Category	Questions from Respondents*	NY BRICKS Response
Application Process/Materials	Can our Town apply for the maximum amount available to a small rural community to help pay for the remainder of current renovations to our Rec. Park renovations that came in at higher than expected costs and then use any remaining funds to start work on expansion of the facilities in the Rec. Park on the remaining undeveloped property to better provide more outdoor activities for the residents of Constable?	Please refer to Section 4.4 of the RFA for Eligible Uses of Funds. Proceeds of NY BRICKS grants cannot be used to reimburse costs incurred on or before April 1, 2025.
Application Process/Materials	The RFA is not available on either the DASNY website or OPRHP as indicated in the grant announcement.	Your question came in immediately upon release of the RFA, and the access issue was addressed within an hour of release of the RFA. The NY BRICKS RFA and all appendices is available on the DASNY and OPRHP websites.
Application Process/Materials	Need information and application for NY Bricks for a community center.	The RFA and all related appendices including the application are available at https://www.dasny.org/BRICKS .
Application Process/Materials	where do I get the application forms.	The NY BRICKS RFA and all related appendices including the application are available at https://www.dasny.org/BRICKS . The materials were posted on June 5, 2025.
Application Process/Materials	For the Project Start Date in the application (Section 2, Question 5), can you please confirm whether this should be Construction Start Date or Design Start Date? The scoring template seems to indicate that this should be construction start, but the application itself is unclear, and in our organization, we would typically interpret this to mean design start. Regardless, we plan to provide an overall schedule for the project with the application with major milestones.	Generally, a project's start date is the earliest date that contracts were entered into and costs began to accrue for the project.
Application Process/Materials	Where and when will applications be available?	The NY BRICKS RFA and all related appendices including the application are available at https://www.dasny.org/BRICKS . The materials were posted on June 5, 2025.
Application Process/Materials	Is there a specific template required for the project narrative or budget?	No. There is not a specific template for the project narrative, but Section 5 of the NY BRICKS Application includes the Project Budget template for completion.
Application Process/Materials	The application (Appendix 1) asks for SFS prequalification application #. This is not our vendor ID/SFS number and we've never heard of this. Where can we find this?	An SFS application number is included in the SFS system upon application to prequalify. Please refer to Section 4.5 of the RFA for detail and links to SFS tools and information.
Application Process/Materials	Can you confirm whether all supporting documents must be uploaded through the online portal or can some be emailed directly?	There is no online portal for the NY BRICKS program. As per Section 7.2 of the NY BRICKS RFA, Applications are to be submitted by e-mail to NYBRICKS@DASNY.org. This section also includes assistance on submitting a zip file.
Application Process/Materials	Hi, I got a little confused about where to find the appendices and also, if there's a need to determine eligibility (and submit Appendix 1) prior to submitting the application, to make sure the prospective applicant is eligible.	The NY BRICKS RFA and all of its Appendices, including the application can be found on both the OPRHP and DASNY websites. Yes, an interested organization is encouraged to read all the related material to determine if they, their project and project location are eligible based on the terms of the RFA. Applicants must complete the worksheets included in the Application to determine Community Need and Project Planning. The results from the worksheet are needed to provide information required on the Application. The worksheets should be submitted with a NY BRICKS Application.
Application Process/Materials	It appears the application window is open from 7/14 to 8/15, but it is unclear if preference will be given to applications in the order they are received? For example – all other things being equal, would an applicant who submitted on 7/14 have a higher chance of award than one who submitted on 8/14?	NY BRICKS will not be awarded on a first come, first served basis. All applications submitted during the application period will be reviewed and scored after the application window has closed pursuant to the process detailed in Section Three of the RFA.
Application Process/Materials	What describe the application process and applicable timeframes/deadlines.	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA. The application process is detailed in Section Seven of the RFA. The overall timeline is included in Section 1.3.
Application Process/Materials	In the RFA, a community center is defined as "providing a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health" While our organization does provide programming in these areas, it would be helpful to know how comprehensive programming must be in all of the above areas? Also is there an expectation that all program services are offered to all populations/ages? As an example would counseling services be required to be provided to seniors in addition to youth and their families?	Please refer to the RFA, the NY BRICKS application and the NY BRICKS Scoring Matrix to review the program priorities and scoring methodology. Section 6.1 of the RFA describes Project Impact and the 20 questions each worth one point under this section are included in both the application and the scoring template. Review of this information should provide some insight on how points will be allotted for services provided.

Application Process/Materials	I am wondering what my first steps are in applying for the BRICKS grant. I am a small private school admin. in an under-served population near low-income housing developments, and we would like to build a playground and community center for our school and the surrounding community and non-public sports clubs in the community.	As per the NY BRICKS RFA, schools are not eligible to apply.
Application Process/Materials	How many awards will be made?	It is unknown at this time how many applications will be received, how many will be deemed eligible and achieve a final score of at least 70. Additionally, it is unknown how much NY BRICKS funding will be requested by all applicants, so it is not possible to answer this question at this time.
Eligibility	Is my community center eligible for funds for new construction?	Please refer to Section 1.2 Purpose of the Funding included in the NY BRICKS RFA. Also refer to Section 4.2 for Eligible Projects. New construction is an eligible use of NY BRICKS funding. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	What is the definition of a "community center"?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health. Community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	We are a small nonprofit located inside an NYC park. Our annual budget is \$350,000. Are we eligible to apply and if so are we competitive based on our small size?	Please review the BRICKS RFA to determine eligibility based upon the criteria set forth. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA to determine if they, their project and project location are eligible.
