified estimate must be submitted for project costs. That estimate can cover all related costs, or the organization can submit individualized estimates for each portion of their project - i.e. plumbing, electrical, roofing.	10/13/23 9:12 AM
Eligible Projects	Can we submit an application to have an administrative site rezoned as a first floor handicap accessible residential site?	Cost to change the zoning classification of a project location would not be a capital eligible project.	10/13/23 9:12 AM
Eligible Projects	If a property is currently under a DASNY loan, can the agency still submit an applicant for necessary renovations with this NICIP application?	No other NYS financing can be a part of the project on the NICIP application. If the existing loan supports the same project, then the project would be ineligible	10/13/23 9:12 AM
Eligible Projects	Can an Agency apply for a renovation on a property that had a previous DASNY loan but was paid off already?	No other NYS funding can be a part of the project as described on the NICIP application.	10/13/23 9:12 AM
Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	Can you be more specific about what is and is not allowed for project funding? We see in the RFA that there cannot be any outside funding yet there is language asking for documentation for committed funding for in eligible costs and costs that are over the grant. So what does that allow for exactly?	No other <i>State</i> funding for a project can be combined with NICIP funding. This includes the entirety of a project, not just the one portion of a project for which you are requesting NICIP funding. However, the organization can utilize its own funding or other funding it may have received from non-New York State sources.	10/13/23 9:16 AM

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Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	Can we apply again given that we were given funds recently from DASNY and HUD?	No other State funding for a project can be combined with NICIP funding. This includes the entirety of a project, not just the one portion of a project for which you are requesting NICIP funding. If the larger overall project contains any other NYS funding, this project is not eligible for NICIP. If your NICIP application were to advance to DASNY for processing, you would have to decline any other State funding you may receive for the project.	10/13/23 9:16 AM
Eligible Projects	Is a new pool eligible?	As long as the organization and project location are eligible, the construction or reconstruction of a pool should be eligible	10/13/23 9:16 AM
Eligible Projects	We got funding for security cameras from the DOJ - but we need additional funding for the rest of the project. Can we apply?	No other New York State funding can be combined with NICIP funding for the same project.	10/13/23 9:16 AM
Eligible Projects	Are playgrounds eligible?	Schools, parks and gardens are not NICIP eligible. The playground would have to be for an eligible organization and the playground would have to have a direct benefit to the program the organization provides.	10/13/23 9:16 AM
Prevailing Wage	Do we have to pay prevailing wage?	NICIP does not require the use of prevailing wage. However, all organizations must utilize contractors/vendors registered to do business in NYS. Additionally, the receipt of NICIP funding in no way waives any other procurement requirement that exists in an organization's bylaws or NYS Law.	10/13/23 9:16 AM
Eligible Projects	Are only 501(c) 3 organizations eligible to apply, or can 501(c) 4 organizations also apply?	No, only 501c3 nonprofit organizations may apply	10/13/23 9:33 AM
Application Process - Materials	Does a nonprofit applying for the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program need to have a DASNY Business Registry profile set up? thanks	No, all NICIP applicants need to be Pre-Qualified in the New York State Grants Gateway	10/13/23 10:04 AM
Eligible Projects	Our primary purpose is to provide recreational, educational, nutrition, youth development, and childcare programs and opportunities to youth ages 4-18. In your opinion does our agency qualify for this grant opportunity?	If the organization qualifies, see Section 2 of the RFA, then capital improvements to this facility should be eligible	10/13/23 10:21 AM
Eligible Projects	For a project that will renovate a space to be a direct service community center, can the NICIP funds be used to create ADA accessibility and purchase equipment like a TV for classrooms?	ADA compliant renovations and the purchase of equipment would be eligible costs	10/13/23 11:50 AM
Eligible Projects	Can the NICIP funds be used to cover the certifications/visits/time spent to comply with NYC Local Law 97 to ensure things are done correctly?	Administrative costs are not eligible.	10/13/23 11:50 AM
Eligible Projects	For a project that will renovate a space to be a direct service community center: Must we use a State approved vendor for purchasing furniture/equipment/technology?	All contractors/vendors must be registered to do business in NYS. Applicants are not required to select from a set list.	10/13/23 11:50 AM
Eligible Projects	For a project that will renovate a space to be a direct service community center: If we are unable to install an elevator, will the funding cover a chair lift to be installed on the stairs to be ADA compliant/accessible?	Construction/installation of ADA compliant infrastructure should be eligible.	10/13/23 11:50 AM
Eligible Projects	For a project that will renovate a space to be a direct service community center: Will the state pay for adding a ramp to a site entrance way?	Construction/installation of ADA compliant infrastructure should be eligible.	10/13/23 11:50 AM
Eligible Projects	For a project that will renovate a space to be a direct service community center: Is the standard 10 year longevity for furniture applicable for this grant?	Purchase of furniture for the program service area(s) is an eligible cost.	10/13/23 11:50 AM
Eligible Projects	For a project that will renovate a space to be a direct service community center, does knocking down the walls to open up a space for a community center qualify for renovations?	Reconstruction of the space would be a capital eligible project.	10/13/23 11:50 AM
Eligible Projects	For a project that will renovate a space to be a direct service community center, could the funds cover fixtures, painting, dry wall installation, nonsupport structure walls as long as it's part of the long-term renovation project? Can these funds cover knocking down walls that are not load bearing?	Reconstruction of the space would be a capital eligible project.	10/13/23 11:50 AM
Prevailing Wage	For a project that will renovate a space to be a direct service community center, If we would like to use the funds for renovations, does this mean we have to hire union contractors that comply with the Davis-Bacon & Related Act or prevailing wages/union workers?	NICIP does not require the use of prevailing wage. However, all organizations must utilize contractors/vendors registered to do business in NYS. Additionally, the receipt of NICIP funding in no way waives any other procurement requirement that exists in an organization's bylaws or NYS Law.	10/13/23 11:50 AM
Prevailing Wage	For a project that will renovate a space to be a direct service community center: If prevailing wages are not applicable for this grant, are there certain requirements we should comply with (e.g. licensed or bonded contractors or use of state approved contractors)?	NICIP does not require the use of prevailing wage. However, all organizations must utilize contractors/vendors registered to do business in NYS. Additionally, the receipt of NICIP funding in no way waives any other procurement requirement that exists in an organization's bylaws or NYS Law.	10/13/23 11:50 AM
Application Process - Materials	1. With the submission of the RFA application that is released December 1, 2023 or later, do you require that we submit more than one quote (RFA p. 15, "Supporting Documentation" AND identify the vendor we want to select, with a justification explaining why?	Only one complete estimate for the anticipated project cost is required. This can be in the form of one comprehensive estimate that outlines all project items and costs, or individual estimates for each project task – i.e. plumbing, electrical and HVAC.	10/13/23 11:53 AM
Eligible Projects	2.RFA Section 2.4, p. 8, "...used for direct program services as well as renovations resulting in energy efficiency and increased accessibility." If, for example, two thirds of a building that is owned and used solely by the applicant is used by staff that serve staff directly, is it correct that replacing some of the windows that are aging constitutes eligible cost?	Replacement/reconstruction work to improve energy efficiency is an eligible cost so long as the eligible applicant is the sole beneficiary of the project.	10/13/23 11:53 AM

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Eligible Projects	The applicant is authorized under Article 28 of the public health law and Article 31 of the mental hygiene law. The proposed project will benefit space occupied by Article 31 programs. Is the project eligible?	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project	10/13/23 1:58 PM
Eligible Projects	Does NICIP require 3 bids?	All NICIP applicants are expected to follow their established procurement policies. We request current cost estimates to be submitted with the NICIP application but they do not have to be formal bids at this time	10/13/23 3:55 PM
Eligible Projects	If we install solar panels, what kind of inspection(s) will NICIP require to be compliant for this grant?	All NICIP projects are expected to comply with all local building codes and related inspections.	10/13/23 3:55 PM
Eligible Projects	We are a not for profit mental health recovery program that operates a drop in center. The agency provides a meal (prepared onsite) to consumers who participate in the days programing. Our commercial refrigerators and freezers are 15 years old and need replacement. Would this be an acceptable use of NICIP funds?	Replacement of commercial refrigerators and freezers are an eligible project.	10/14/23 5:13 PM
Other	For this grant, are there specific contract utilization requirements for MWBE and SDVOBs? Are not-for-profit organizations required to show proof of obtaining quotes from MWBE and/or SDVOBs?	Per the terms of the RGA and the Grant Disbursement Agreement for NICIP grants, all grantees must use their best efforts in good faith to utilize MWBE/SDVOB wherever possible. No set quota is required per this program but the receipt of NICIP funds in no way waives an organization's obligation to meet its own procurement policies	10/14/23 8:17 PM
Application Materials	Will on-line application be made available? If so, when?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/15/23 7:03 PM
Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	All other things considered equal, are applications for lower \$ amounts scored more favorably than those for higher \$ amounts?	All applications will be scored in the same manner regardless of the size of their project or the organization submitting the application. Applications will be scored in the order with which they are received.	10/15/23 7:03 PM
Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	The RFA indicates that the grant may fund the entire cost of the project. Still, all other things considered equal, does the % of total project cost applied for impact scoring?	Please review the RFA Scoring Matrix for how points will be awarded to each eligible NICIP application.	10/15/23 7:03 PM
Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	Can you explain Scoring Guidance for question 1d (pertaining to TPC) on PROJECT VIABILITY SCORING MATRIX	Total project costs is all of the costs for the anticipated project. They could be for any amount depending on the scope and breadth of the project outlined by the applicant. All NICIP awards will range between \$50,000 and \$500,000 as indicated by the applicant. A \$75,000 project requesting \$75,000 in NICIP funds would be 100% of costs requested. A \$500,000 NICIP request for a \$10,000,000 total project costs would be 5% of total project costs requested	10/15/23 7:03 PM
Eligible Projects	The RFA defines Direct services as prevention, intervention, respite and/or habilitative services that a nonprofit organization provides directly to an individual/family or groups of individuals/families. Do 'standard' child day care services meet this definition?	Childcare organizations are deemed human service organizations for NICIP	10/15/23 7:03 PM
Grant Disbursement Agreement	Are there requirements to get competitive bids for the project?	All organizations are expected to follow the procurement procedures outlined in the bylaws adopted by their governing boards.	10/15/23 7:03 PM
Prevailing Wage	Are there any requirements that contractor meet prevailing wages / union requirement?	NICIP does not require the use of prevailing wage. However, all organizations must utilize contractors/vendors registered to do business in NYS. Additionally, the receipt of NICIP funding in no way waives any other procurement requirement that exists in an organization's bylaws or NYS Law.	10/15/23 7:03 PM
Eligible Projects	Currently our facility is used for food preparation and benefit housing assistance. It is non-residential but will be used as a warming center when renovations are complete. Would window and door replacement be eligible under NICIP?	If the organization and project location are eligible, then the replacement of doors and windows would be an eligible project	10/16/23 6:19 AM
Eligible Projects	Would repairs to the facility envelope such as repair/replace current siding, repair water damage, etc. be eligible under this grant?	Repairs are not capital. Full replacement of roof and or siding would be capital eligible.	10/16/23 6:19 AM
Financial Review	Is consideration given to amount awarded based on overall existing operating costs of the agency or organization requesting funds?	All projects are scored based on the estimates of project costs and the availability of funding for the applicant to complete the project in the NICIP timeline.	10/16/23 6:19 AM
Financial Review	Are final estimates required to be submitted during the application process or can engineering estimates be used?	Engineering estimates are considered qualified estimates for project costs for both the application and grant administration processing.	10/16/23 6:19 AM

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Prevailing Wage	Are all parts of our proposed project required to pay prevailing wage?	NICIP does not require the use of prevailing wage. However, all organizations must utilize contractors/vendors registered to do business in NYS. Additionally, the receipt of NICIP funding in no way waives any other procurement requirement that exists in an organization's bylaws or NYS Law.	10/16/23 6:19 AM
Review Process	Can project application that do not qualify initially be revised and resubmitted?	No, only one application per applicant may be submitted within this funding opportunity.	10/16/23 6:19 AM
Eligible Projects	We are an organization that applied for NICIP funding when it was last made available. If we file an application for this round and it includes the same (or similar) scope of work, will the application be disqualified? We are an organization that applied for NICIP funding when it was last made available. If we file an application for this round and it is for a completely different scope of work, will the application be disqualified? We are an organization that owns a 110 year old building that is a former high school. We currently operate it as a not-for-profit center, where the surrounding community benefits from a variety of recreational, educational, health related and other services. Our own organization occupies approximately 40% of the rentable space and uses that space for both direct and indirect services. The remainder of the space is occupied by other 501c3 organizations who use their space, primarily, for direct services. The funding for which we would apply consists of capital projects that would benefit the whole building and its occupants. One project for which we are contemplating an application is for masonry repair and brick pointing of the exterior walls of this 110 year old building, work that has not been done since its original construction. Does this qualify as a project for which NICIP funding could be considered? One project for which we are contemplating an application is for abatement of asbestos in the floors and ceilings throughout the building, work that has not been done since its original construction. Does this qualify as a project for which NICIP funding could be considered?	If the previous NICIP award has not been fully paid, or withdrawn, the organization would not be eligible to apply for the 2023 NICIP RFA. Additionally, all NICIP applications should be for projects that serve only the applicant's service program. No other organization should be a beneficiary of the NICIP project. Lastly, a project can contain the full abatement of asbestos as long as it is part of an overall reconstruction or renovation project and it is conducted by a certified asbestos contractor	10/16/23 9:03 AM
Eligible Projects	Our property is owned by two 'sister' organizations. On page 7 it states, that if a nonprofit organization shares a building with other businesses, the nonprofit cannot apply to replace the roof of the entire building. Does this apply to us since the property itself is owned by two entities but is maintained and operated by one entity.	The NICIP applicant should be the entity that has site control over the project location, will be undertaking the project, entering into the contracts with contractors/vendors and paying the costs of the project in the first instance. If this is the case for one of the 'sister' organizations, then it may be permitted.	10/16/23 9:45 AM
Eligible Projects	Is a not-for-profit that exclusively provides behavioral health management services including IT to two (2) affiliated not-for-profit organizations that provide direct patient services, and that houses a clinic for one of these direct service organizations, eligible to apply for technology upgrades to support the service organizations?	First, the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility. Second, only one organization can apply for one project and it can only be at one project location	10/16/23 10:04 AM
Eligible Projects	Does a signed letter of intent to purchase a facility qualify as site control?	No. A signed contract of sale could be submitted with an application but it would not receive the same value in scoring as a deed. If the application would still qualify for processing without the final deed, the applicant would have to provide proof of the acquisition of the facility prior to the execution of the Grant Disbursement Agreement. Failure to do so within the six months outlined in the RFA would result in the forfeiture of the NICIP funding opportunity. Additionally, acquisition of real property would not be eligible for reimbursement with NICIP funds.	10/16/23 10:04 AM
Eligible Projects	Is new construction eligible for funding?	Technically, new construction projects are eligible for NICIP eligible applicants. However, due to the tight timeline of the NICIP program, an organization may have difficulty in fully completing a new construction project - and submitting for all eligible costs - prior to the 12/31/26 deadline.	10/16/23 10:04 AM
Eligible Projects	2. What happens in the event that some parts of a project are deemed eligible but others ineligible?	All non-eligible costs of a project would be the sole responsibility of the applicant. If there are not enough capital eligible costs to meet the minimum grant threshold, no funds would be awarded.	10/16/23 10:44 AM
Eligible Projects	Please clarify the language on page 11. This language seems to rule out renovation, which contradicts language about permissible projects in question Q.D5 "Repairing, leasing, purchasing, or financing (loans or tax credits) the construction or renovation of spaces"	As stated on page 11 of the RFA, renovations of direct service areas are an eligible project for NICIP. However, the renovation of space that is used for administrative, storage or training purposes is not eligible	10/16/23 10:44 AM
Eligible Projects	1.Would the following projects be eligible under the Project Type 'efficiency'? a. Bathroom renovation b. Plumbing c. Electric/rewiring d. Patching leaks and roof	Bathroom renovations, plumbing and electrical work are all capital eligible costs. Patching is a maintenance and would not be eligible.	10/16/23 10:44 AM
Eligible Projects	Is road re-paving at a residential summer learning program for underserved children ages 10-16 eligible for a grant? The road is on the camp property. The repaved road makes it safer.	As long as the organization is eligible, the repaving of their facility would be an eligible cost	10/16/23 11:08 AM
Application Materials	Would letter(s) of support from direct service partners and/or local government offices (i.e., our counties' Directors of Community Services) be considered in evaluation of a proposed project?	Letters of support are not required. Please refer to the RFA Section Four - Evaluation and the accompanying Scoring Matrix for information on how the applications will be reviewed.	10/16/23 11:14 AM

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Eligible Projects	2.Regarding the “Ineligible Examples” in rows 1 and 2 of the table on RFA p11: If a project site is used roughly half for administrative and community/provider training purposes and roughly half for direct services to individuals and families, would this meet the criteria for allowable building-wide upgrades for use of these funds? (What is the unit of measurement and the threshold proportion that determines disqualification of an energy-efficiency project in a nonprofit space that DASNY would consider “primarily” used for administrative, storage, or training purposes? (For example, would the relevant metric be proportion of total: (a) square feet, (b) number of staff, (c) staff FTE, or (d) human time collectively spent each week across the site-location-address on admin/training activities vs. “direct service” activities? And is 50% the threshold, or is there some leeway / discretion for organizations that will provide substantial, ongoing direct services but perhaps less than half?	NICIP funds can only be used to renovate spaces that are used for direct services. Energy conservation modifications like window replacement would only be reimbursed for those windows in the portion of the facility that is used for direct services. The remaining windows in the facility would be the responsibility of the organization. Whole building upgrades like HVAC would not be permitted in a partially used facility.	10/16/23 11:14 AM
Eligible Projects	3.Regarding the Project Eligibility Example Chart on RFA p11: Can a single, combined grant request be used to deliver a hybrid pair of projects at one site address that meet project requirements these two differing ways: a.One: Focused renovations (internal wall-building, accessibility features, carpet, painting, etc.) of strictly DIRECT-SERVICE space within a much larger building that also houses program administrative staff; and b.Two: Modifications to render the entire larger 13,000-sq-ft building (all of which was recently purchased by the nonprofit applicant for an evolving combination of needed administration space AND direct service space) MORE SUSTAINABLE and efficient, resulting in overall cost and energy savings (e.g., replacing aging roof, add solar panels, upgrading HVAC, installing insulation/exterior surface upgrade, etc.)	NICIP funds can only be used to renovate spaces that are used for direct services. Whole building upgrades like roofs and HVAC would not be permitted in a partially used facility.	10/16/23 11:14 AM
Site Control/Project Location	1.RFA P5 “Definitions” indicates: “ ‘Direct services’ shall mean prevention, intervention, respite and/or habilitative services that a nonprofit organization provides directly to an individual/family or groups of individuals/families.” And... RFA P11 indicates, “Important Note: for construction projects, the proposed project must involve a space that is exclusively or primarily a location where direct services are provided meaning the individual / family or groups of individuals / families being served come to the location on a regular basis.” We provide DIRECT SERVICES in the form of training to area individuals, families, and providers through several OASAS, OMH, and SAMHSA-funded programs. WOULD the regular on-site delivery of specialized intervention trainings – to individuals, families, and staff of schools/other family-serving organizations – trainings such as Mental Health First Aid (prevention), Overdose-prevention-education with on-site distribution of Narcan/Naloxone and fentanyl test strips (prevention/intervention), and youth-trauma-intervention QUALIFY as “direct services,” which (when meeting other criteria) render a project site ELIGIBLE for capital funds?	Per the RFA, locations used for training purposes are not eligible.	10/16/23 11:14 AM
Eligible Projects	Our capital project consists of a full renovation to our day habilitation area for individuals with disabilities. The scope of work includes the creation of 2 kitchens and 2 bathrooms, with ceiling lifts for transfer. The work will impact our fire alarm and sprinkler systems. Does this scope of work meet the eligibility requirements?	As described, the cost would appear to be eligible for an eligible organization.	10/16/23 11:14 AM
Site Control/Project Location	The site for our project is co-owned by two non-profit organizations, both delivering direct services at the co-owned site (deed available). Can one organization serve as the lead to obtain funding for the entire site? Our interest is in roof replacement and milling/repaving our parking lots.	Only one organization can apply for a project at only one project location. The entity applying should be the primary beneficiary of the project and other related or non-related organizations should not derive benefits from the NICIP project. The NICIP applicant should be the entity that has site control over the project location, will be undertaking the project, entering into the contracts with contractors/vendors and paying the costs of the project in the first instance.	10/16/23 11:14 AM
Eligible Projects	1 – Regarding the statement “The project cannot have started, nor the costs incurred prior to April 1, 2023” – This is different from other grants I have submitted through NYS so I’m trying to be super clear: We are currently in the middle of a large capital undertaking to refurbish a currently unusable theater and event space and café. We broke ground in June 2023. -Could we apply for money towards the refurbishment of the space since the project started after 4/1? Would we need to show proof of 3 bids for any costs incurred? 2 – The kitchen/café is one piece of this project that is specifically not fully funded right now. The total cost of the kitchen refurbishment is \$150k. We did apply to the NYS Regional Economic Development Council for \$75k for the kitchen and we expect to be notified by the end of 2023. Would it be OK for us to apply for the other \$75k to finish the kitchen? OR – Is there a possibility of applying to the NICIP for the full \$150,000 to hedge in case we do not receive the REDC support? And if we do get the \$75k from the REDC we can reduce our NICIP grant to \$75k? 3 – What is the notification timeline? I understand you’re reviewing on a rolling basis. Once you review, how long will it be until orgs are notified? 4- If we apply for the kitchen and haven’t been notified yet about funding, are we allowed under NICIP to get started on the project before notification? With REDC, for instance, we cannot.	No other State funding for a project can be combined with NICIP funding. This includes the entirety of a project, not just the one portion of a project for which you are requesting NICIP funding. If the larger overall project contains any other NYS funding, this project is not eligible for NICIP. Additionally, if your NICIP application were to advance to DASNY for processing, you would have to decline any funding you may receive from the NYS REDC program.	10/16/23 11:40 AM
Eligible Projects	Home care staff are housed at the site where a roof replacement is being proposed, but the site itself doesn’t have individuals and families coming there on a regular basis...is this an eligible construction project? Under what category?	NICIP funds can only be used to renovate spaces that are used for direct services.	10/16/23 11:53 AM
Site Control/Project Location	Would a non-profit location that has patients regularly coming in to get respiratory supplies be eligible as a direct service location? Note, this location houses program staff.	No, NICIP projects need to be located in a location that is primarily dedicated to direct services. An administrative and/or supply location would not be eligible.	10/16/23 11:53 AM
Eligible Projects	One campus contains multiple human service related buildings owned by different affiliates of one parent organization - some affiliates are eligible applicants, some are not. Would a project that benefits people served by the entire campus be eligible if it is proposed/ led by an eligible affiliate?	Only NICIP eligible applicants, with eligible projects at eligible project locations can receive NICIP funding. They must be the sole beneficiary of the NICIP project.	10/16/23 1:03 PM
Eligible Projects	Does security infrastructure count as an eligible project? For example, security technology (such as, cameras in a parking lot of a human service organization) and security capital projects (such as building a structure that limits access to a campus to keep people served safe from external threats)?	Security system equipment would be an eligible project, but please note that no subscription, software or licensing fees would be reimbursable	10/16/23 1:03 PM
Eligible Projects	Are laptops, monitors and other computer accessories for the organization eligible for funding?	Computer hardware is an eligible cost.	10/16/23 1:08 PM
Eligible Projects	Is a project eligible if there was demolition work done before April 1st 2023 but the majority of renovations began after April 1st 2023? I understand that any costs incurred before April 1st are not reimbursable.	As stated in the RFA, project cannot have started prior to April 1, 2023. Design and Engineering work may have begun prior to that date, but no costs incurred prior to then can be reimbursed with NICIP funds.	10/16/23 2:03 PM

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Grant Disbursement Agreement	What is a NICIP grant and what are the steps of receiving one??	Please review the posted NICIP Request for Application and related documents for a full description of NICIP and how to apply.	10/16/23 2:04 PM
Eligible Projects	Can a site owned by DASNY that is leased by an agency be an eligible project location?	A qualified applicant that leases their facility can apply for NICIP funding so long as the terms of the lease extend at least five years from the date of their NICIP application. This is true whether the facility is owned by a private or public entity.	10/16/23 2:47 PM
Eligible Projects	Is it correct that funding for architecture fees, bifold doors, and millwork in program space (not administrative space) are eligible expenses.	Stamped architect's documents, doors and trim work are all capital costs.	10/16/23 2:47 PM
Eligible Projects	Can an agency submit multiple applications for different projects?	No, only one NICIP application can be submitted per eligible organization. However, the organization can submit for multiple project elements at the same location - i.e. bathroom renovation, roof, parking lot paving.	10/16/23 3:25 PM
Eligible Projects	Are repairs to a parking lot that is regularly used for client-serving events eligible for funding?	Repairs are not capital. Full repaving of parking lots would be a capital project.	10/16/23 3:25 PM
Financial Review/Budget	RFP states that projects cannot pay for costs incurred before April 1, 2023. Is this a typo or is that date/year correct?	The RFA is correct. Projects cannot have started prior to April 1, 2023.	10/16/23 3:25 PM
Other	a food bank for serves over 500 families per month, providing over 11,000 meals per month. We run totally independently, but it is under the tax exempt number for a Church. The two entities have two separate books and the finances never commingle. We are in need of a new building to operate from. We are asking if the organization is eligible to submit for this grant proposal for capital projects.	All NICIP applicants must be nonprofit organizations that are Pre-Qualified in the NYS Gateway which will require that they have a distinct EIN # from the federal IRS and are registered under the same name with the NYS Dept of State Corporations Bureau. If the organization can meet those requirements prior to the closure of the application window they could apply for capital funding. However, please note that should they remain located in a facility owned by a religious organization, the eligibility of potential projects would be limited.	10/16/23 4:00 PM
Eligible Projects	We own a building that needs its roof replaced, but 1/4 of the premises is utilized by a children's program we run that shares the space. Would a roof repair still be eligible under NICIP?	Roof replacement is normally an eligible project. However, the NICIP applicant is supposed to be the beneficiary of the NICIP project so if the facility is shared with one or more organizations, a project to benefit the entire facility would not be eligible.	10/16/23 4:18 PM
Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	If encouraged and not required, will this affect the application if a vendor identified for the projects is not a M/WBE ?	Per the terms of the RFA and the Grant Disbursement Agreement for NICIP grants, all grantees must use their best efforts in good faith to utilize MWBE/SDVOB wherever possible. No set quota is required per this program but the receipt of NICIP funds in no way waives an organization's obligation to meet its own procurement policies.	10/16/23 4:58 PM
Grant Disbursement Agreement	Is 50,000. the minimum request or can we request for a lower amount ?	All NICIP awards will be a minimum of \$50,000 and a maximum of \$500,000.	10/16/23 4:58 PM
Other	Although encouraged to contract with M/WBEs, is this required ?	Per the terms of the RFA and the Grant Disbursement Agreement for NICIP grants, all grantees must use their best efforts in good faith to utilize MWBE/SDVOB wherever possible. No set quota is required per this program but the receipt of NICIP funds in no way waives an organization's obligation to meet its own procurement policies.	10/16/23 4:58 PM
Project Timeline	Are a certain number of estimates required ?	Estimates are required for all project costs. They can be combined into one comprehensive estimate or individualized estimates based on project task - i.e. electrical, plumbing, roofing. Only one estimate is needed for the costs, but it must be a qualified professional estimate done no earlier than April 1, 2023.	10/16/23 4:58 PM
Application Process - Materials	Regarding our essential financial documents as they are listed under 3.3 Submit Application (page 13), if we have applied for an extension (past November 11) to extend the status of our essential financial documents (IRS990; Financial Statement; Charities Bureau filing), while our audit is being completed, are we able to maintain our prequalification status? At the time of application we will be in the period of "Deadline Extension". Does this make us ineligible?	All NICIP applicants must be Pre-Qualified in the NYS Grants Gateway at the time of application. Please refer to the Grants Gateway Help Desk at GrantsGateway@its.ny.gov or 518-474-5595 for Gateway specific questions.	10/16/23 5:02 PM
Other	What time is the Applicant Webinar and how can I access it?	The NICIP Applicant Webinar is available for viewing in the NYS Gateway or in the NICIP section of DASNY's public website www.dasny.org/NICIP	10/17/23 9:34 AM
Eligible Projects	Is the purchase of laptops for direct-service staff allowable under this funding opportunity as a technology upgrade?	As per the RFA, technology purchase for client services are eligible.	10/17/23 9:47 AM
Eligible Projects	We are a not for profit 501 c3a youth soccer club looking to build infrastructure for several reasons. One is to promote soccer education by teaching upcoming soccer players to develop into leaders and future coaches or refs for employment with us or outside of us. Obv to train and play youth sports is another reason. we also employ many students and adults in various categories but need infrastructure. My question is does this grant allow us to apply for this purpose, we do have the land?	There is nothing in the NICIP RFA that precludes nonprofit youth recreation organizations from applying for NICIP funding so long as they meet all eligibility requirements.	10/17/23 10:24 AM