Eligibility	Do Early Learning (day care) centers qualify for this funding?	As noted in the NY BRICKS RFA, Section 2, Definitions, daycare facilities are not considered Community Centers.
Eligibility	Do non-profits with membership fees qualify as eligible applicants?	Not-for -Profit entities are eligible appliants, and there is no preclusion on charging membership fees. Please refer to question 20 of the NY BRICKS Project Impact Questions provides the applicant an opportunity to speak to their strategies to ensure affordability of their Community Center for low-income participants.
Eligibility	Do sport fields count as Community Facilities?	The RFA currently released is for the NY BRICKS program, not the overall Unplug and Play initiative. Standalone sports fields are not considered a Community Center. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program.
Eligibility	Our Organization is not physically located in an underserved area but we serve those who live in underserved areas thanks to our state funded special education nursery school which makes up over half our operating budget and buses kids from 43 different districts. Would this make us eligible to apply? Thanks so much!	If you meet the eligibility requirements in the RFA you may certainly apply. Based on the Community Need Worksheet portion of the application, you could be deemed an underserved community, but you do not need to be one to apply. The RFA states that at least half of the available funding will be awarded to Community Centers in Underserved Communities, it does not require that all of it be so awarded.
Eligibility	I am looking to develop an indoor sports facility in Batavia, NY. We are a low-income area that could benefit greatly from this project. I have coached for over twenty years, including starting youth non-profit groups, and worked for NCAA, but have never taken on a project like this. Would a project like this, in Batavia, be eligible for a program like this?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program, which is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health. Community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. A standalone sport arena would not meet the definition of a Community Center; however, if the facility provided scheduled programming with regular published hours and recreation activities to the Community, it could meet the definition. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	As a 501c applicant what are the insurance coverage requirements.	NY BRICKS does not impose any additional insurance coverage requirements under the program.
Eligibility	If a municipality has to do work on two different centers (one serves primarily youth and one serves primarily seniors and other community members), would one application be able to encompass the work needed on both centers or would this have to split into two applications? Our understanding is that the centers are in two separate areas of the municipality, about two miles	Per Section 4.2 of the BRICKS RFA, Applicants may only submit ONE application for ONE Community Center at ONE project Location.
Eligibility	apart. We have applied for a MPR grant, does that disqualify us from eligibility for this grant?	The NY BRICKS program does not preclude use of other New York State grants to fully fund the NY BRICKS project. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.

Eligibility	Would expansion of our Town's Historic Center qualify for the Historic Preservation area of the grants.	The NY BRICKS program is specifically for acquisition, design, construction or major renovation of Community Center facilities across New York. If the Town's Historic Center is a facility that functions as a Community Center under the definition of a Community Center included in the RFA, and the expansion of the facility fits within one of the project purpose priorities and grant funding levels included in Section Three of the RFA, the Town could consider applying. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	A Veteran's Club seeks funding to install a golf simulator to provide area veterans with recreational and social activities. The club wishes to provide a community area for veterans in need, including disabled veterans and those suffering from PTSD. Members of the public may access the building during open hours as there is a bar and restaurant located there. Also nonprofits and members of the community rent the building. The building is owned by a municipality, and the veteran's club is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Would they be eligible to apply for funding for the golf simulator?	This would not likely be eligible for NY BRICKS funding. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program. In addition to meeting the definition provided, the Applicant must have site control of the project location pursuant to Section 4.3 of the RFA. Additionally, pursuant to the chart provided in Section Three of the RFA, the minimum grant level is \$250,000 and would require a match component making the minimum project cost to be \$312,500. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	I am working with a Public Benefit Corporation that is interested in applying. Would they be eligible to apply even though they are not technically a muni or a np?	No. Public Benefit Corporations are not eligible to apply for BRICKS funding
Eligibility	Can one organization apply for more than one project?	Per Section 4.2 of the BRICKS RFA, Applicants may only submit ONE application for ONE Community Center at ONE project Location. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	If a project is for a Youth Center, which primarily provides services for youth recreation and youth community events, would that work be eligible under the BRICKS program?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	Does the community center need to be opened to the public?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	If a community is developing a community center that includes village office space would the project still be eligible. The center also includes aspects that meet the criteria of the grant request.	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. If the location primarily serves as the Village Hall, then it would not meet the definition of a Community Center; however, if it is a shared municipal building, it could be eligible. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	We are a non-profit Nature Center. Would we be eligible for a grant to get the public out on our wetland trails. Especially for the children/families and seniors that visit our property.	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program. A wetland trail does not meet the definition of a Community Center under NY BRICKS. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.

Eligibility	Can you provide a definition of Community Center? In	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the
	addition, can the "Community Center" be for a specific community population and not open to the general public? If it HAS to be open to the general public can it be for limited hours/programs?	BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health. Community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	We will be leasing space in a new building (to be built and owned by a private developer). Would construction costs related specifically to this space be eligible? We have already confirmed eligibility by the length and conditions of the lease and cooperation with the developer, but we want to ensure the fact that it was a new build for leased space and only part of the building being utilized would not hinder eligibility.	In order to be eligible for reimbursement with NY BRICKS funding, all of the contracts for the work to be performed in connection with the Project are required to be entered into by the Community Center organization. Project costs must also be incurred by the Community Center in the first instance. Private developers are not eligible for BRICKS funding. If a developer were constructing the facility and then leasing the finished project to a Community Center, the Community Center would not be eligible to be granted funds to cover the developer's costs. Please also refer to Section 4.2 of the RFA.
Eligibility	Can community centers that target a certain group of people be eligible or does it need to be the general public?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health. Community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve.
Eligibility	Can summer camps that offer programming only in the summer months be eligible?	No. Summer camps are not eligible for NY BRICKS. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program. Community Centers must be open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve.
Eligibility	If the grant extends to future years, will agencies be permitted to apply again in future years? Example- building structure now, apply again in 1-2 years for additional add-ons.	At this time, NY BRICKS is a one-time funding opportunity. Any future rounds would be subject to additional funding being included in future State Budgets.
Eligibility	What does it mean that the improvements need to serve the public? If a nonprofit organization is upgrading/ adding on to its facility- does it need to be open to anyone that wishes to enter or can they offer membership services so that entry can be monitored?	There is no preclusion on charging membership fees. Please refer to question 20 of the NY BRICKS Project Impact Questions provides the applicant an opportunity to speak to their strategies to ensure affordability of their Community Center for low-income participants.
Eligibility	Cam this funding be used for a parking lot or roof of a community center?	A fully milled and replaced parking lot or a roof replacement are both capital in nature; however, the applicant should refer to the Project Priority and Grant Funding Level table in Section Three of the NY BRICKS RFA to determine if the project cost falls into one of the three priority categories.
Eligibility	Is there a limit on the operating budget for a nonprofit to be eligible, or is the opportunity open to organizations regardless of their budget size?	Eligible Applicants for NY BRICKS are Municipalities and Not-for-profit Entities. Please refer to the BRICKS RFA Section Three and Four for Evaluation and Scoring Overview and Applicant and Project Eligibility. Minimum operating budgets are not an eligibility criterion. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	Can we expand the building or construct a recreational room or playground?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section 4.4 for Eligible Uses of Funds. Eligible Project Costs include but are not limited to acquisition, design, construction, major renovation and equipping of a Community Center. Both building expansion and playground creation are capital in nature.
Eligibility	Are nonprofit religious schools eligible?	No, schools are not considered Community Centers for the purposes of NY BRICKS, religious or otherwise.
Eligibility	We are a 501(c)3 organization that runs a number of community centers across Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. We are interested in applying for a grant to support the renovation of one of our community centers that is located in a New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) building. We have rented the space from NYCHA for many years and have a lease that will be in effect for at least ten more years from the application date. Are community centers, such as ours, located in NYCHA buildings eligible to apply?	Please refer to NY BRICKS RFA Section 4.3 for Eligible Project Locations. For all leased locations, the term of the lease must be in the name of the Applicant and it must meet the requirements set forth as follows: The full lease or rental agreement must be provided, including any exhibits, amendments or riders. If not provided, the Application will not be deemed an Eligible Application. The lease or rental agreement must show that it is in effect for at least ten (10) years from the date the Application is submitted. The lease term will be verified at the time of the execution of the Grant Disbursement Agreement to ensure that a significant period of time remains on the lease term. If the term of the lease or rental agreement does not meet this requirement, the Application will not be deemed an Eligible Application. Documentation of support of the property owner for the Project must be submitted with the Application or the Application will not be deemed an Eligible Application. Include a letter on the landlord or lease agency's letterhead granting permission to complete the Project at the project location. The letter must be dated and signed by an Authorized Officer of the landlord or leasing agency.

Eligibility	Are stand-alone senior centers eligible to apply, or just community centers that serve a broader and more inclusive population?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health. Community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve.
Eligibility	Are not-for-profit organizations able to collaborate with organizations such as YMCA, Community Action and other partners to establish a community center?	While partnering under NY BRICKS is not forbidden, in order to be eligible, all project capital costs are required to be incurred and paid by the Applicant Organization who must also have sufficient site control over the project location. Please refer to Sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the RFA for Site Control information and Eligible and Ineligible Uses of the Funds.
Eligibility	Is the development of a municipal park with walking trail, recreation areas, and stream access (for canoeing) an eligible project under the Unplug and Play grant?	The RFA currently released is for the NY BRICKS program, not the overall Unplug and Play initiative. A municipal park would not meet the definition of a Community Center and would not be eligible for a NY BRICKS grant. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program.
Eligibility	Would a museum whose community programming includes school tours, cultural, educational and community events and cultural arts spaces be considered eligible as a community center? I would like to speak to someone about our potential eligibility.	No. Museums are not eligible for NY BRICKS. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program. Per Section 1.4 of the NY BRICKS RFA, staff of DASNY and OPRHP are prohibited from communicating with applicants during the procurement process. All questions will be responded to and posted by July 11, 2025 for the benefit of all applicants.
Eligibility	Are nonprofit summer camps or day camps eligible to apply for funding?	No. Summer camps are not eligible for NY BRICKS. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program. Community Centers are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve.