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Eligible Projects	We are currently leasing a building for an emergency shelter with the intention to purchase the property within 6 months. Would we still be eligible to apply for NICIP funds even though we don't own the building at the time of submission?	A signed contract of sale could be submitted with an application but it would not receive the same value in scoring as full site control. If the application would still qualify for processing without the final deed, the applicant would have to provide proof of the acquisition of the facility prior to the execution of the Grant Disbursement Agreement. Failure to do so within the six months outlined in the RFA would result in the forfeiture of the NICIP funding opportunity. Additionally, acquisition of real property would not be eligible for reimbursement with NICIP funds.	10/17/23 11:27 AM
Eligible Projects	1. Knowing we are proceeding down a path of a merger, but it won't be complete before the RFA deadline, would you recommend we align the project asks that would be submitted from each agency? For example, if we want to request a new phone system should each agency submit for their 'cost' for the full project? 2. What happens post-merger if our applications are approved? Do we need to file any follow-up paperwork related to the incorporated name and name on deeds after June 2024?	All applicants have to have apply in the legal name of their organization that is on file with the US IRS, NYS Dept of State and NYS Grants Gateway. That would be the same name used to execute the Grant Disbursement Agreement and would not be permitted to change during this funding opportunity. If an organization changed their name, it would trigger a forfeiture of the NICIP funding opportunity.	10/17/23 12:18 PM
Eligible Projects	Would capital expenses related to the rehabilitation of a rental unit owned by a not for profit, for the purposes of transitional or permanent affordable housing be an eligible activity for NICIP funding?	As long as the site is located within NYS and the project itself is eligible, you could be able to apply. Please note however that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/17/23 2:18 PM
Application Process - Materials	Will the portal be open prior to the submission date so we can prepare by uploading documents, filling out information, etc. before 12/1? What time on 12/1 will submissions be accepted?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/17/23 7:05 PM
Application Process - Materials	If an agency were to submit an application and was declined, would they be allowed to submit another proposal, whether it be with changes to the original application or a completely different project?	No, only one NICIP application can be submitted in this funding opportunity.	10/18/23 11:31 AM
Application Process - Materials	Per the RFA, we are to access and submit our proposal (with required submittal forms) via Grants Gateway; however, this grant opportunity does not allow for us to "begin application" in Grants Gateway. The only option it allows is to download the RFA (PDF document). Therefore, we are unable to access the document vault—to compile, download, complete, and/or upload any forms for this opportunity. Additionally, we are unable to begin answering questions required for this opportunity. Could you please let me know if this is an error on behalf of Grants Gateway—or if the application and it's required documents simply haven't been "built in" to the Grants Gateway database yet? We just want to make sure we are able to begin the application process as soon as possible.	Submitting an application is separate from submitting documentation to an organization's Grants Gateway Document Vault. Organizations are encouraged to complete all Gateway requirements to be fully Pre-Qualified prior to the application portal opening at 9am on 12/15/2023.	10/18/23 11:48 AM
Eligible Projects	Are Servers, Copiers, Desktops and Laptops used by staff at a New York State Article 31 mental health clinic eligible?	As per the RFA, for eligible organizations, the purchase of technology hardware for client services are eligible.	10/18/23 1:07 PM
Eligible Projects	Our Healthy Living Campus is overbudget. Our playground are outside of what is being finance so our organization is raising funds specifically to cover these cost. Our financing model is through New Market Tax Credits but the playground is not covered through the financing. But because we have that financing model, does it disqualifying us for this funding source for the playground.	The application and supporting documentation would have to distinctly show how the playground project is absolutely outside of the control of the corpus of the tax credit structure - for site control, project construction contracts and in financing.	10/18/23 1:58 PM
Application Process - Materials	What is the timeframe for award decision announcements?	Scoring for applications will begin as early as December 18th and all eligible applications that meet the minimum scoring threshold will be advanced to DASNY for processing. As they are advanced, DASNY will notify the qualifying applicants. It is expected that a full list of qualifying applicants will be released after the full amount of NICIP funding has been utilized. There is no set timeline for this announcement but it could come sometime in the first quarter of 2024.	10/18/23 4:19 PM
Application Materials	If encouraged and not required, will this affect the application if a vendor identified for the projects is not a M/WBE ?	Per the terms of the RFA and the Grant Disbursement Agreement for NICIP grants, all grantees must use their best efforts in good faith to utilize MWBE/SDVOB wherever possible. No set quota is required per this program but the receipt of NICIP funds in no way waives an organization's obligation to meet its own procurement policies	10/18/23 4:27 PM
Eligible Projects	Is 50,000. the minimum request or can we request for a lower amount ?	All NICIP Awards will be for a minimum of \$50,000 and maximum of \$500,000.	10/18/23 4:27 PM
Eligible Projects	We are a camp for children and young adults with disabilities. Our in-ground pool, which is an important part of the camp experience, is in the process of being replaced with a new fully-accessible pool (the old pool had a leak and became unsafe). Is the pool an eligible project?	Eligible projects cannot have started prior to 4/1/2023 and cannot be substantially completed at the time of application.	10/18/23 4:44 PM
Application Process - Materials	Are Congressional Directed Spending Requests considered State funding? We anticipate applying for Congressional requests in early 2024. Would we need to turn any awards down if we were to receive a NICIP award?	Federal funds are not considered State funding.	10/18/23 4:55 PM

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Project Timeline	We are replacing a pool that was badly damaged and had become unsafe. The demolition of the old pool occurred as soon as it was determined that it could no longer be used, several years ago. Permits, etc. were then delayed during COVID. Now, construction on the new pool has begun (post April 1, 2023). We consider the start of construction as the start date and therefore believe we are eligible. However, your answer to another question seemed to indicate that the start of the demo work marked the start of the project, which would make us ineligible. Please advise.	If you can demonstrate that the demolition of the old pool was separate and distinct from the construction project of the new pool, your project could be eligible.	10/18/23 5:18 PM
Application Materials	Can we see a list of all required attachments needed to successfully submit an NICIP application in Grants Gateway?	Please refer to RFA Section Three - Application Process.	10/18/23 6:48 PM
Other	Will it be possible for an applicant to get into the application in Grants Gateway ahead of Dec 1, 2023?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/18/23 6:48 PM
Other	The NICIP webinar mentioned that the Capital Based Budget Form is a required attachment for a completed application. Where and when can we get access to that form?	A copy of that form will be available on the Gateway and DASNY.org on 11/15/2023	10/18/23 6:55 PM
Eligible Projects	This proposal includes suitable projects like cybersecurity upgrades or security cameras, would a project consisting of revising and developing an office safety plan be an eligible project?	No, this would be considered an administrative or operating expense.	10/19/23 8:31 AM
Eligible Projects	Are the following projects eligible: Residential housing 1. Community Residence for disabled population? 2. Apartment Program Residence (in a community setting within a residential home) for disabled population? 3. Permanent Housing Program for disabled population?	As long as the site is located within NYS and the project itself is eligible, you could be able to apply. Please note however that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/19/23 10:05 AM
Project Timeline	Is there a use term for the award? Do we have to utilize the project for a certain time period following the award?	All NICIP projects must be completed, and all reimbursement requests processed and paid prior to December 31, 2026. No exceptions or extensions will be granted.	10/19/23 10:05 AM
Review Process	Does the renovation have to address health and safety? Does it have to address current needs or can it be for projected needs? Can the project improve the property and space utilized by the program participants related to quality and not health and safety?	A NICIP application can be for any capital project that supports the organization's direct programs and services. While health and safety of clients can certainly be valuable projects, they are not the only ones that are permitted.	10/19/23 10:05 AM
Review Process	Will we be told our score if we are deemed not qualified?	Yes, after all NICIP applications have been reviewed and scored, non-qualifying applicants will be notified	10/19/23 10:05 AM
Application Process - Materials	We have the GDA marked on a prior grant as 9/23/2022 but, the signatory page is marked 7/10/2023. My understanding is that we should go off of the date on the GDA and since this prior grant is not being used for the program (we are seeking this DASNY grant for) we should be okay to proceed for grant application. Is this correct?	If an organization has an existing NICIP project from a previous round of funding. Unless that project is fully disbursed or formally withdrawn, they will be unable to apply for funding in this round.	10/19/23 10:18 AM
State Environmental Quality Review	We are proposing to purchase computer equipment. Do we have to do SEQR review? Are we required to submit SEQR forms at time of submission?	DASNY will be reviewing all qualifying applications to ensure compliance with all SEQR requirements. Applicants are expected to submit any documentation they have at the time of application that they feel will demonstrate their project's compliance with SEQR if it is warranted for their project. Most equipment purchases would not require a formal SEORA.	10/19/23 10:25 AM
Eligible Projects	Are design, planning, and/or engineering costs are eligible for reimbursement? If so, is there a recommended cap/limit on what percentage of the total project cost those costs should make up?	Architectural and Engineering costs are eligible, but they must be part of a fully functioning project that can be completed prior to 12/31/2026.	10/19/23 10:27 AM
Site Control/Project Location	Under Project Location Readiness - question c awards the highest points for approvals already secured or expected within 3 months. The projects we are applying for will not move forward within the next 3 months UNLESS we secure NICIP funding, so it would not make sense for us to apply for building permits until we know we've been awarded. Any insight as to how to proceed with answering this question on the application in light of our situation would be greatly appreciated.	All applicants should provide information in their applications that is factually based on their current situation.	10/19/23 10:41 AM
Application Process - Materials	In the webinar you keep asking for a 990 yet you must be a not for profit entity....doesn't that contradict itself as a not for profit does not have a 990 but an audit. Is your wordage incorrect or are we missing something?	The most recent IRS 990 is one of the required documents non-profits must upload to their Grants Gateway document vault in order to become prequalified and/or remain prequalified.	10/19/23 11:32 AM
Eligible Projects	It states no renovation of storage space. We are in need of a fire rated door for the boiler room, would this be eligible? Are HVAC upgrades, i.e. to central air, eligible?	If the project is to replace the HVAC system, capital upgrades to the HVAC utility area would be eligible as well.	10/19/23 11:59 AM
Application Process - Materials	Please describe the process for review of applications and disbursement of funding. For example, if applications are reviewed and scored in the order received, and if an application meets the threshold of point required for funding, is it then funded? Will successful applicants be notified when a decision is made regarding their application, even if it is still within the submission period? Or will successful applicants be notified after all funds are allocated and/or the submission window is closed?	Please refer to the RFA Section Four - Evaluation and Section 5 - Advancement and Grant Disbursement Agreements.	10/19/23 12:35 PM
Eligible Projects	May an organization include salary for a project manager in the proposed budget?	No. That would be considered an administrative expense.	10/19/23 12:35 PM
Eligible Projects	We are a food pantry with a bricks-and-mortar location for distributions, and we are being overwhelmed with an increase in guest visits due to a number of factors including high inflation, immigration patterns, and more. We intend to extend our reach with the purchase of a mobile food pantry truck. Is this an eligible project and, if so, how do we answer application questions that presume a bricks-and-mortar location for a renovation ... such as those listed under "Location Eligibility?" Thank you.	A vehicle for food pantry delivery would be an eligible cost. The site control required would be the location the truck would be stored when not in use.	10/19/23 12:50 PM

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Eligible Projects	Would an accessibility elevator project be considered eligible?	An elevator would be considered an eligible capital project so long as the primary beneficiary of the project is the NICIP applicant and their programs. It would not be eligible if other entities outside of the NICIP applicant were to benefit from the project.	10/19/23 1:00 PM
Other	Would a Community Recovery Non-profit who owns their building be considered eligible as " mental health/behavioral health services".	Please note that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/19/23 1:00 PM
Application Materials	Where can we find a copy of the application questions so we can prepare in advance?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/19/23 2:50 PM
Application Materials	If we are registered with Grants Gateway does this mean we are automatically prequalified under depart of state and IRS?	Please review your Grants Gateway Document Vault and verify your status prior to preparing your application. Multiple documents within the Vault expire on a regular basis and an organization deemed Pre-Qualified in May could easily be expired in December.	10/19/23 2:50 PM
Eligible Projects	Is the acquisition of blood donation vehicles eligible for this grant?	For eligible organizations, vehicles used to provide direct services are eligible. Vehicles used for transportation only are ineligible.	10/19/23 2:50 PM
Application Materials	Can you submit the application prior to 12/1?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/19/23 2:57 PM
Eligible Projects	We received funding from OPWDD and ACCESS-VR for Day Habilitation and Vocational programs respectively. Are we still eligible for the grant?	If the organization is relying on the funding from OPWDD, or any other NYS source, to pay for costs of the project outlined in the NICIP application, then the project would be ineligible. If the OPWDD funding is solely used as operating funding to support the programs your organization provides, and you are otherwise eligible, then this would not invalidate your eligibility.	10/19/23 2:57 PM
Eligible Projects	My agency needs to update all lighting fixtures throughout our building, which has 5 floors and a basement. We have an application under review for the NY State Downtown Revitalization Initiative for a renovation to our entranceway and the main floor attached to it, which includes lighting replacement for that one floor only. Would replacing the lighting on the other 5 levels be eligible for NICIP funds, or would it be considered the same project as the DRI-funded one, since that involves lighting?	No other State funding can be used for the same project as outlined in the NICIP application. If your project is lighting for the building, then any other State funding for lighting would invalidate the project's eligibility.	10/19/23 4:06 PM
Application Process - Materials	The scoring matrix indicates that a maximum score will be given if the amount requested equals the total project cost and/or is within 10% of that cost. Does this mean that we are allowed to ask for an amount that exceeds our project estimate by up to 10%?	All NICIP applications can request up to \$500,000 in NICIP funds but must show that they have eligible project costs to meet the amount requested. If a qualified project cost estimate has a stated cost contingency line, that too may be requested. However, NICIP funds will only be disbursed to reimburse actual approved capital costs up to the amount stated in the Grant Disbursement Agreement.	10/19/23 4:48 PM
Eligible Projects	Are Article 32 not-for profit organizations eligible for this grant?	Please note that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/19/23 5:26 PM
Financial Review/Budget	Does the nonprofit need to use a contractor from a NYS list or does the contractor need to be authorized to do business in NYS? Is there a difference? If the nonprofit has to use a contractor from a NYS list, where can this list be located?	There is no specified list, but all contractors must be registered to do business in NYS.	10/20/23 9:18 AM
Application Materials	When will the application/project appear in Grants Gateway so we can start to prepare our submission?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/20/23 11:20 AM
Application Process - Materials	Where do I find the Capital Based Budget Form referenced in question c) under Project Viability: Project Description & Support for Project Costs?	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/20/23 11:20 AM
Application Materials	Can character counts on the narrative questions be made available earlier so we can properly prepare narrative length prior? Also, specifying whether the character counts are with or without spaces would truly be appreciated.	Ample space will be provided for a brief project description. Should that not suffice for a particular organization, the option to upload additional information in the Grantee Document Folder still exists.	10/20/23 12:23 PM
Application Process - Materials	Submitting at 9 am sharp on a first come first serve basis may create some submission inequities. A person with a physical or cognitive disability will be at a disadvantage because he/she may not be as fast in inputting copy. For the professional grant writing consultant who has multiple clients, he/she will need to select which client to submit first, second, or third. Larger agencies with grant staff who are experienced in submitting through the complicated grants gateway system, have a major advantage over smaller agencies who do not have the knowledge/experience. Can the application be opened earlier (i.e. the day before) so we can all load copy prior, and all have a level playing field when submitting?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/20/23 12:23 PM

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Eligible Projects	Our organization is in the midst of moving site locations and we would be looking to respond to this RFP for our new location. We are in the process of negotiating the lease and getting approval from the zoning board, but it is very possible we will not have the lease in-hand at the time of submitting an application. We expect to gain site control and have a 5+ year lease in-hand soon, with a start/ move-in date of January 1, 2024. Are we eligible to apply for funding without having the 5+ year lease in-hand at the time of submitting the application?	Since you are moving your project location, you will not have site control until your new lease has been finalized. You would need to wait until the new lease is secured before submitting your NICIP application.	10/20/23 12:52 PM
Application Materials	When will application be posted in Grants Gateway and at what time will it be available?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/23/23 10:45 AM
Application Materials	The RFP references a Capital Budget Form, When will this be available?	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/23/23 10:45 AM
Application Materials	In reference to the Grant Disbursement Exhibits, when will it be available without watermarks or should we move forward with trying to duplicate the document?	There is no need to duplicate the document. Please see Section Five of the RFA for Grant Disbursement Agreement information.	10/23/23 10:45 AM
Financial Review	In terms of cost estimate, can our project architect provide a project estimate or do we need a project estimate from a general contractor?	It is the organization's choice as to whether they confidant in the cost project of their project from their architect or if they prefer to gain estimates from individual contractors.	10/23/23 10:45 AM
Site Control/Project Location	We are going through a merger - a smaller nonprofit in our community will be merging into our organization. We have an active merger application with NYS Attorney General 's Office and they have indicated they will approve it. Our organization will not have site control until the merger is finalized in the first quarter of 2024 but the smaller organization merging into our agency desperately needs a new roof - they are the ones that own their building and have the deed to the property. Can we apply for funding NICIP in December for this roof replacement?	Applicants can only apply for projects that would be undertaken on facilities they own or lease at the time of application and for which they will be entering into all contracts and incurring all of the costs of the proposed project.	10/23/23 10:45 AM
Application Process - Materials	On what date will the portal contain the actual application form? Or, on what date will actual information requests be posted? We understand that we will be able to send our application on the portal beginning 8AM on 12/1/23. On what date will the portal contain the application? All we know is that "There are no distinct questions. The NICIP Application requests a brief project description of the capital project to be undertaken by the Applicant." Respectfully, in order to submit this first-come/first-served application, we need to see the actual submission sections and questions prior to 12/1. We need time to review and prepare relevant responses, gather required documents and format properly for timely submission.	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/23/23 11:46 AM
Application Process - Materials	Where would we find the Capital Based Budget Form?	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/23/23 12:56 PM
Eligible Projects	With regards to eligibility how or who would know in my agency whether we "are eligible for NYS's Statewide Health program" I believe we are under Public Health article 40 not article 28.	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project	10/23/23 1:08 PM
Eligible Projects	The webinar mentioned the "State's Department of Health Statewide Funding Program" and "Statewide Health Assistance." What exactly is that? How do we know if we are eligible for that?	Organizations eligible for funding through the NYS Dept. of Health's Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Programs (SHCFTP) are usually those organizations licensed through NYS DOH, OMH, OASAS or OPWDD and/or those who must file a "Certificate of Need" for a project needs score.	10/23/23 1:21 PM
Site Control/Project Location	gg		10/23/23 1:51 PM
Eligible Projects	Is an Adult Home (not authorized Article 28 NYSPHL) considered an eligible applicant?	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project	10/23/23 1:53 PM
Eligible Projects	In the scoring matrix, question 2c, it states "if the project has been completed - please note project end date". Does this mean that projects that have been completed between April 1, 2023 and application submission date are eligible for grant awards, even if the vendor(s) have been paid?	Eligible projects cannot have started prior to 4/1/2023 and cannot be substantially completed at the time of application.	10/23/23 2:22 PM
Review Process	In the webinar, the narrator said that an applicant, if disqualified for a grant, would be eligible for future NICIP funding rounds. Is "future rounds" in this current RFA or future RFA's that have not yet been released to the public?	Future rounds would be those that have yet to be released to the public.	10/23/23 2:22 PM