Eligibility	Would a public housing authority that has community center(s) be an eligible applicant?	Eligible Applicants for NY BRICKS are Municipalities and Not-for-profit Entities. Public Authorities are not eligible applicants under NY BRICKS. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application. See also response to Question 40.
Eligibility	How / when will know if our organization is eligible?	As stated in the RFA, non-profit Applicants need to be prequalified at the time of application and will comply with the requirements set forth in the RFA, utilizing the Worksheets provided in the NY BRICKS Application for self assessment of community need and project planning. Awards under the NY BRICKS RFA will be announced no earlier than 11/1/2025, and no applicant will be contacted prior to that date with a determination of eligibility. Please read the RFA and all Appendices for information about the NY BRICKS program and how to apply.
Eligibility	how can i get a grant	The NY BRICKS RFA and all related appendices including the application are available at https://www.dasny.org/BRICKS .
Eligibility	We are a Community College Foundation, which is working with a local Y (health, youth services, adult services, child care, etc.) to create a comprehensive health and wellness center in the City. Is the Community College Foundation an eligible applicant?	Eligible Applicants for NY BRICKS are Municipalities and Not-for-profit Entities that operate Community Centers. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Eligibility	Can our application include multiple projects for our community center? For example, if our community center needs a new roof, and also a new HVAC system, can we include both of those requests, or is it limited to one project?	A NY BRICKS renovation project can include multiple project components. Please note, however, that Per Section 4.2 of the BRICKS RFA, Applicants may only submit ONE application for ONE Community Center at ONE project Location.
Eligibility	The eligibility criteria in the RFP state that applicants must have regular published hours. We would like to clarify whether our model meets this requirement. While we do have published hours, they are more limited than a traditional community center. Additionally, while the space is open year round and free to visit (we have an onsite history museum), we do charge low fees for certain programs and services, including meetings and camp programs. Given that many community centers also charge for programs despite being open to the public, would our model still qualify under your eligibility guidelines?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health. Community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. A standalone history museum would not meet the definition of a Community Center. The question does not indicate whether other services are provided at the facility.
Eligibility	Our facility is a neighborhood health action center that provides everyday access and year-round health and wellness services, including child and adult programming, technology and computer training, yoga and meditation classes, tax preparation programming, and additional events, programs, and training. Can you confirm that this facility meets the definition of a "community center." While it is a health action center, the primary purpose isn't to serve as a clinic so we believe the facility is eligible.	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health. Community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. Applicants are invited to apply if the project satisfies this definition.

Eligibility	Would a project to retrofit the roof of a municipally owned ice rink—part of a community athletics facility—with a modern, energy-efficient roofing system be considered an eligible renovation under this grant program? The existing roof, built in 1987, was not designed to meet the current	The NY BRICKS is only one of multiple grant programs that are part of Governor Hochul's Unplug and Play initiative. A recreational athletic facility wpuld not meet the intent of the NY BRICKS program. Look for future opportunities that may be posted in SFS and/or announced by various agencies in the future that may be a better fit for what you would like to accomplish.
	code or performance standards required for ice arena use, particularly in terms of insulation and energy efficiency. The proposed retrofit would entail installation of a roof coating system to bring the facility up to contemporary code compliance, improve thermal performance, reduce energy consumption, and enhance the sustainability and functionality of this heavily used public space.	
Eligibility	As a nonprofit organization operating a youth center in Brooklyn, are we eligible if our services primarily target underserved communities but our building is not city- owned?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section Four for Applicant and Project Eligibility. The NY BRICKS RFA is open to both Municipalities and Prequalified Not-for-profit Entities providing Community Centers. As per Section 4.3, Applicants must provide site control to prove the Applicant has sufficient authorization and control to undertake the Project at the project location. A deed in the name of the Applicant organization or a full lease in the name of the Applicant must be provided as evidence.
Eligibility	Can we collaborate with a community center to apply for funding for them to expand?	While partnering under NY BRICKS is not forbidden, in order to be eligible, all project capital costs are required to be incurred and paid by the Applicant Organization who must also have sufficient site control over the project location. Please refer to Sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the RFA for Site Control information and Eligible and Ineligible Uses of the Funds.
Eligibility		Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health. Community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. Health care facilities are not considered Community Centers under BRICKS. If you are interested in opening a Community Center under the definition as outlined in NY BRICKS, you should refer to your bylaws as an FQHC to see if it would be allowed.
Eligibility	We are a children's museum interested in developing our 1/4 acre front yard space for a playground/outdoor exhibits. We are a non-profit. The space is currently blacktop so we would need to create the infrastructure to redo the lot as part of the project. Are we eligible? Is the playground program a different application?	NY BRICKS is only one of multiple grant programs that are part of Governor Hochul's Unplug and Play initiative. An outdoor exhibit space or playground would not meet the intent of the NY BRICKS program. Look for future opportunities that may be posted in SFS and/or announced by various agencies that may be a better fit for what you would like to accomplish.
Eligibility	Can Community Center renovations include installation of solar panels/backup battery, a generator, and heating and cooling measures as eligible project components?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section 4.4 Eligible Uses of Funds and the NY BRICKS FAQs Section E Project Cost Allowed under NY BRICKS for what constitutes a capital eligible project.
Eligibility		As noted in the NY BRICKS RFA Section 2 Definitions, stand alone facilities that primarily function as libraries, schools, gyms, daycare facilities, houses of worship, food pantries or health care facilities are not eligible facilities.
Eligibility	Can a nonprofit in rural County apply if they are not in a state park or registered as a community recreation center but the nonprofit provides outdoor community recreation services? The example: A therapeutic horseback riding facility that focuses on inclusion and serves riders with and without disabilities in a nature outdoor environment.	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health. Community centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. A therapeutic horseback riding facility would not meet the definition of a Community Center. The question does not indicate whether other services are provided at the facility.
Eligibility	The Center is considering applying for capital support from our Senator. Would we be able to request support from N Y BRICKS too	Provided that the project meets the definition of a Community Center, there is no restriction on the use of other State funding for a project's matching funds. However, organizations are encourage to review the terms and conditions of those sources of funds to ensure they can be used as a match for programs like NY BRICKS.

Eligibility	Our Center will offer services to young adults (18-24) through seniors. Although our services will impact families, we are not offering services specifically to children 0-17. Are we eligible?	If you meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the RFA you may apply for a NY BRICKS grant.
Eligibility	Our Museum would like to use the funds to build a MAKERSPACE within the Museum to allow children ages 5-13 to build, invent and experiment. The funds would be used to purchase the tools to support this. Is this eligible? Are general exhibit new builds eligible? The Museum would also like to build an outdoor playground on site. Would this be considered eligible?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health. Community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. A standalone museum would not meet the definition of a Community Center. The question does not indicate whether other services are provided at the facility.
Eligibility	Our organization has been awarded a grant from ESD to help renovate a legacy building and to install an elevator for full access by all youth. Are we eligible to submit a request to the NY BRICKS program to help facilitate the completion of the project and to add some other elements not included in the original grant?	Provided that the project meets the definition of a Community Center, there is no restriction in the NY BRICKS RFA on the use of other State funding for a project's matching funds. However, organizations are encourage to review the terms and conditions of the other sources of funds to ensure they can be used as a match for programs like NY BRICKS.
Eligibility	If the proposed project is an acquisition, does the applicant have to have already purchased the property prior to applying for this program?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section 4.3 regarding site control. If the NY BRICKS Grant will be used to acquire real property to be used as a Project, the Applicant must provide an executed contract of sale and an appraisal of the property undertaken in accordance with USPAP standards.
Eligibility	Does an organization need to provide services for children and seniors in order to be eligible or it can be either children or seniors?	Please refer to the RFA, the NY BRICKS application and the NY BRICKS Scoring Template to review the program priorities and scoring methodology. Section 6.1 of the RFA describes Project Impact and the 20 points under this section are included in both the application and the scoring template.
Eligibility	Are community centers located in New York City Housing Authority developments considered to be eligible locations?	Eligible grantees under NY BRICKS are municipalities and not-for Profits. As long as the eligible grantee's Community Center can meet the site control requirements as outlined in the NY BRICKS RFA, and the landlord approves of the project, there is no restriction on
Eligibility	Does the NY BRICKS Program fund project activities that are predominantly planning phase only? (i.e.: feasibility studies, structural assessments, public planning, preliminary/final engineering, and/or final design?) Or must all projects result in construction, expansion or renovation of a physical structure (capital costs)?	Planning phases alone are not considered capital in nature. Please refer to Section 4.4 of the NY BRICKS RFA for eligible and ineligible uses of BRICKS funding.
Eligibility	Will multi- purpose sports and special events centers be eligible for financing in this program?	No. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program and is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community organizations, and delivery of wrap around services for behavioral health. Community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. A standalone sports and special event center would not meet the definition of a Community Center. The question does not indicate whether other services are provided at the facility.
Eligibility	We are looking to see if we can match NY BRICKS funding with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF) Program. Is this allowable? We spoke With OPRHP, and they have no issues on their side with matching NY BRICKS with EPF, just wanted to confirm on the NY BRICKS side.	NY BRICKS is jointly administered by OPRHP and DASNY. There is no restriction with matching EPF funding with NY BRICKS.

Eligibility	We are a county working with one of our local municipalities to find grant opportunities to renovate one of their local parks. We have a Memorandum of Understanding allowing us to apply on their behalf. Currently, the park's bathroom facility, which is not ADA compliant, has been closed for a number of years due to previous bouts of vandalism and security concerns. Without a functioning restroom, the park is limited in its ability to host sports events, recreational programs, or for the general public to feel comfortable, particularly with kids. This project aims to revitalize the park by renovating the bathroom to meet ADA standards, installing an adaptive/handicap-accessible playground, creating accessible parking, adding security features like cameras, and constructing a lighted walking path with benches along the perimeter. An initial schematic design has been completed. Our intent is to apply for NY BRICKS for this project but we wanted to check in to make sure it would be an eligible project.	The RFA currently released is for the NY BRICKS program, not the overall Unplug and Play initiative. A municipal park would not meet the definition of a Community Center and would not be eligible for a NY BRICKS grant. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program. Additionally, while you may have an MOU to permit you to apply on behalf of the municipality, that may not be enough to verify that you would be an eligible recipient of grant funds. For all capital grant programs DASNY administers, a grantee must be the entity that has site control over the project location, is entering into all of the contracts for the project, will be incurring the costs of the project in the first instance, and will be the entity utilizing the asset(s) acquired or improved with grant funds. Pass throughs or fiscal conduits are not permitted.