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Eligible Projects	We plan to purchase a building to renovate for a new day habilitation program and clinic. OPWDD will likely issue a PPA that goes into our rate to pay for it. Would OPWDD funding make this program ineligible?	If the organization is relying on the funding from OPWDD, or any other NYS source, to pay for costs of the project outlined in the NICIP application, then the project would be ineligible. If the OPWDD funding is solely used as operating funding to support the programs your organization provides, and you are otherwise eligible, then this would not invalidate your eligibility.	10/23/23 2:55 PM
Application Process - Materials	Where can I find the Capital-Based Budget Form?	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/23/23 3:20 PM
Eligible Projects	On the posted webinar, the following statement is made roughly halfway through - "Any organization that is eligible under the state's department of health statewide funding program - if you're eligible under statewide health, you're not eligible under NICIP." Does this statement apply only if statewide health funding is being sought for this specific project? Or is it a blanket statement applied to the organization?	<p>NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28.</p> <p>Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project.</p>	10/23/23 3:46 PM
Site Control/Project Location	If the intended use of the funds is for computers and/or computer hardware, does the five-year lease requirement for the project location still matter?	Yes, site control is still required.	10/23/23 3:46 PM
Eligible Projects	My organization owns a group residence in Forest Hills and we are interested in using this opportunity to increase our Life Safety Code capability. We would like to improve safety codes with installation of a sprinkler system, encasing the staircase and providing other safety improvements since the individuals cannot easily evacuate the house in the two minutes that we aim for in our fire drills. Would these modifications qualify ?	As long as the site is located within NYS and the project itself is eligible, you could be able to apply. Please note however that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/23/23 4:48 PM
Eligible Projects	We are a non-profit 501c3 with many programs for our clients; food Pantry, pet pantry, etc. For the past 40 years, we have been housed in a location which we have outgrown. We have raised funds (not through state financing) to purchase property with water and electricity and installed a driveway. Do we qualify for this grant to build the structure? If so are separate bids needed for individual aspects (HVAC, electricity) of the job?	Technically, new construction projects are eligible for NICIP eligible applicants. However, due to the tight timeline of the NICIP program, an organization may have difficulty in fully completing a new construction project - and submitting for all eligible costs - prior to the 12/31/26 deadline.	10/23/23 4:55 PM
Application Materials	I would strongly urge DASNY to make the Grants Gateway application open and available as soon as possible. If organizations can only begin to work on proposals on December 1, it may take considerable time from that date to prepare a submittable proposal, despite the RFP's proposed timeline that applicants might submit a proposal as early as December 1 and scoring might begin as early as December 2. While application questions are available in the RFP, online submission systems often have additional forms, checkboxes, or other pages beyond proposal questions that still need to be completed before submission, and these additional pieces would take otherwise-prepared proposers by surprise on December 1. For example, the RFP application questions tell applicants to complete a "Capital Based Budget Form," but the RFP does not link to such a form or otherwise tell applicants where to find it. If there is no specific budget form required and the RFP simply wants a general but thorough capital budget form, please clarify.	The Capital Based Budget form is available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website as of 11/15/2023. The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/23/23 6:15 PM
Eligible Projects	The RFP does not mention eligibility for "NYS Statewide Health funding" as making an applicant ineligible to apply for NICIP, but the Q&A document mentions it several times. DASNY has already been clear that other state funding cannot be used to fund the proposed NICIP project but the Q&A further says that even just being eligible for NYS Statewide Health funding makes an organization ineligible for NICIP funds. I am unclear as to exactly which funding opportunity "NYS Statewide Health" applies. The title sounds most similar to the DOH Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program (https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/inactive/20224/), but the eligibility for that program has traditionally been quite broad, including "community-based organizations" which I would think would eliminate most if not all applicants for NICIP. Is the DOH Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program what DASNY is referring to by the language "NYS Statewide Health funding"? If not, can DASNY identify the referred-to funding program, ideally with a link to a past RFP for most clarity? Thank you.	<p>NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28.</p> <p>Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project.</p>	10/23/23 6:15 PM
Eligible Projects	Do organizations that have a spiritual element qualify? The faith-incorporated content is a part of the method and approach to our suite of healing strategies, but it is not the mission of the org.	Religious organizations are not eligible to apply and project locations owned by religious entities are strictly limited in their ability to receive capital funding.	10/23/23 9:04 PM
Eligible Projects	We are interested in applying for NICIP funding but I wanted to confirm the services we provide qualify us as a "human services" organization under the definition in the RFA. We offer the following direct services to a all community members in need, including a largely refugee/immigrant population: Immigration assistance; Comprehensive Case Management (including applications for available social service assistance programs, health insurance, etc.); Employment assessment, job readiness training, resume and application preparation, work environment expectations/cultural orientation classes, job placement and retention services; Assistance securing temporary housing; Creation and implementation of Family Self-Sufficiency plans; Interpreter/translation services; English as a Second Language (ESL) classes; After School Program (ASP); Interpreter/Translation services and more. Please clarify for us whether these services qualify our organization as a "human services" organization for purposes of applying for the NICIP.	From this description, it would appear this is an eligible organization.	10/24/23 11:22 AM

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Application Process - Materials	We had been hoping to prepare our NICIP application prior to the start of the Rolling Application Submission date of 12/1/2023. However, the Grants Gateway indicates that "Applicants will be able to start their applications in the Grants Gateway beginning on December 1, 2023." Question: Will there be any mechanism available to help in preparing the application prior to December 1?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/24/23 11:56 AM
Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	Our NICIP application will be to fund replacement of certain sections of our aging roof. We have, over the last several years, replaced other parts of the roof on an as needed basis. All prior work has been paid for from our own funds. Does our NICIP application need to provide any information about prior roofing work?	So long as the previous work has no impact on the project you are outlining in your NICIP application, you do not need to outline that work. However, please note that in order to be capital eligible, the roof work needs to be a full replacement of that distinct portion of the roof, it cannot be a patch.	10/24/23 11:56 AM
Application Process - Materials	I know that applications will not be accepted until Dec 1. Does this mean that the application function in Grants Gateway will not be open before then? I assumed it would be possible to work on applications prior to Dec 1st, and then submit on that date, but when I visit the opportunity page in Grants Gateway there seems to be no way to start an application.	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/24/23 12:18 PM
Eligible Projects	In the Q and A, the answer to Question 53 includes this sentence, " Additionally, only certain types of technology are considered eligible for capital and NCIP funding." Can you please state the rules the State will use to determine what Technology is and is not eligible?	As stated in the RFA, software, subscriptions, licensing, monitoring, internet services, cloud storage and training fees are all not eligible for reimbursement with capital funds.	10/24/23 1:42 PM
Eligible Projects	The answer to question 53 says, "...only certain types of technology are considered eligible for capital and NICIP funding." Can you provide the rules the State will use to determine what technology is and is not eligible?	As stated in the RFA, software, subscriptions, licensing, monitoring, internet services, cloud storage and training fees are all not eligible for reimbursement with capital funds.	10/24/23 1:58 PM
Application Process - Materials	We have the same exact same legal name on file with the NYS Department of State and the IRS with the exception of the punctuation. It's "ABC Organization, Inc." in one place and "ABD Organization Inc" (no punctuation) in the other. Can we still answer "yes" to "Are you filing your application under the exact legal name that is on file with the Dept of State and the IRS?"	To be eligible for NICIP funding, applicants must be the organization that is: 1) registered with the US IRS; 2) registered with the NYS Dept. of State; 3) Prequalified in the NYS Grants Gateway; 4) in full site control over the project location; 5) entering into the contracts for the work to be performed; 6) incurring the costs of the project in the first instance; and 7) provide the direct services to New York residents that the project will benefit. The legal name on all associated documentation must match exactly	10/24/23 2:57 PM
Eligible Projects	In your NICIP Survey Monkey Q and A response document – question/response #94 reads as follows: 94Q - Are not for profit adult care facilities licensed under Title 2 of Article 7 of the Social Services Law eligible to apply for funding under this RFA? A - No, if your organization is eligible to receive NYS's Statewide Health funding, they are not eligible for NICIP10/4/2023 10:51 AM After an exhaustive review can you please direct me to where in the RFA I would look to see where the above-referenced facility, a not for profit adult care facilities licensed under Title 2 of Article 7 of the Social Services Law, is considered ineligible? I have reviewed Section 2 carefully and find no reference to "NYS's Statewide Health funding" as a disqualifier. And what exactly does "Statewide Health Funding" reference? Is that a distinct designation?	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project	10/24/23 3:46 PM
Eligible Projects	Our nonprofit would like to apply for exterior improvements that serve the families and children in our early childhood program; repaving, playground, fencing, and roof repairs. Last year, we received state funding for a separate project, an HVAC system serving the childcare program inside of this building. Since this new scope of work is a separate construction project, is it eligible?	No other New York State funding can be combined with NICIP funding for the same project.	10/24/23 3:48 PM
Other	We are a therapeutic residential school for adolescent males ages 12-21. Are we not eligible since we are technically a school in addition to providing housing & therapeutic services? Our education building is separate from our residential & clinical building.	Please note that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/24/23 4:00 PM
Eligible Projects	If we have an empty lot, will this project fund the construction of a new building?	Technically, new construction projects are eligible for NICIP eligible applicants. However, due to the tight timeline of the NICIP program, an organization may have difficulty in fully completing a new construction project - and submitting for all eligible costs - prior to the 12/31/26 deadline.	10/24/23 4:17 PM
Other	The answer to Question 31 in the Q and A says, "No other NYS financing can be a part of the project on the NICIP application. If the existing loan supports the same project, then the project would be ineligible." The prospective applicant has an OMH Grant that was funded by a DASNY loan to help finance acquisition of the Commercial Condominium Space the Applicant occupies. Would the Applicant be eligible for a NICIP Grant for Technology	No other New York State funding can be combined with NICIP funding for the same project.	10/24/23 4:58 PM
Application Process - Materials	We are able to view the NICIP grant opportunity in Grants Gateway but we are not able to start our application. I watched a tutorial that said we should be able to start our application before the due date. Is this correct?	Application questions and the budget form are posted with the RFA. However, the actual application will not be available for submission until 9am on 12/15/2023.	10/24/23 6:16 PM
Review Process	What do we need to do to prove that our contractors are certified to do business in NYS?	Organizations can search the NYS Dept. of State's Division of Corporation site to see if the contractor or vendor they wish to utilize is registered. https://apps.dos.ny.gov/publicinquiry/	10/24/23 6:16 PM
Application Process - Materials	Can you provide a checklist for all required supporting documentation, and what is required at time of grant submission and what is required during the GDA process?	Please see Sections Four and Five of the RFA.	10/24/23 6:17 PM

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Eligible Projects	When part of a larger renovation project at a single site, are all the following activities eligible? *Carpentry- Remove rugs Remove walls and doorways to make space more accessible Replace old windows, repair siding where needed Convert exterior entry doors to automatic doors Repair and replace sheet rock where needed Repair floor where needed, install new flooring *Plumbing- Remove old where needed Install sink in work area *Electrical- Remove electric where walls were removed Relocate switches and outlets where needed Disconnect Solar for removal Install additional lighting where needed Relocate electric heaters where needed *Painting- Paint interior and exterior of entire structure Tape and spackle all repairs on interior *HVAC - Remove old blower units Install new system to heat and cool *Solar Panels - Remove solar panels, evaluate, reinstall after roof is complete *Roof Strip and replace shingles, vent pipe boots and vents if needed *Fire and Safety- install system *Sprinkler System- Install *Well- Drill new well	In general, repairs are not eligible for reimbursement with capital funds. New construction or reconstruction of existing space is usually eligible. Please see RFA Section 2.5 for more information.	10/25/23 9:02 AM
Eligible Projects	We operate a non-profit bakery that provides jobs and supporting training opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We need to purchase a new packaging line to expand our services and add jobs. Is this equipment purchase an eligible capital project?	If the organization and the project location are NICIP eligible, then the purchase of equipment should be eligible.	10/25/23 10:19 AM
Financial Review	Our non-profit bakery offers work training and employment to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. At start up in 2017, we received funding from Empire State Development and also subsequently received \$80K in ESD funds for marketing activities. We would like to apply to NICIP for equipment needed to expand our bakery operations. Would our previous awards preclude us from applying for these funds?	As long as the NICIP application is for a separate and distinct project from the organization's previous State funded project, it should be eligible for consideration.	10/25/23 10:19 AM
Site Control/Project Location	We have a Lease to Purchase agreement that enables us to transition from being a lessee to property owner. The site will be used to operate an OMH licensed Article 31 and an OASAS licensed Article 32. The property has been owned by a different non-profit agency, who also ran Article 31/32 programs at the site, and we will become the owner when the transaction is approved by the Attorney General. Please confirm that this qualifies as site control.	NICIP Eligible applicants must either own their facilities outright or have a lease with a minimum term of five years from the date they submit their NICIP application.	10/25/23 10:56 AM
Eligible Projects	Section 2.4 Eligible Projects and Project Costs states that the project cannot have been funded in whole or in part by other funding from New York State. Does that include programmatic state funding like OPWDD Program Reimbursement Rates?	If the organization is relying on the funding from OPWDD, or any other NYS source, to pay for costs of the project outlined in the NICIP application, then the project would be ineligible. If the OPWDD funding is solely used as operating funding to support the programs your organization provides, and you are otherwise eligible, then this would not invalidate your eligibility.	10/25/23 11:28 AM
Other	Are we still eligible to apply if we received grant funding through the NYS Office of Mental Health for capital award funding that we just recently closed on through the Dormitory Authority. This funding was earmarked for a crisis residence program only. I did submit a question, but I think it was interpreted as us utilizing the NICIP funding for the crisis residence program, and they answered the question with (NO) and yes that would be correct. We would be applying for the NICIP for a separate agency project (IT/Security). Are we eligible?	No other New York State funding can be combined with NICIP funding for the same project.	10/25/23 11:54 AM
Eligible Projects	I want to inquire as follows in terms of project eligibility. Our nonprofit owns a property that we plan on constructing a building to consolidate different service locations into a single site for service and fiscal efficiency. We want to apply for the NICIP program to cover the preconstruction costs, which include survey, architectural design and engineering, site and building approvals, and site preparation, including demolition of the current structure, tree removal, and grading. my questions are as follows: 1) Is this an approved project as a standalone project or we will need to show funds for the entire construction project? 2) If this is an approved project and receives NICIP funding, could we still apply for future grants that might become available for the actual construction?	Architectural and Engineering costs are eligible, but they must be part of a fully functioning project that can be completed prior to 12/31/2026. If your project received funding from this round of NICIP, then it would be ineligible to receive other NYS funding after the NICIP award has been made.	10/25/23 12:05 PM
Eligible Projects	Is upgrading and / or installing security cameras and door access control around several nonprofit-owned sites permissible as a single project?	Only one project location is permitted per NICIP application.	10/25/23 12:05 PM
Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	Would architectural fees, environmental study fees, asbestos studies, etc. be covered under the grant also or have to be submitted prior?	While architecture costs are reimbursable, environmental studies and asbestos studies are not automatically capital eligible. For example, if the resulting project includes the full removal of asbestos as part of the project, the asbestos testing could potentially be reimbursed.	10/25/23 12:47 PM
Site Control/Project Location	We have two homes residing on one tax parcel we would like to submit funding for. Both homes need drainage, roofing, siding, and a shower room revamp. Would they both be eligible since they were built the same year and have the same needs as they are deeded together on one parcel of land and have the same issues.	All NICIP projects must be for one project location. If there are multiple structures involved in a project, they must all be contained within the same deed.	10/25/23 12:47 PM
State Environmental Quality Review	Are there any specialized studies or reviews that I may not be seeing in the literature that would need to be obtained prior to submitting for the grant?	The extent of the SEQRA process will depend on the parameters of the proposed project. New construction will require more than the installation of air conditioning. However, any project in a designated historic structure or district could require the review and sign off of the NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation.	10/25/23 12:47 PM
Application Materials	Our organization was originally incorporated in 1970. The name was changed several years later. The document on file in the DV is the original DOS filing. Our IRS nonprofit designation is under the original name, as is our state SFS payee name. Is this going to present a problem with our application? If so, how do I proceed? Please advise. Thank you.	If there is a discrepancy in an organization's legal name between the US IRS, NYS Dept of State and the Grants Gateway, this should be resolved prior to submitting an application.	10/25/23 1:19 PM
Application Process - Materials	Our organization was originally incorporated in 1970. The name was changed several years later. The document on file in the DV is the original DOS filing. We are applying for the NICIP under the current name. Do I need to upload the DOS document changing our name?	If there is a discrepancy in an organization's legal name between the US IRS, NYS Dept of State and the Grants Gateway, this should be resolved prior to submitting an application.	10/25/23 1:19 PM
Eligible Projects	What is the definition of New York State funding? Our program receives funding for operating support from OMH and fee-for-service funds via Medicaid, etc. None of these funds are for capital. Are we still eligible?	If you are under contract with another State entity to directly fund the project as described, then your project is not eligible for NICIP funding. If your organization receives operating funds from the State to run your programs/services, that is not a conflict.	10/25/23 4:38 PM