Eligibility	Our municipality is planning on construction a large pavilion if awarded. However, it is under the minimum \$250k award amount. We are also interested in placing a playground next to the pavilion. Would the playground equipment be eligible?	NY BRICKS is only one of multiple grant programs that are part of Governor Hochul's Unplug and Play initiative. An outdoor pavilion space or playground would not meet the definition of a Community Center as defined in the NY BRICKS RFA. Look for future funding opportunities that may be posted in SFS and/or announced by various agencies that may be a better fit for what you would like to accomplish.
Eligibility	If the proposed renovations are intended to make the community center year-round (e.g., adding insulation for winter), are they eligible to apply?	If the intended purpose of the proposed project is to create a year round Community Center as defined in the NY BRICKS RFA, then it could be eligible. Please refer to the RFA and related documentation for full eligibility information.
Eligibility	Are applicants permitted to purchase a building with existing tenants who hold valid leases that are set to expire within the next few years?	The purchase of a real property to create a Community Center is an eligible cost. However, regardless of the scope of the NY BRICKS project, it will only be eligible if the beneficiary of the completed project is the applicant organization. Additionally, if a project timeline would be greatly extended to await the vacancy of existing tenants before the proposed construction or reconstruction could be undertaken, it will likely result in a lower score than a project whose timeline is not restricted.
Eligibility	has various sliding scale, reduced fee, or free	There is no preclusion on charging membership fees. Please refer to question 20 of the NY BRICKS Project Impact Questions provides the applicant an opportunity to speak to their strategies to ensure affordability of their Community Center for low-income participants.
Eligibility		Only one application can be permitted per applicant organization.
Eligibility	project location. It is noted that nonprofits must submit	As noted in both the BRICKS RFA and Webinar applicant organizations must have site control over their project locations. This can be in the form of a deed, lease or, if the proposed project location is being purchased as part of the project, a contract of sale with the required appropriate appraisal. Points for site control will be awarded based on the completeness of the site control documentation, not necessarily the version of site control.
Eligibility	Is the grant for one specific building only, or could it fund a community campus that has bespoke/specific buildings for scheduled programming for different age groups and activities? The reason for the question: We have gotten feedback from the community that they prefer to have a dedicated youth center and senior center, within a close proximity but allowing for minimal disruption of the priorities each age group has. We aim to have programming that will utilize the close proximity of the specific building on the community campus to ensure cross generational engagement and learning.	
Eligibility	Would the cost of a Construction Manager hired through contracted services, solely to oversee the renovation project (not involved in program or operations), be considered an eligible capital expense? This role is critical to ensuring quality and compliance in executing the renovation.	The use of a contracted project manager is considered an administrative expense and would not be eligible to be reimbursed with NY BRICKS grant funds.

Eligibility	Our organization has a signed license agreement with	As noted in the NY BRICKS RFA, all leased project locations are required to have a
	NYC Parks for our project. The license agreement with next 18 years. Does this satisfy your requirement for a lease as part of the application package? This has been used to secure city funding previously.	minimum lease term of ten years from the time the NY BRICKS application is submitted.
Eligibility	The NY BRICKS RFA defines a Community Center as "typically" free. If a Community Center maintains a paid membership base while also offering free and low-cost access to its regularly scheduled programming, events, and activities, does this still meet the NY BRICKS eligibility requirements?	There is no preclusion on charging membership fees. Please refer to question 20 of the NY BRICKS Project Impact Questions provides the applicant an opportunity to speak to their strategies to ensure affordability of their Community Center for low-income participants.
Eligibility	We recently renovated a new community space for high- risk youth in our community but we are looking to equip our center with vans so we can transport youth in order to make our space and programming accessible for youth in our rural area. Would a fleet of vans be an allowable equipment expense for the grant?	As per the NY BRICKS RFA, the intent of the program is the creation of additional Community Center spaces across New York State. This involves the construction and or major renovation of Community Center facilities. While certain types of equipment to be utilized within those Community Center Facilities may be allowed, the purchase of vehicles does not meet the intent of the program.
Eligibility	We are rebuilding our community center on another site. The total project cost is \$47.4 million. The chart on page 9 of the RFA shows \$18,750,000 as the maximum project total project costs for Priority 1. Would our project still be eligible for funding as it exceeds \$18,750,000?	There is no <i>maximum project total costs</i> to be eligible for NY BRICKS, only a maximum NY BRICKS award. The \$18.75M represents the combined amount of the \$15M NY BRICKS award and its required matching funds. For any project with a higher total project cost, their application would have to show a higher percentage of sources of funding for all of the remaining funding needed to meet their total project costs.
Eligibility	If Community Need Score Subtotal equals 19 is our organization automatically ineligible?	As noted in the NY BRICKS RFA and Webinar, a Community Needs score of 20 is needed to be considered an Underserved Community. Applications scoring 19 or lower for Total Community Need and Project Planning score would be considered ineligible.
Eligibility	For the past 10 years, our nonprofit has provided consistent community programming — including youth mentoring, clinics, summer camps, motivational speaking, and outreach — but due to limited funding, we've never had a permanent facility. Instead, we operate using rented or in-kind space from local partners. Given this background, do we still qualify as a "community center" for the purposes of this grant, even though we do not currently own or lease our own dedicated building?	In order to be eligible for NY BRICKS funding, the applicant organization must have site control over the facility which they intend to create or improve their Community Center. This will require either a deed, lease of appropriate term or contract of sale for the project location. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RIFA and Webinar for more information on site control.
Eligibility Grant Disbursement Agreement	Does the facility need to be open year round In the past , grants disbursement has been difficult process . Will this be the same process ?	Yes, as noted in the NY BRICKS RFA, seasonal facilities are not eligible. The DASNY requisition process is detailed in Appendix 3 of the RFA - Frequently Asked Questions. The requisition process for NY BRICKS is consistent with the requisition process for other DASNY administered grant programs. The timing is largely dependent upon the quality of the supporting documentation submitted with the requisition.
Other	The release mentions recreation as a whole but seems focused on swimming. Our municipality is looking to improve a wooded area of town. Can this be used for trails and outdoor programming that is not swimming?	The press release discussed the Governor's overall Unplug and Play initiative, including the NY SWIMS program. The RFA currently released is for NY BRICKS and this Question period relates to the NY BRICKS program, focused on Community Centers. Please continue to monitor announcements for future funding opportunities in connection with the Unplug and Play Initiative.
Other	We are currently discussing purchase of a parcel of land adjacent to our existing community space this purchase would allow trails and other community recreational activities. Because we do not have any executed purchase agreement how should we account for this in our application	Please refer to Section 4.3 of the BRICKS RFA. Site Control is required to prove that the Applicant has sufficient authorization and control to undertake the Project at the project location. In addition, it does not appear from this description that the acquisition would result in a Community Center as defined in the RFA.
Other	can only be max 10%) of the NY Swims grant. In lieu of applying for the SWIMS grant would this grant be	It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application. While pools, playgrounds and amenities are capital in nature, applicants should review Section Three to generally understand the BRICKS scoring criteria and should also review Section Five and Six to understand scoring specifics related to scoring Community Need and Project Impact.
Other	Do construction projects have to pay prevailing wages and if yes, is there a ratio of public support to private support that can make the project exempt from prevailing wages rates?	NY BRICKS does not require specific procurement practices. However, all awardees are expected to follow their own governing body's policies and all relevant laws and regulations.
Other	Will preference be given to organizations with a long- standing impact in their community, such as an organization with 15+ years of service in their Community?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section Three for the stated priorities of the program and the evaluation criteria. Applicants can also refer to the Appendix 6 scoring template to determine how points will be allocated to Applications.
Other	How many applications will be awarded in total across the state?	The NY BRICKS RFA is offering \$100 million in funding. The number of applications awarded with depend on the individual requests for grant funds.

Other	but also want to expand by building a physical structure for expansion of programming which category would we go under? Can we do both under # 2?	Per Section 4.2 of the BRICKS RFA, Applicants may only submit ONE application for ONE Community Center at ONE project Location. Organizations may apply for funding level 1 or 2 only if they are constructing a new facility or expanding their existing facility. The third funding level is for those organizations that are only renovating their existing space without adding any additional square footage. If an organization is expanding their facility and renovating some or all of the original space as well, they would choose either funding level 1 or 2 based on their project's budget.
Other	As a community center that is already established, and is not new, could you provide some examples of projects that might be competitive?	As highlighted in the NY BRICKS RFA, the State's priority is to provide funds to create new Community Center facility spaces across New York State. Organizations can apply for new construction or major renovations to existing facilities. The most successful applications will be the ones that have submitted complete application packets that can be awarded the highest number of points by the scoring and review team. Please be sure to read the full NY BRICKS RFA documentation, including Appendix 6 - Scoring Matrix to understand how the applications will be awarded points in each category of the application.
Other	We are still in the planning phase for our project and determining the feasibility of two different project locations. What happens if we apply and find that our first choice location is not feasible but the second location is?	As noted in the NY BRICKS RFA, an organization may submit only one NY BRICKS application. In addition, the Applicant must provide documentation of site control or contract of sale for the Project location. After the awards have been announced, if an awardee can no longer proceed with their proposed project, they would forfeit the NY BRICKS award. Since NY BRICKS is a competitive program, no changes to project scope or location are permitted after the award has been made.
Other	Bricks program?	NY BRICKS does not require specific procurement practices. However, all awardees are expected to follow their own governing body's procurement policies and all relevant laws and regulations.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	Can we partner with a PRIVATE entity who already has been designated DRI funding to act as a cash match for the grant?	Eligible Applicants for NY BRICKS are Municipalities and Not-for-profit Entities. Private entities are not eligible applicants under NY BRICKS. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Requirement	what is the match percentages.	The BRICKS Program requires a 20% match. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	Governor Hochul, thank you for this opportunity. We applaud your leadership in this space. However, over 4,000 plus nonprofits make up the potential population of nonprofits that can participate in this needed opportunity for our youth throughout the City of New York. The overwhelming majority of nonprofits will not be in a position to qualify with this matching requirement. With cuts from every direction, this matching requirement excluded potentially all nonprofits with a budget under \$250,000, respectively. Will you consider lowering the matching funds from 20 % down to 5 % to 2 1/2 % ?	The BRICKS Program requires a 20% match as published. There is no plan to revise the RFA as published.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	eligible for?	It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for the definition of a Community Center under the BRICKS program as well as eligible Grant Funding Levels. A Community Center is defined as a building or facility owned or leased by an Applicant which has, as its primary or dedicated purpose, providing scheduled programming to the Community it serves with regular published hours and offering a range of social, educational, recreational, and/or cultural activities for a variety of age groups including but not limited to after-school education, recreation, workforce training, athletics, programming for seniors, meetings by neighborhood or community Centers are typically free and are open year-round to the community in which they are located or serve. A standalone facility that primarily functions as a sports arena does not meet the definition of a Community Center under NY BRICKS.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	What are the restrictions on matching funds? Can other state funds (e.g., DRI grants) be used as a match?	NY BRICKS does not have any restrictions on the source of matching funds; however, Applicants should be aware of any restrictions other state or federal programs may have on the use of their funds.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	Hi. Do we need a match?	The BRICKS Program requires a 20% match. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	We have more than the required 20% matching funds available for the grant. Will having a larger share of funds committed increase our application's competitiveness or earn us additional points in the evaluation process?	Yes. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section 6.2 Project Viability. The most competitive Eligible Applications will demonstrate committed funding in the amount necessary to fully fund the Eligible Project. Also refer to Appendix 6 for the NY BRICKS Scoring Matrix to see how points are allocated in scoring.