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Application Materials	If an organization is currently leasing a location providing direct behavioral health services to individuals and families, but the lease terminates in 2026, what type of documentation regarding ongoing lease negotiations to extend the lease for a five year term will be sufficient for submission of the initial application during the Rolling Application Period?	Some prospective NICIP applicants may not be able to finalize lease extensions prior to the close of the applications submission window of 2/15/2024. A letter from the landlord/leasing agent indicating that the lease renewal is pending will suffice for scoring, however will not score as highly as a fully executed lease with the appropriate length of term. Should an application with a pending lease extension still qualify for processing, the lease extension would have to be finalized in order to proceed to an executed GDA. Failure to do so within the six months DASNY processing timeline would forfeit the NICIP funding opportunity.	10/25/23 5:01 PM
Application Materials	If an organization is currently leasing a location providing direct behavioral health services to individuals and families, but the lease terminates in 2026, what type of documentation regarding ongoing lease negotiations to extend the lease for a five year term will be sufficient for submission of the initial application during the Finalization Period?	Some prospective NICIP applicants may not be able to finalize lease extensions prior to the close of the applications submission window of 2/15/2024. A letter from the landlord/leasing agent indicating that the lease renewal is pending will suffice for scoring, however will not score as highly as a fully executed lease with the appropriate length of term. Should an application with a pending lease extension still qualify for processing, the lease extension would have to be finalized in order to proceed to an executed GDA. Failure to do so within the six months DASNY processing timeline would forfeit the NICIP funding opportunity.	10/25/23 5:01 PM
Application Materials	Is a fully executed lease terminating a minimum of five years after the submission of the application required before the issuance of the Grant Disbursement Agreement or is some other form of documentation sufficient?	Yes, for all leased project locations, a formal lease with a minimum term of five years must be submitted to DASNY before a Grant Disbursement Agreement can be executed.	10/25/23 5:01 PM
Application Process - Materials	Where can an applicant access the "Capital Based Budget Form" referred to in Appendix 1 (Application Questions/Project Viability/Project Description and Support for Project Costs/section "c" subsection "a")?	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/25/23 5:01 PM
Eligible Projects	For a project that is only requesting funding for technology, can the funds be used for laptops for multiple locations if the locations are comprised of four behavioral health clinics run by one non-profit agency?	Only one project location can be part of a NICIP application.	10/25/23 5:01 PM
Eligible Projects	If an organization runs a system of four behavioral health clinics providing direct services to families and individuals, 1) can it apply for funding for a server and laptops and associated hardware at one of those clinics even if the server communicates with technology at the three remaining clinics, so long as no NICIP funding is utilized to fund technology assigned to the three remaining locations, and, furthermore, if the answer to this part of the question is "yes", then 2) if the qualified project location has a five year lease, do the remaining three clinic locations need to have five year leases as well?	Only one project location can be part of a NICIP application.	10/25/23 5:01 PM
Eligible Projects	If a behavioral health clinic provides direct services to families in one location and serves as a base for a number of NYS Department of Mental Health approved Satellite Locations where clients can visit closer to their homes, can NICIP funding cover laptops to be used at the project clinic location and also the satellite locations?	Only one project location can be part of a NICIP application.	10/25/23 5:01 PM
Eligible Projects	If a group home for adult individuals with IDD/DD receives funding from OPWDD that follows the individual resident in the group home (and then the individual tenant uses that funding to pay for their rent), 1) can the group home—if otherwise qualified – apply for NICIP funding and also, if that answer is yes, then 2) what if the OPWDD funding is reimbursement to the group home for services provided to residents at the group home—would that funding disqualify the application?	If you are under contract with another State entity to directly fund the project as described, then your project is not eligible for NICIP funding. If your organization receives operating funds from the State to run your programs/services, that is not a conflict.	10/25/23 5:01 PM
Application Process - Materials	Can an organization submit multiple applications to support projects related to multiple site locations (e.g., one application per site), or is each agency limited to just one application for this opportunity (meaning we would need to pick just one of our multiple site locations needing capital support)?	Only one NICIP application per organization can be submitted.	10/25/23 5:14 PM
Eligible Projects	We would like to clarify our understanding of the eligibility of our project. We are a human service organization that provides direct services to New Yorkers. Our capital and technology projects have not been and will not be funded by any other funding from New York State sources. Our organization has received funding from other state opportunities (e.g., the Statewide Capital Transformation awards) for other purposes, but the projects for which we are applying to NICIP are completely distinct from what we have received funding from these other grants to do. Can you confirm that we are eligible to submit an application to NICIP? (we meet all eligibility criteria outlined in the NICIP RFA's Section 2.2 and 2.3).	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project.	10/25/23 5:14 PM
Eligible Projects	Does 211, a resource center that helps clients refer and inform clients of aid in their area, count as an organization providing direct services? Our project idea would be to add an addition to the building to upgrade the 211 call center. We believe that 211 provides direct resources, however, we are unsure if it would provide services that the RFP defines as direct; "Direct services' shall mean prevention, intervention, respite and/or habilitative services that an Applicant provides directly to an individual/family or groups of individuals/families".	No, while 211 is valuable in directing individuals and families to where they can obtain services and programs, they do not actually provide those direct services to New York residents.	10/26/23 9:25 AM
Requisition of Funds	If awarded the grant, how long should the grantee expect between submitting for and receiving reimbursement?	Standard turn-around for all reimbursement requisitions is 4-6 weeks.	10/26/23 9:25 AM
Eligible Projects	To Whom It may concern, Would this grant cover Electric Vehicles for Home Health Care staff (Nurses, Therapists, Social Workers, and HHA's)? Also would robots be considered a capital expense for home care patients? Thanks	Vehicles for transportation purposes only are not eligible. In order for equipment to be eligible, it would have to be utilized in a location owned or leased by an eligible applicant.	10/26/23 9:36 AM

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Eligible Projects	Are outdoor building improvements projects eligible, such as repaving a driveway/parking lot, upgrading exterior lights, and clearing a weed-infested area?	Full repaving of a parking lot would be an eligible cost. Resurfacing or top coating would not be eligible. Replacing exterior lighting fixtures would also be an eligible costs. Brush clearing would be considered maintenance and would not be eligible.	10/26/23 11:42 AM
Eligible Projects	Is installation of a meeting/conferencing system eligible? This would include technology fixtures such as speakers and cameras and be used to facilitate suicide prevention and other trainings.	Per the RFA, purchasing equipment for training purposes would not be an eligible cost.	10/26/23 11:42 AM
Application Process - Materials	Where can we access the Capital Based Budget Form?	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/26/23 12:48 PM
Eligible Projects	Would paving our parking lot and driveway qualify for this funding? It is riddled with potholes and is no longer effective to keep patching the numerous potholes it has. Please advise.	Full repaving of a parking lot would be an eligible cost. Resurfacing or top coating would not be eligible.	10/26/23 1:18 PM
Eligible Projects	We are a 501c3 free association library and recently submitted a CFA application requesting additional ESD funding to help us complete a Round 3 Downtown Revitalization Initiative anchor project. Are we also eligible to apply for funding for our project through this opportunity?	Libraries are not eligible for NICIP funding.	10/26/23 1:46 PM
Financial Review/Budget	The RFA mentioned a Capital Based Budget Form but doesn't appear to have a form with this title in the RFA. Is there a prescribed format?	The budget form will be added to the Gateway Opportunity and the DASNY website no later than 11/15/2023.	10/26/23 1:51 PM
Application Process - Materials	In Grants Gateway, I see the note that "applicants will be able to start their applications in the Grants Gateway beginning on December 1, 2023." Is the Capital Based Budget Form referenced in Appendix 1 in the Grants Gateway application? If so, would it be possible to post the form on DASNY's website so we can prepare a budget (or at least see the format) prior to the first application day? We are aiming to submit on 12/1.	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/26/23 2:14 PM
Eligible Projects	Hello, Our organization is looking to purchase industrial kitchen equipment for a meal preparation and packaging program. Clients do not visit this space--we deliver meals to them. Would this kind of expense on its own (not as part of a renovation project) be eligible?	Eligible organizations in eligible project locations would be able to purchase equipment for a 'meals on wheels' type of program.	10/26/23 3:48 PM
Eligible Projects	If equipment in an industrial kitchen for a meal program is eligible, can we apply for different types of equipment--for example a heat packaging machine, food wrapping machine, etc.--in one submitted proposal?	Eligible organizations in eligible project locations would be able to purchase equipment for a 'meals on wheels' type of program.	10/26/23 3:48 PM
Application Materials	I see Appendix 1 has the list of Application Questions. Would you be to advise if there are any character or word count limitations for these questions?	Ample space will be provided for a brief project description. Should that not suffice for a particular organization, the option to upload additional information in the Grantee Document Folder still exists.	10/26/23 3:52 PM
Application Materials	The RFA noted we have to fill out a Capital-based budget form, but I do not see this attachment template. Where can obtain this template, so we can prepare the budget numbers before December 1?	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/26/23 3:52 PM
Application Process - Materials	When I logged into Grants Gateway this morning, I was unable to open the NICIP opportunity to see what other templates, attachments, budget, and narrative questions are needed to complete the application. Does this mean that we will not be able be open the application in Grants Gateway until December 1, 2023?	Application questions and the budget form are posted with the RFA. However, the actual application will not be available for submission until 9am on 12/15/2023.	10/26/23 3:52 PM
Eligible Projects	Can our organization submit more than one application to fund separate projects?	No, only one NICIP application can be submitted per organization.	10/26/23 4:00 PM
Eligible Projects	Could you please tell us if the following would be eligible projects for NICIP grant: -Replace existing exterior doors at two different Club entrances with energy-efficient options. -Renovation of three existing program spaces that will organize and reduce our storage area to increase the program area and serve more kids. -Replacement of the organization's parking lot and driveway with top coat. -Adding on program space to include a movement dance studio. This would be considered a new build. -Renovating our outdoor program area to include a Turf Field that can be used all year round (which it cannot currently use) and serve more children year-round.	Renovations, reconstructions and new construction are all capital eligible project costs, as is the purchase and installation of a turf field. Only full repaving of a parking lot would be capital, top coating would be considered maintenance and would not be eligible.	10/27/23 8:23 AM
Application Materials	What kind of evidence is required for the landlord support of agency site control? Is a letter sufficient?	A letter on the landlord or leasing agents letterhead indicating their knowledge and support of the proposed project would suffice.	10/27/23 4:14 PM
Application Materials	How do we know if SEQR/SHPO documentation, permit, or other documentation of regulatory approvals are applicable for our project? Ours is a capital renovation project. Would we require this documentation?	All NICIP projects are expected to comply with all local building and zoning requirements. DASNY will review all qualifying applications for compliance with SEQR prior to execution of a Grant Disbursement Agreement. Additionally, coordination with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation may be required if the project location (building or site) are eligible for or listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places; if they are considered a contributing element to a defined historic district; or are located in an area of archeological sensitivity. Applicants can find this information on the SHPO and NYS DEC websites https://parks.ny.gov/shpo/online-tools/ and http://www.dec.ny.gov/eafmapper Consultation with SHPO may also be required for structures approaching 50 years old, and/or if the project involves ground disturbance/demolition.	10/27/23 4:14 PM
Application Materials	The state advises in the RFA: "Applicant must provide cost estimates and upload supporting documentation for those estimates for the following categories of expenses as well as narratives that explain how the Applicant arrived at the cost estimates:" Is a PDF bid adequate in response to this question for a capital renovation project? Does the state require any architectural plans or drawings?	Only one complete estimate for the anticipated project cost is required. This can be in the form of one comprehensive estimate that outlines all project items and costs, or individual estimates for each project task – i.e. plumbing, electrical and HVAC. Stamped plans are drawing are not required with the application.	10/27/23 4:14 PM
Other	If we install solar panels, what kind of inspection(s) will NICIP require to be compliant for this grant?	All NICIP projects are expected to comply with all local building codes and related inspections.	10/27/23 4:14 PM

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Site Control	What kind of evidence is required for the landlord support of agency site control? Is a letter sufficient?	Landlord support of the intended project should be on the landlord's or leasing agency letterhead and should be included with the NICIP application.	10/27/23 4:14 PM
Eligible Projects	The site location is a clinic that provides direct mental health services to children, youth, adults, and families. The salaries of clinicians (social workers) who provide counseling to these clients are partially funded through New York Statewide Health Funding. The application for NICIP funding would be for renovation/construction/technology at this location. Would this use of state funding to pay salaries disqualify the clinic from receiving NICIP funding?	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project.	10/27/23 4:52 PM
Review Process	Please clarify what appears to be conflicting guidance given in the Appendix 2 Scoring Matrix, Section 2.3 of the RFA, and the verbal instructions given on the 2023 NICIP Meeting Video Recording (specifically at minutes 15:00-16:02 and 26:36-27:30 of the video. The scoring sheets for the Pass/Fail Scoring Matrix indicate that "an executed lease with a five year term minimum at the time of application" is required to PASS the "Pass/Fail Scoring Matrix" Submission" process and the absence of the lease results in the application not moving on to the Project Viability Scoring Matrix. However the presenter on the video states, in contrast, that the applicant lacking such an executed lease should start working on getting that extension immediately and further that if the executed lease is not available at the time of submission of application (the presenter specifically says on "December 1 or 2") that the applicant should submit the current lease that expires at an earlier time than five years from the date of application and also provide a letter from the landlord saying that the landlord "will be extending the terms of your lease and the date that they expect to finish that". This seems to mean that an applicant can submit the application before the executed lease is available so long as a landlord letter is provided along with the non-conforming lease and that the application (if otherwise passing during the "rolling application submission" period can continue on to "rolling application scoring". Please confirm if it is the case that a lease that expires in 2025 submitted with a letter from the landlord laying out continuing work on the creation of a longer lease that expires five years after the date of submission of the application and furthermore providing the expected date of completion of the extended lease is sufficient to pass during the "Rolling Application Submission Period" and if the applicant should check the box "yes" for that question if they have can submit the non-conforming lease along with the landlord letter and that the applicant then (if they pass) will have six months to finalize their DASNY review and submit the conforming executed lease within that time period.	Some prospective NICIP applicants may not be able finalize lease extensions prior the close of the applications submission window. A letter from the landlord/leasing agent indicating that the lease renewal is pending will suffice for scoring, however will not score as highly as a fully executed lease with the appropriate length of term. Should an application with a pending lease extension still qualify for processing, the lease extension would have to be finalized in order to proceed to an executed GDA. Failure to do so within the six months DASNY processing timeline would forfeit the NICIP funding opportunity.	10/27/23 5:21 PM
Eligible Projects	Understanding that computer hardware can be purchased, do laptops qualify since they are transportable and would likely not remain at one site?	Laptops are considered an eligible technology when purchased to improve the eligible organization's electronic records, data analysis and/or confidentiality.	10/27/23 9:34 PM
Eligible Projects	Could we use NICIP funds to purchase and install solar panels on the roof of our administrative office and utilize utility credits produced by those solar panels to benefit some of our supportive housing program sites?	No. per the RFA, installing solar panels at a location that is used only for administrative purposes and not used to provide direct services is not an eligible project.	10/27/23 9:34 PM
Eligible Projects	We are a nonprofit human services and housing provider. We provide Licensed NYS OMH housing (community residences) for adults with serious mental illness. Could we utilize the NICIP grant to make substantial improvements (window replacement, roof replacement, solar panels, kitchen renovation) to a licensed residence where housing and direct services are provided	If you are under contract with another State entity to directly fund the project as described, then your project is not eligible for NICIP funding. If your organization receives operating funds from the State to run your programs/services, that is not a conflict.	10/27/23 9:34 PM
Eligible Projects	Can we use the NICIP funds to make substantial improvements (window replacement, roof replacement, solar panels, kitchen renovation) to a single site supportive housing residence for adults (3) recovering from mental illness? Is supportive housing eligible for this type of support since it is a combination of housing with services to support stability? And if supportive housing can receive NICIP funds are homes originally developed as part of HUD 811 projects eligible?	If you are under contract with another State entity to directly fund the project as described, then your project is not eligible for NICIP funding. If your organization receives operating funds from the State to run your programs/services, that is not a conflict.	10/27/23 9:34 PM
Eligible Projects	Question 16 of previous FAQ's states that "Renovation of space that is used for administrative purposes is not eligible, please clarify whether or not office space that houses direct care support staff in a CR-SRO is eligible. Staff uses this space to write notes, schedule appointments, oversee medications, etc.	It would depend on the project. If the only space to be improved were the administrative office, it would not be eligible. If that office is part of a larger renovation, i.e. whole building HVAC replacement, than it would not affect the eligibility.	10/30/23 8:43 AM
Eligible Projects	Question 17 and several other questions indicate that organizations that are eligible for NYS Statewide Health funding are not eligible for NICIP. Please confirm who is eligible for NYS Statewide Health funding.	Organizations eligible for funding through the NYS Dept. of Health's Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Programs (SHCFTP) are usually those organizations licensed through NYS DOH, OMH, OASAS or OPWDD and/or those who must file a "Certificate of Need" for a project needs score. While NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28, Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project.	10/30/23 8:43 AM
Eligible Projects	Can the NICIP grant funds be utilized to bring the fire alarm system up to code for a building that is used for direct program services?	Fire and security systems in eligible project locations are an eligible capital cost.	10/30/23 9:53 AM

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Eligible Projects	Can the NCIP grant funds be utilized to bring the HVAC system, of a facility, up to code for a building that is used for direct program services?	HVAC system replacement in eligible project locations is an eligible capital cost.	10/30/23 9:53 AM
Eligible Projects	Can the NCIP grant be utilized to address structural deficiencies of the exterior wall to bring it up to code? The building is used for direct program services.	Structural renovations in an eligible project location should be an eligible project cost so long as they are actual reconstruction and not repairs. For example, repointing of masonry is considered a maintenance project unless it is the finishing phase of a larger reconstruction project.	10/30/23 9:53 AM
Eligible Projects	Can the NCIP grant funds be utilized to completely replace the parking lot of a facility, which is used for direct program services, and to make it ADA compliant?	Yes, full repaving of a parking lot would be an eligible project. Simply top coating or sealcoating would not qualify.	10/30/23 9:53 AM
Project Timeline	Do all projects that propose to undertake eligible infrastructure improvements require quotes from the various contractors, architects, and/or engineers, etc. at the time of application?	Estimates are required for all project costs. They can be combined into one comprehensive estimate or individualized estimates based on project task - i.e. electrical, plumbing, roofing. Only one estimate is needed for the costs, but it must be a qualified professional estimate done no earlier than April 1, 2023.	10/30/23 9:53 AM
Grant Disbursement Agreement	Post-contract, how long must we maintain site control? Should we no longer have site control after any established period, what are our obligations (e.g. return funds, etc.)?	Failure to maintain site control over the project location could be a default of the terms of the Grant Disbursement Agreement and repayment of funds could be required.	10/30/23 10:05 AM
Other	Our project is a child care space renovation, which I understand is eligible. The entity interested in applying is a church, with a 501c3. The child care center will provide services to the community, NOT to church members, and childcare will be provided by a non-secular provider. Is the church eligible to apply for this project?	No, religious organizations and facilities owned by religious organizations are not eligible.	10/30/23 10:51 AM
Financial Review/Budget	Where can I find the Capital Budget Form referenced and required in the application questions?	The budget form will be added to the Gateway Opportunity and the DASNY website no later than 11/15/2023.	10/30/23 1:14 PM
Site Control/Project Location	Our agency purchased a large school building that was previously owned and operated by the Catholic Church. Our agency currently utilizes this building for to run our Head Start program, which is regulated under OCFS daycare regulations, as well as conduct family programming, etc. Would this be an eligible building for NICIP funding?	A property owned by a NICIP eligible entity should be an eligible location so long as there is nothing identified in their proposed project or at the location that would hinder their eligibility.	10/30/23 1:28 PM
Eligible Projects	Can an entity apply for installing a new elevator to provide ADA access even if the elevator provides access to other businesses within the building?	An elevator would be considered an eligible capital project so long as the primary beneficiary of the project is the NICIP applicant and their programs. It would not be eligible if other entities outside of the NICIP applicant were to benefit from the project.	10/30/23 1:56 PM
Eligible Projects	Can you clarify that a renovation of an existing space to add new offices to provide services as described in section 2.1 is an eligible activity? Your matrix of examples is not clear.	Reconstruction of the space that provides direct services is usually eligible. Reconstruction of administrative office space, while still a capital project, would not be eligible for NICIP funding.	10/30/23 1:56 PM
Eligible Projects	If an organization is in the process of exiting a tax credit structure that will be complete 12.31.2023, can they apply for funding under NICIP before that date?	No. You would not be able to apply until you have fully exited the tax credit structure.	10/30/23 1:59 PM
Site Control	If a special purpose entity, a Housing Development Fund Corporation (also a 501(c)(3)), is the record owner of a property and the applicant (a 501(c)(3) entity providing CR-SRO housing to individuals with mental illness at the property) is the sole member of the HDFC, can the applicant apply for funding under the NICIP?	NICIP project cannot be funded by, or be used to generate, tax credits. NICIP Applicants must have site control and the site control cannot be derived solely through the fact that the applicant is the sole member of the owner. Additionally, please note that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/30/23 1:59 PM
Eligible Projects	We are incorporated as a 501(c) 3 in NY. We have an EIN number and have successfully registered in the NY Grants Gateway. We develop annual budgets, have income and distribution policies as well as non-discrimination policies. We file an annual 990. But we find that we cannot register with Better Business Bureau or the Charities Registration Bureau because we have no paid staff. Is this, OK?	As you work through the requirements of the NYS Grants Gateway they will verify if your stated exemption to the Charities Bureau is enough for them to Pre-Qualify your organization. We would defer you to their help desk for further clarification. However, please note that should your organization receive a NICIP grant, that would then require your organization to formally file with the Charities Bureau in the future.	10/30/23 2:15 PM
Eligible Projects	Our landlord is the local parish church. However, our ten-year lease is for a distinct building, over a mile from the church. where its three tenants lease separate facilities. We have no religious material within our space or outside. Our grant request is for a reconstructed and redeveloped parking lot, sidewalks, and lighting. Our lease gives us sole use of this area, however on days when we have few volunteers, a second tenant's volunteers use a few spaces. Their clients just drop off and pick up clothing from this group but never on days when our clients are present. They are an incorporated 501 (c) 3 without any religious affiliation. Should we disallow their occasional use of our parking lot?	Facilities owned by religious organizations have strictly limited eligibility for the use of capital funds. Additionally, your organization does not have sole occupancy of the facility you lease. The details of your lease and the information you provide with your application will be reviewed for eligibility scoring.	10/30/23 2:15 PM
Eligible Projects	We are a large community-based food pantry supplying food directly to qualifying members of our community. Our recipients, approximately 280 per month "shop" supermarket style or , if qualified, receive home delivery twice a month. We have NO paid staff, no employees. We operate as an all-volunteer organization. Our corporate leadership are our daily working leadership. We have approximately forty-three volunteers "working" various days of the week except on the first and third Wednesday's when all volunteers are needed. As we review our operation and consider the list of organizations you presently exempt, we find ourselves similar to a fire company. Like us they have no employees and like us are 100% publicly funded. No fees, dues or memberships are required. Does this qualify us as "exempt" from certain requirements? If so, which ones?	It appears your question may revolve around whether or not you are exempt from prequalification requirements in the NYS Gateway, we would direct you to their help desk for the appropriate answer. GrantsGateway@its.ny.gov or 518-474-5595	10/30/23 2:15 PM

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Eligible Projects	Is a capital project that benefits a program providing direct services to individuals and families authorized by Article 31 (mental health) or Article 32 (addiction services) of NYS laws eligible for NICIP funding?	Please note that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/30/23 2:35 PM
Eligible Projects	The Q+A from earlier this month states that those applicants who are eligible for the "Statewide Health program" are not eligible for NICIP: (1) Does this mean the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program, (2) Which Round are you using for eligibility criteria, then? Round 3? because the RFA for 4 and 5 are not released, (3) If Round 3, does that include ALL of the licensed facilities (7, 16, 28, 31, 32, 36, etc...) in the Round 3 RFP for Statewide Transformation? (4) Round 5 of Statewide includes community-based organizations, which makes it even more unclear who would be eligible for NICIP.... and (5) If one organization has a very small part Article 16 clinic (which would be the only part eligible for Statewide) and the majority of direct services are community-based services, would the non-licensed part of the organization be eligible because it is not eligible for Statewide? Overall, the Q+A guidance substantially changes the eligibility - "not eligible if eligible for Statewide Health program" is a significant departure from the RFA which only lists Article 28 - can you add an amendment to the RFA to list the exact Articles/ Licensed facilities that are not eligible?	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project.	10/30/23 2:49 PM
Eligible Projects	Can the funds be used for an elevator or lift installation?	An elevator would be considered an eligible capital project so long as the primary beneficiary of the project is the NICIP applicant and their programs. It would not be eligible if other entities outside of the NICIP applicant were to benefit from the project.	10/30/23 2:59 PM
Eligible Projects	If abatement issues arise during the renovation, can the funds be used to cover the abatement costs?	Full asbestos abatement can be reimbursed as part of a larger overall project.	10/30/23 2:59 PM
Eligible Projects	Can the costs for painting, flooring, and refinishing the original hardwood be included in the renovations if they are necessary to complete the project?	No, all three of these are only considered capital costs when they are part of a larger capital reconstruction project - i.e. movement of walls. As stand-alone projects they are considered maintenance.	10/30/23 2:59 PM
Eligible Projects	If, during a bathroom renovation, plumbing and pipes are discovered to be in poor condition, can the funds be used to replace the pipes?	Plumbing replacement is an eligible cost.	10/30/23 2:59 PM
Eligible Projects	If the project exceeds \$500,000 in total cost, should we indicate this in the project budget, or should we only include costs covered by NICIP?	The entire project should be described and outlined in the project budget with the sources of the funding outside of the NICIP award identified.	10/30/23 2:59 PM
Eligible Projects	Can the cost estimate and proposal be completed by a licensed architectural firm with 40 years of experience in renovation projects?	Yes, a professional architect or engineer can complete the project cost estimates.	10/30/23 2:59 PM
Eligible Projects	In the Question and Answer document that was issued October 18, 2023, in Question # 17 the guidance is provided that "if the organization(s) are otherwise eligible for NYS Statewide Health funding, they are not eligible for NICIP. " What does it mean to be "otherwise eligible" for this funding? Does the applicant need to see if they are eligible or if they are receiving this funding? From what department or agency does this funding come if the applicant has not heard of it? Does this funding include Medicaid?	NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28. Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility. Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project.	10/30/23 3:20 PM
Eligible Projects	Our organization and programming is based within a NYCHA building. We operate and control the Neighborhood Center and have proposed renovations for programming areas. The restrooms in the Center are currently being renovated through funding from the state that was distributed not to our organization but to NYCHA and the tenant organization. This project is separate and distinct from our proposed project and the state funding is not coming through our organization at all - but technically state funds are being used for a capital project at our address - would our project be eligible?	You would have to demonstrate that the project for which you are applying for is in no way overlapping with the facility that was funded through the other funding program. If your project location is distinct and segregated from the tenant organization this should not be an issue. If you and the tenant organization share the same program space, this could render you ineligible.	10/30/23 3:22 PM
Site Control	Our organization is located within a NYCHA facility. Our lease has not been updated for many years but we do received updated lease term sheets. Our current term was recently renewed for five years and now expires in 4.5 years, just confirming that a restated term sheet must extend five years from the projected start of the project period. So we need to have it extend, for example, through at least Spring 2028?	Per the RFA, all leased facilities must have a lease term of a minimum of five years from the date of application.	10/30/23 3:22 PM
Application Materials	Are there rules/formatting expectations around the Estimates/Quotes required as part of cost justifications? For example, do these need to be on official vendor letterhead?	Qualified estimates must be submitted for project costs. This can be one estimate covering all related costs, or individualized estimates for each portion of their project - i.e. plumbing, electrical, roofing. All estimates should be on the letterhead of the entity providing the estimate and can be attached to your application as additional sheets.	10/30/23 3:29 PM
Eligible Projects	We currently have an executed GDA (as of 4/1/23) and are scheduled to complete our project and submit all requisitions by 12/31/23. Are we eligible to submit an application once the application period opens on 12/1/23, even if the project is ongoing, but we are on track to complete the project before the end of the application submission period? Or, do we need to wait to submit until the project is 100% complete? We are concerned about waiting since applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and waiting could unfairly disadvantage us.	Any current NICIP recipient that has not received 100% of their awarded grant funds and closed their project as of 12/14/2023 is ineligible to apply for this new round of NICIP funding.	10/30/23 3:29 PM

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Eligible Projects	If an eligible applicant owns a building within which there are multiple uses/programs, including administrative purposes and ineligible uses (e.g. Article 28 center), but there are other spaces within that building that serve eligible programs, and the applicant clearly defines/targets the eligible programs/spaces for NICIP funding (e.g. replacement of windows only in those areas/programs that are eligible), is this acceptable?	<p>NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28.</p> <p>Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project.</p>	10/30/23 3:35 PM
Eligible Projects	NYS's Statewide Health "program", "assistance", "funding" etc. is mentioned throughout the FAQ in response to eligibility questions, but it is not mentioned in the RFA. What exactly is being referred to by the "NYS Statewide Health program"?	<p>Organizations eligible for funding through the NYS Dept. of Health's Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Programs (SHCFTP) are usually those organizations licensed through NYS DOH, OMH, OASAS or OPWDD and/or those who must file a "Certificate of Need" for a project needs score.</p> <p>While NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28, Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project.</p>	10/30/23 3:35 PM
Eligible Projects	Are NYS Article 31 clinics eligible?	<p>NICIP funds cannot be used to improve hospitals, nursing homes or diagnostic and treatment centers authorized under Article 28.</p> <p>Organizations that operate Article 28 facilities may, however, use NICIP funding to improve separate facilities so long as the facilities receiving NICIP funding do not meet the definition of an Article 28 facility.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that entities receiving NICIP grant funds cannot be receiving any other State funding for the same project.</p>	10/30/23 3:35 PM
Grant Funding Levels / Base Pool	Will DASNY make available how much funding is remaining in the program at any given time? e.g. if all funding is allocated by 12/31/23, will this be made known?	DASNY anticipates an announcement once the entire available NICIP funding has been advanced for processing. As this is a rolling application process, it is not known precisely when this announcement will occur.	10/30/23 3:35 PM
Review Process	If an otherwise eligible applicant and project scores below the 95 point threshold, can the applicant resubmit an updated application if it is within the application submission window (12/1/23-1/12/24)?	No, only one application per applicant may be submitted within this funding opportunity.	10/30/23 3:35 PM
Application Materials	Are contingency funds for a large project (such as a roof replacement) an allowable expense?	All NICIP applications can request up to \$500,000 in NICIP funds but must show that they have eligible project costs to meet the amount requested. If a qualified project cost estimate has a stated cost contingency line, that too may be requested. However, NICIP funds will only be disbursed to reimburse actual approved capital costs up to the amount stated in the Grant Disbursement Agreement.	10/30/23 3:39 PM
Application Materials	Our organization is exempt from annual filing with the Charities Bureau. Can we just state this or do we need to provide some type of documentation?	As you work through the requirements of the NYS Grants Gateway they will verify if your stated exemption to the Charities Bureau is enough for them to Pre-Qualify your organization. We would defer you to their help desk for further clarification. However, please note that should your organization receive a NICIP grant, that would then require your organization to formally file with the Charities Bureau in the future.	10/30/23 3:39 PM
Application Materials	Are multiple bids required for the construction projects?	Only one complete estimate for the anticipated project cost is required. This can be in the form of one comprehensive estimate that outlines all project items and costs, or individual estimates for each project task – i.e. plumbing, electrical and HVAC.	10/30/23 3:39 PM
Application Materials	Are there specific MWBE requirements? We reviewed the RFA but could not identify specific percentages.	Per the terms of the RFA and the Grant Disbursement Agreement for NICIP grants, all grantees must use their best efforts in good faith to utilize MWBE/SDVOB wherever possible. No set quota is required per this program but the receipt of NICIP funds in no way waives an organization's obligation to meet its own procurement policies	10/30/23 3:39 PM

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Application Materials	How recent does the Department of State Corporations Bureau print out need to be?	The NICIP scoring team will print out the NYS Dept. of State information as part of the eligibility review in scoring.	10/30/23 3:39 PM
Eligible Projects	Can a Construction Manager be engaged to oversee construction projects, and if so, are their management fees an allowable cost?	Administrative costs are not eligible for reimbursement.	10/30/23 3:39 PM
Eligible Projects	Is the replacement of an interior ceiling for a program that is directly providing services (i.e. an emergency shelter) an eligible construction project?	Full replacement of a ceiling should be eligible. However, simple replacement of ceiling tiles, without replacing the support system is considered a maintenance cost.	10/30/23 3:39 PM
Prevailing Wage	Are prevailing wages required for construction projects covered by this RFA?	NICIP does not require the use of prevailing wage. However, all organizations must utilize contractors/vendors registered to do business in NYS. Additionally, the receipt of NICIP funding in no way waives any other procurement requirement that exists in an organization's bylaws or NYS Law.	10/30/23 3:39 PM
Financial Review/Budget	Is there a way we can see the Capital Based Budget form before the application period opens 12/1 or is this document available somewhere to review?	The budget form will be added to the Gateway Opportunity and the DASNY website no later than 11/15/2023.	10/30/23 4:24 PM
Application Materials	At what point during the application process the Grantee Questionnaire (GQ) will be released? Is it possible to obtain a copy of the questionnaire in advance?	As stated in the RFA, DASNY will require all qualifying applicants to complete a Grantee Questionnaire prior to executing a Grant Disbursement Agreement.	10/30/23 6:10 PM
Application Materials	The RFA mentions Reporting Requirements. Can NICIP provide a template or requirements for the reports? How often do grantees need to submit such reports?	At this time there are no specified reporting requirements, but NICIP, DASNY and or the State of New York reserve the right to implement them in the future for all NICIP funding recipients.	10/30/23 6:10 PM
Application Materials	What documentation will grantee need to send to NICIP for bank segregated account? How much can grantee request in advance? What is the process?	NICIP is a reimbursement program. No advance payments will be made. Please see the draft Grant Disbursement Agreement for the reimbursement terms.	10/30/23 6:10 PM
Application Materials	Can we get reimbursed for indirect costs as established by our NICRA or is IC capped at 10%?	Only eligible capital costs can be reimbursed with NICIP funds.	10/30/23 6:10 PM
Application Materials	Can NICIP provide a template of the Capital-Based Budget form as stated in the RFA?	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/30/23 6:10 PM
Application Process - Materials	We are a human services organization that provides direct services to individuals and families in New York City. We operate through a fiscal sponsor organization that has 501c3 status with the IRS, is registered with the NY State Department of State, and prequalified in Grants Gateway. Our fiscal sponsor will submit our grant application. Could you advise us of any steps that we should follow or make note of in our application, while making our submission?	To be eligible for NICIP funding, applicants must be the organization that is: 1) registered with the US IRS; 2) registered with the NYS Dept. of State; 3) Prequalified in the NYS Grants Gateway; 4) in full site control over the project location; 5) entering into the contracts for the work to be performed; 6) incurring the costs of the project in the first instance; and 7) provide the direct services to New York residents that the project will benefit. The legal name on all associated documentation must match exactly.	10/30/23 6:10 PM
Other	Are projects that have received discretionary capital support from NY Senate and/or Assembly through DASNY eligible?	No other New York State funding can be combined with NICIP funding for the same project.	10/30/23 6:40 PM
Eligible Projects	Are nonprofit hospices eligible?	Please note that the determination of eligibility is a fact specific determination and all applications will be reviewed individually to ensure eligibility.	10/30/23 8:15 PM
Eligible Projects	is a server considered capital equipment and an eligible expense (i.e., hardware server not computer software)?	Server purchases are eligible technology costs	10/31/23 9:46 AM
Executive Law 15-A	What does a grantee do for purchases over \$1500 from online vendors that don't accept purchase orders (where the language on page 18 about nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy for the project would not be added because there is no purchase order to add it to)?	Online vendors for the purchase of equipment, i.e. laptops, are exempt from this requirement.	10/31/23 9:46 AM
Executive Law 15-A	If purchase orders are required for all items over \$1500 as RFP indicates, do those purchase orders have to include the language around nondiscrimination and affirmative action policies? If yes, and if there was a purchase order already in process without the language, can an addendum be added to satisfy the requirement?	Yes, an addendum can be added.	10/31/23 9:46 AM
Project Timeline	in the webinar there is a slide that says "projects must be 'shovel ready'" - can a project already be underway or near completion to be eligible for reimbursable costs under NICIP (provided it meets the other eligibility requirements like it wasn't started before April 1, 2023) or does the project start date have to be after a contract is drawn up with DASNY for it to be considered eligible?	Projects cannot be complete at the time of application and cannot have started prior to April 1, 2023.	10/31/23 9:46 AM
Requisition of Funds	Is a request for reimbursement for specialty equipment purchased from an out-of-state manufacturer/vendor that is installed by a vendor licensed to do business in NYS eligible for reimbursement? (i.e., are both costs for the manufactured equipment and the installation covered or just installation)	Equipment may be purchased from an out of state manufacturer/vendor, but all contractors doing work in NYS must be registered to do business in NYS.	10/31/23 9:46 AM
Application Materials	With the submission of the RFA application that is released December 1, 2023 or later, do you require that we identify the vendor we want to select, with a justification explaining why?	The NICIP application only requires project cost estimates at the time of application. The actual award of contracts to contractors/vendors would be pursuant to an organization's procurement procedures and at the appropriate time for the construction of the project.	10/31/23 9:46 AM

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Eligible Projects	RFA Section 2.4, p. 8, "...used for direct program services as well as renovations resulting in energy efficiency and increased accessibility." If, for example, two thirds of a building that is owned and used solely by the applicant is used by staff that serve clients directly, is it correct that replacing some of the windows that are aging constitutes eligible cost as the building is primarily for direct services?	NICIP funds can only be used to renovate spaces that are used for direct services. Energy conservation modifications like window replacement would only be reimbursed for those windows in the portion of the facility that is used for direct services. The remaining windows in the facility would be the responsibility of the organization. Whole building upgrades like HVAC would not be permitted in a partially used facility.	10/31/23 9:46 AM
Project Timeline	Correct, if awarded, we do not have to wait for the execution of the agreement with DASNY to start construction and incurring costs?	As is standard procedure with all DASNY administered grants, all NICIP applicants are encouraged to not incur project costs until they have received a fully executed Grant Disbursement Agreement.	10/31/23 9:46 AM
Application Materials	Office rental - we are a long-standing tenant with renewable 2-year leases. We occupy two floors in the building. The landlord will not issue a five-year lease. The current lease on the program has renewable options for three years. Will this meet the criteria for the tenant commercial lease? The program started in 2016, then moved to its current location in 2018. We have expanded the program several times. The program has just been renewed for another 5-year contract. We have no plans of transitioning to another location. The grant application is for technology, therefore if we relocate, the technology would move with the program. Is this acceptable?	No, per the RFA all NICIP recipients in a leased facility must have a term of a minimum of five years prior to execution of a Grant Disbursement Agreement.	10/31/23 10:07 AM
Eligible Projects	Technology purchases - computers/laptops/tablets - come preloaded with standard operating systems and certain software in order to operate the technology. If the computers/laptops/tablets have no additional cost for the package, is this a covered cost? If not, then how do you separate out software (operating systems) that are standard issue with these purchases?	Technology that comes with software pre-installed is considered an eligible capital cost. If the technology requires subscriptions, internet services or additional software licensing, that would not be eligible.	10/31/23 10:07 AM
Eligible Projects	We rent office space. We would like to purchase and erect movable cubicle walls for a program testing site. Would this be an acceptable expense under this grant?	The purchase of furniture, unless undertaken in connection with a larger renovation project, is not eligible. Additionally, a project that only improves administrative purposes is also not eligible.	10/31/23 10:07 AM
Other	Inventory for tracking - how long post grant does this need to be tracked? Once the grant is completed, does the technology purchased become part of the agency, or is it returned to the state?	Per the terms of the Grant Disbursement Agreement, audits, including field inspections can be conducted for six years after the project completion date.	10/31/23 10:07 AM
Review Process	Our agency submitted the CHAR 500 in July, however, the state website has yet to be updated. We were advised by the Charities Bureau that it could take 8-16 weeks for the information to be updated. How will this impact our grant application's pass/fail status? Can we submit verification that we submitted the information to the Charities Bureau?	All NICIP applicants must be Pre-Qualified in the NYS Grants Gateway in order to be eligible to submit a NICIP application.	10/31/23 10:07 AM
Application Process - Materials	Can you submit the application prior to the December 1st application period?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/31/23 11:23 AM
Site Control/Project Location	If the organization is applying for technology infrastructure that can be relocated if the organization moves, does that waive the 5-year lease agreement rule.	Site control documentation is required for all NICIP applications.	10/31/23 11:37 AM
Review Process	To receive full points for the "Support for Project Costs" questions (1.e, 1.f, 1.g, & 1.h), will it suffice to submit one estimate, quote, or invoice from a qualified source? Or are multiple estimates/quotes/invoices required? For instance, would an estimate from our project's General Contractor suffice for the supporting Construction costs?	All project costs can be submitted in one comprehensive estimate or a series of estimates.	10/31/23 11:50 AM
Review Process	To receive full points for the "Anticipated Project Time-Frame" Question 2.c, it appears that project should have "anticipated end date is within 1 year of applications." To clarify, would that anticipated end date (a) be within 1 year of the date of an Applicant's submission or (b) be within one year of the close of the NICIP application process (i.e. one year from January 12, 2024).	The goal of NICIP is to support eligible shovel ready projects for eligible applicants. During scoring, a higher score will be given to those projects that can demonstrate their completion in the short term. However, all NICIP projects must be completed and all payment requisitions processed by December 31, 2026.	10/31/23 11:50 AM
Site Control/Project Location	Can an organization that operates throughout New York State utilize NICIP funds for technology upgrades to be disbursed from a single location to its multi-county direct program service sites? Compliance, confidentiality, and cybersecurity oversight for the entire organization occurs from our main hub. Disbursements of technology hardware upgrades that will improve continuity of service provision, electronic record keeping, data analysis and confidentiality would most effectively and efficiently be managed from the primary location. A technology upgrade of this magnitude will ensure clients receive the full array of cross organizational services where unnecessary barriers currently exist.	Purchase of eligible technology equipment to be utilized by all client servers in a NICIP eligible applicant would be an eligible project.	10/31/23 11:53 AM
Application Materials	If a proposal is not deemed qualified owing to a deficiency, would an Applicant be allowed to resubmit an updated/corrected proposal for consideration (provided the NICIP application window is still open)?	Only one NICIP application can be submitted per organization for this round of NICIP funding.	10/31/23 11:59 AM
Application Process - Materials	If a proposal is not deemed qualified for an award, would an Applicant be allowed to submit another proposal for a different project for consideration (provided the NICIP application window is still open)?	Only one NICIP application per organization can be submitted.	10/31/23 11:59 AM
Eligible Projects	Is the renovation of a chair lift (aka life elevator) funded under this grant opportunity?	An elevator would be considered an eligible capital project so long as the primary beneficiary of the project is the NICIP applicant and their programs. It would not be eligible if other entities outside of the NICIP applicant were to benefit from the project.	10/31/23 12:04 PM
Eligible Projects	Is the addition of a bathroom to a program space that serves young children a possibility for funding?	Bathroom renovations and construction are an eligible capital project.	10/31/23 12:04 PM
Eligible Projects	Is the renovation of an outdoor area that is used for services considered a program space?	Exterior capital renovations would be eligible for an eligible organization in an eligible location.	10/31/23 12:04 PM
Eligible Projects	Is the replacement of exterior doors for more energy efficient options applicable to this funding?	Replacement of doors would be a capital eligible project.	10/31/23 12:04 PM

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Application Materials	What sorts of eligible costs should be included in the Other category?	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	10/31/23 12:05 PM
Eligible Projects	Just to confirm: Applicants would be allowed to include technology acquisition expenses that are part of a larger renovation project for expanding a direct service space. For example, would Applicants be able to include costs for videoconferencing equipment and computers to be used in a renovated space for providing direct services?	As per the RFA, technology purchase for client services are eligible.	10/31/23 12:05 PM
Requisition of Funds	If the hardware purchased with grant funds comes with or requires a subscription, is that hardware considered an eligible expense? For example, if we purchase a firewall, can we purchase the firewall if the cost includes with a mandatory three-year security suite?	Subscriptions, even those necessary to utilize hardware, are not reimbursable with capital funds.	10/31/23 12:09 PM
Application Materials	Will a preview of the NICIP application's Capital Based Budget Form be made available?	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/31/23 12:51 PM
Application Process - Materials	Would you be able to provide us with character limits associated with the narrative responses for the application?	Ample space will be provided for a brief project description. Should that not suffice for a particular organization, the option to upload additional information in the Grantee Document Folder still exists.	10/31/23 12:51 PM
Financial Review	If a project is to be partially funded by an Applicant, should an Applicant include documentation beyond a bank statement to demonstrate that necessary funds are committed to the project? If so, what sort of documentation would suffice?	Applicants should demonstrate that they have all necessary funding to complete their project as described in their NICIP application. See Section 2.5 of the RFA for list of supporting documentation.	10/31/23 12:53 PM
Financial Review/Budget	If a project is to be fully funded by a NICIP award, do Applicants need to include bank statements with their application?	If the application anticipates the NICIP grant will fully fund the project costs as outlined in their estimate(s) then no bank statement would be required.	10/31/23 12:53 PM
Eligible Projects	Are new construction projects eligible? This will be for a 6-person energy efficient home where residents will receive direct program services.	Technically, new construction projects are eligible for NICIP eligible applicants. However, due to the tight timeline of the NICIP program, an organization may have difficulty in fully completing a new construction project - and submitting for all eligible costs - prior to the 12/31/26 deadline.	10/31/23 1:04 PM
Financial Review	We will not have a full bid for the project but we have an estimate from a company. How will it be handled if we are awarded, but actual costs are higher or lower?	All NICIP recipients are expected to complete their projects as described in their applications. Any cost increase between estimation and completion would be the responsibility of the organization. Regardless of the anticipated amount of the NICIP award, reimbursements will not exceed approved project costs incurred.	10/31/23 1:04 PM
Financial Review	What if our contractor provides a lump sum estimate rather than one that differentiates between scoping, design, and construction?	If the contractor has not provided a distinction between cost categories, and construction is involved, it would be appropriate to designate the entire estimate as 'construction.' If no construction is involved and the entirety of the project is equipment, then the entire estimate would be included as 'other.'	10/31/23 1:04 PM
Financial Review	There are several categories for budgetary costs – if a category is not applicable, Other costs for example, will we get full credit?	Yes	10/31/23 1:04 PM
Application Materials	How many quotes are required to support the total estimated cost of the project?	Only one complete estimate for the anticipated project cost is required. This can be in the form of one comprehensive estimate that outlines all project items and costs, or individual estimates for each project task – i.e. plumbing, electrical and HVAC.	10/31/23 1:14 PM
Application Process - Materials	Where is the "Capital Based Budget Form" referenced in Appendix 1 under Project Viability? Is it different from the "Project Budget" shown as Exhibit A to the sample Grant Disbursement Agreement?	The NICIP budget form will be available on the Gateway opportunity and DASNY website on 11/15/2023.	10/31/23 1:14 PM
Grant Disbursement Agreement	Does this funding contain an M/WBE spending requirement? If so, what is the requirement?	Per the terms of the RGA and the Grant Disbursement Agreement for NICIP grants, all grantees must use their best efforts in good faith to utilize MWBE/SDVOB wherever possible. No set quota is required per this program but the receipt of NICIP funds in no way waives an organization's obligation to meet its own procurement policies	10/31/23 1:14 PM
Committed Financial Resources (Project Funding)	Is there a set construction contingency rate?	No.	10/31/23 1:15 PM
Eligible Projects	We seek to renovate and make more energy efficient the spaces for direct care provision throughout our state licensed residential facility, including common areas - e.g., food preparation facilities and equipment, dining and other common areas, and other resident accessible space. As part of this renovation, we would need to replace cabinetry, appliances, and flooring throughout the direct care spaces in the facility. Are these eligible expenses?	Cabinets and appliances are capital expenses. Flooring could be if the renovation of the facility includes the movement of walls.	10/31/23 1:15 PM
Eligible Projects	Are contractor's overhead eligible expenses?	Estimates and/or invoices from professional contractors can itemize their documents in a variety of ways. It is not uncommon for some to list an overhead/profit line. Depending on the remaining portions of their estimate/invoice this is often an eligible expense.	10/31/23 1:15 PM

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Eligible Projects	Are contractors required to bond the job?	Organizations are expected to utilize the procurement policies set by their governing board. NICIP does not specifically require bonds but depending on the size and scope of your project, it may be beneficial to consider it for your project.	10/31/23 1:15 PM
Eligible Projects	Is modification/repair of subflooring and floor support considered construction or maintenance? Is that an eligible expense?	Repairs are not capital eligible expenses. The full removal of the old floor, reconstruction of the subfloor and the installation of a completely new floor would be a capital expense..	10/31/23 1:15 PM
Eligible Projects	Are cabinets an eligible cost?	The purchase and installation of cabinets would be considered a capital eligible project.	10/31/23 1:15 PM
Site Control/Project Location	Our organization would like to apply for this funding. We hold a long-term lease. Would the sole member meet the definition of an affiliate organization, or should we simply describe it as a sole member? We are attempting to answer question b) in the Project Location Eligibility section, "Does your Organization lease the project location under your legal name on file with DOS and IRS and not under a parent or affiliate, and do you have an executed lease with a 5 year term minimum at the time of this application? ". We are not sure of what the definition is of an affiliate organization in the context of this grant proposal. could you please clarify?	All NICIP applicants must provide site control documentation that is in their full legal name and that name should be the same name on file with the IRS, NYS DOS and the Grants Gateway.	10/31/23 1:22 PM
Eligible Projects	We are a refugee resettlement agency that serves refugees and other low income immigrants - they come to our office daily to meet with case managers, apply for benefits, receive case management, legal, housing and employment services, receive free clothing / home goods, attend ESL and cultural orientation classes, would these count as "direct services" as described in this RFP?	From this description, it would appear so.	10/31/23 1:33 PM
Eligible Projects	If we need to modify or replace the subfloor, would the redone/replaced finish floor (floor surface) be an eligible expense?	If the existing subfloor is substantially altered or replaced as part of a renovation project then finishing the project with a new floor should be eligible.	10/31/23 1:57 PM
Application Materials	On the pass/fail scoring matrix (excel) template provided, there are some columns in which the text is cut off in the row. Is there a version that can be shared where all the text is visible in the row?	This will be corrected and a new form will be posted as of 11/15/2023	10/31/23 2:05 PM
Eligible Projects	Is there a time restriction after completion of a NICIP-funded project regarding intended use of the Project location. It says the Grantee must own the property for 10 years (not a problem). The question is within that 10 year period, is it permissible say 3 years later from completion of work at the building site to introduce school-related activities during the week in addition to continued direct services at that location? If that occurred would funds received through NICIP by the Grantee be requested back because the original parameter of the grant eligibility did not include schools, even though direct service would continue at the site all along? Just trying to get clarification around future use restrictions, if any, at a NICIP-funded site. Thanks.	NICIP recipients are expected to utilize the asset they improved or acquired with NICIP fundings throughout its useful life under the parameters for which the funding was given. Default of the terms of the conditions of the receipt of the funding could lead to default of the Grant Disbursement Agreement and may include required repayment of NICIP funds.	10/31/23 2:05 PM
Eligible Projects	Does the proposed location by the Grantee have to have direct services being offered at the Project site at the time of application in order for the Project to be considered eligible? In other words, the Grantee is interested in reclaiming use of space to provide direct services in a building it owns but that has not been in use due to safety concerns, but could be usable again for direct services through replacement and reconstruction.	The expansion of the organization's program and services space would qualify as an eligible project.	10/31/23 2:05 PM
Grant Disbursement Agreement	In section 5.5 of RFA it says "it is expected that the project will be fully completed, and all payment requisitions will be processed and paid by [Dec 31, 2026]. If a Grantee has received a NICIP award but is unable to pursue the Project, what happens? Does the Grantee formally withdraw and notify DASNY to forfeit participation in the grant process. Is the Grantee required to complete the project no matter what once a grant disbursement agreement has been made?	All NICIP grantees are expected to complete their project as described in their application. Failure to meet the NICIP timelines would result in the forfeiture of NICIP funding. If payments have already been made at the time of forfeiture, and the organization has defaulted on the terms of the Grant Disbursement Agreement, repayment of received funds could be required.	10/31/23 2:05 PM
Eligible Projects	We are a refugee resettlement agency that serves refugees and other low income immigrants - they come to our office daily to meet with case managers, apply for benefits, receive case management, legal, housing and employment services, receive free clothing / home goods, attend ESL and cultural orientation classes, would these count as "direct services" as described in this RFP?	From this description, it would appear so.	10/31/23 2:22 PM
Eligible Projects	Our nonprofit organization has grown significantly and has run out of space. We hope to expand into a currently undeveloped space which is immediately next to our currently leased space in a mixed use building. Would any of these aspects of the project be ineligible? HVAC, architect design, construction, window replacement, window treatments, ADA bathroom accessibility, security system, soundproofing, technology hardware (video conferencing), shelving, and furnishings (especially cubicles, tables and desks).	Please see Section 2.4 for NICIP Eligible Projects and Project Costs.	10/31/23 2:22 PM
Site Control	Would a five year lease that contains a clause that stipulates the duration is dependent on a NICIP award be acceptable as proof of site control?	Per the RFA, all leased facilities must have a lease term of a minimum of five years from the date of application.	10/31/23 2:22 PM
Financial Review/Budget	Should applicants submit more than one bank statement in the "Other Project Funded Sources" section—if other funding sources are required for the project? Or will one statement suffice?	If the application's budget references more than one account as a project funding source, then all appropriate statements should be attached to the application.	10/31/23 2:23 PM
Review Process	If we do not anticipate costs for certain cost categories, will we receive full points for these not applicable categories. (We don't believe we'll have project costs relating to the "Other" category.)	Yes, if no costs are within a given category, the application will receive the full amount of points for that category.	10/31/23 2:23 PM
Eligible Projects	Page 6 of the RFA states "The Organization has not received and is not receiving any other funding from New York State for the same project it outlines on its NICIP application" Is this defined by project or location?" For example, if there are several buildings located at one physical location?	Depending on the project, it would be both.	10/31/23 2:27 PM
Eligible Projects	If an agency has participated with DASNY on another project does that prevent this project from moving forward?	No other New York State funding can be combined with NICIP funding for the same project.	10/31/23 2:27 PM
Eligible Projects	Is videoconferencing and telemedicine technology equipment used for meeting and counseling individuals and families an allowable cost under the NICIP program? (To be more specific, this videoconferencing/telemedicine technology would be used to support the direct delivery of rehabilitative and mental health services for qualifying persons with disabilities and their families.)	As per the RFA, technology purchase for client services are eligible.	10/31/23 2:59 PM

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Application Materials	Please confirm the Rolling Application Scoring Confirmation Date - RFA states 12/2/2023 through 1/31/2025. Is 1/31/2025 correct ?	Yes, NICIP will continue to score eligible applications until all available funding has been utilized. While we anticipate the initial allotment will be utilized sometime in the 1st quarter of 2024, any time there is a forfeiture by an organization, DASNY will return to the pool of applicants for the next qualifying application to advance for processing. We will do so throughout 2024 and up until 1/31/2025. After that date, any subsequent forfeitures would have that funding held for a future NICIP funding opportunity.	10/31/23 3:50 PM
Eligible Projects	Tech Upgrades - will handheld tablets that would be deployed into the field, be eligible for purchase under the grant ?	As per the RFA, technology purchase for client services are eligible.	10/31/23 3:50 PM
Eligible Projects	Project scope will entail roof asbestos abatement, replacement of roofing material, drain bowls and lines. Can I design/construct steel dunnage to be installed (and covered under the grant), as preparation work for a near future solar panel installation project (separate from this grant) ?	If you were to include the dunnage platforms as part of the roof replacement project to be funded with NICIP funding, you would also have to include what the purpose of the dunnage support is as part of your overall project. The costs, (and their funding sources) would have to be included in the NICIP project budget.	10/31/23 3:50 PM
Site Control/Project Location	We want to replace an aging, 25-year-old, oft-broken HVAC system that cools our organization's mental health clinic on the 2nd and 3rd floors of a 21-story building. Our nonprofit mental health clinic is the sole tenant of the 2nd and 3rd floors, and we have a 20+ year lease (and site control) on said space. Our HVAC serves only the 2nd and 3rd floors, and no others. The 18 floors above our clinic are affordable housing, which our organization has nothing to do with, and has a separate HVAC system. We think the building was built with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits in the late 1990s, but we will double check with the owners. Does this fact disqualify our HVAC project from NICIP entirely? The landlord will not be the primary beneficiary of the project, the clinic will be, as the HVAC serves only our 2 floors.	Eligible NICIP applicants can apply for projects that improve their space	10/31/23 3:52 PM
Eligible Projects	Would computer tablets for use by direct service staff when working outside the office be an eligible portion of a technology project? For example, they would be valuable to allow for secure record-keeping communications and document storage when working outside of the office (e.g. an attorney taking photos of a client's ID to submit legal paperwork, while in court or visiting an incarcerated client - to avoid taking the photo with, and sending it from, a smartphone)	As per the RFA, technology hardware purchases for client services are eligible.	10/31/23 3:56 PM
Application Process - Materials	I was told by the Grant Gateway help desk that applicants won't be able to start their applications in the Grants Gateway beginning on December 1, 2023. The submission deadline also starts December 1st. It often takes a substantial amount of time to familiarize ourselves with the particular grant submission process within the Grants Gateway and to ensure documents are uploaded correctly and fully. This is an issue for the NICIP grant because these grants are reviewed and awarded on a first come first serve basis. Is there a mistake for when we'll be able begin our uploads to the Grants Gateway?	The Application Window will be open at 9am on Friday December 15 and remain open until 5pm February 15, 2024. Please note however, there will be a one week Gateway Blackout period from 1/9/2024 through 1/17/2024 due to their conversion into the Statewide Financial System.	10/31/23 4:48 PM
Eligible Projects	Could the funds be used to add-on to a current structure? Example: Adding an addition to an existing pole barn	Additions to existing structures are usually capital eligible projects. However, they must still be completed prior to the NICIP deadline of 12/31/24.	10/31/23 5:07 PM
Eligible Projects	Does the project need to serve the public? Or can it be for an identified population/audience? Example: Food Insecure	All NICIP eligible project will benefit programs and services that serve New York residents.	10/31/23 5:07 PM
Site Control/Project Location	Can an entity submit multiple projects for the same location but dispersed throughout the property? Ex: Replace roofing at barn and heat another enclosed barn?	Per the RFA, only one project site per application is permitted, but the application can cover a single-purpose or multi-purpose project at that site.	10/31/23 5:07 PM
Eligible Projects	Would the installation of new flooring be an eligible expense as part of a much larger renovation project, which would include major foundation work, installing new energy-efficient windows throughout the building, a new roof, etc.	Flooring as a stand-alone project is not always capital eligible. However, as part of a larger construction/reconstruction project, it is usually eligible. The application should outline the entire overall project even if they are only requesting funding for the floor portion of the project.	10/31/23 5:25 PM
Eligible Projects	If our grant application meets all requirements/criteria and would score higher than a 95, BUT one small part of the project is deemed ineligible (such as new flooring as part of a larger renovation), would the entire grant be rejected or would the project receive partial funding?	If a project has costs that are not eligible for reimbursement, they will not be included in the NICIP award.	10/31/23 5:25 PM
Eligible Projects	Can the grant be used for site development contradiction costs while we are completing our value engineering phase?	While architecture/engineering costs are eligible costs, the NICIP project should result in a fully completed project prior to 12/31/2026.	10/31/23 6:27 PM
Eligible Projects	Our project is a NYS-approved 853 Residential School and Treatment center. Do we qualify for this Grant?	853 Schools, along with other special act school programs fall under the 'school' category for NICIP and are ineligible. However, the nonprofit organization that operates a school can apply for NICIP funding for a capital project to support a non-school program.	10/31/23 6:27 PM
Eligible Projects	Please define the timing for projects classified as 'shovel ready', if a project commences construction July 2024?	Projects cannot have begun prior to 4/1/2023; be substantially completed at the time of application and must be fully completed by 12/31/2026	10/31/23 6:27 PM
Eligible Projects	We are incorporated as a NFP organization and approved by the DOS to raise funds to build an 853 residential treatment center and school. Does that qualify?	Schools are not eligible for NICIP funding.	10/31/23 6:27 PM
Eligible Projects	Regarding the following line on page 8, "The project cannot have been funded in whole or in part by other funding from New York State," how does DASNY define "project"? If there are larger renovations being funded by a state agency, can DASNY funding be used for smaller capital renovations in the same space, or would all renovations in the space be considered the same project?	All renovations in the same space would be considered the same project.	10/31/23 6:50 PM