	design eligible to count toward applicant match, if incurred after the April 1, 2025 deadline given in the grant?	occur after 4/1/2025 and result in stamped construction drawings are eligible expenses for either the match portion of the project or for reimbursement with NY BRICKS funds.
Requirement	Will funding be available to replace existing, and older, exercise equipment for newer equipment in our facilities workout room? Are expenses incurred for engineering, architecture, and	As noted in the NY BRICKS RFA, purchase of equipment is an eligible project cost. Yes, as noted in the NY BRICKS RFA, design costs by an architect or engineer that
Project Funding/Match Requirement	the form of tax credits and is federal (EPA). Can this be <u>used as match?</u> Will the applicant be able to request multiple reimbursements? If the applicant can demonstrate match, and/ or sufficient fund balance to complete the project in phases, will this be sufficient to be competitive for funding?	There is no specific mention of brownfields funding in the NY BRICKS RFA; however, the RFA does state that BRICKS projects CANNOT be part of an existing or proposed tax credit structure; otherwise, there are no restrictions on the sources of match funds. After an awarded NY BRICKS organization has an executed Grant Disbursement Agreement (GDA) they may submit as many reimbursement requests as needed to be reimbursed for their awarded funds. A sample GDA is included with the NY BRICKS RFA as Appendix 4. The Applicant must comply with all of the requirements set forth in the RFA and its attachments. In addition, please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section 6.2 Project Viability. The most competitive Eligible Applications will demonstrate committed funding in the amount necessary to fully fund the Eligible Project. Also refer to Appendix 6 for the NY BRICKS DEA, purchase of activity and its the NY BRICKS appendix 6.
Requirement	New York State Senator via the State and Municipal (SAM) Facilities Grant, which is administered by DASNY. However, that grant only covers a small portion of our total construction costs. As part of our SAM grant application, we indicated to DASNY that we would use funds from our organization's reserve account to cover the remaining construction expenses. We are now considering applying for this additional grant. Would we still be eligible to use these new grant funds for construction costs, even though we had initially stated that we would use our reserve funds? In other words, can this new funding replace the use of our reserve funds as outlined in the earlier SAM application?	While there are no restrictions on the source of the matching funds used in conjunction with NY BRICKS, the State and Municipal Facilities Program expressly prohibits the use of SAM funds as a required match for any other State program. Therefore, you would not be permitted to utilize your SAM award as the match for NY BRICKS funding. Other discretionary grant awards may not have this same prohibition. Additionally, it is important to note that matching costs for NY BRICKS projects cannot have occurred prior to 4/1/2025. Depending on when you started the project funded with the SAM grant, it may be ineligible based on timing alone. If your original project budget with your existing grants indicates you would complete the project with your own funds, but you subsequently get additional grants, as long as the grant funds don't overlap, this should be permissible. You would want to ensure each and every task in your project budget has a distinct funding source and no one task is funded by more than one funding source.
Requirement	Will partial funding of a project be considered?	No. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section Three: Evaluation and Scoring Overview. Awards will be made using the methodology described in this section until all available funding has been allocated. No Partial Grants will be awarded. If the amount of the grant requested cannot be reached from the base pool, that request will be skipped in order to reach the next grant request that can be fully funded until all NY BRICKS funding has been allocated.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	As funding is allocated, will DASNY consider funding a portion of the grant amount requested?	No. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section Three: Evaluation and Scoring Overview. Awards will be made using the methodology described in this section until all available funding has been allocated. No Partial Grants will be awarded. If the amount of the grant requested cannot be reached from the base pool, that request will be skipped in order to reach the next grant request that can be fully funded until all NY BRICKS funding has been allocated.
	If the project of an existing community center includes significant new construction, is it eligible for being considered for new community center funding?	As provided in Section Three of the NY BRICKS RFA, there are three Priority Levels. The "New Community Center" priority levels are for Acquisition, New Construction or Expansion to add additional square footage to an existing facility. If the significant construction adds square footage, the Applicant should choose either Priority 1 or 2 depending on the total Project Cost. Otherwise, the Applicant should choose Priority 3.
Requirement	requesting from this grant is under \$5 million? We currently operate an existing community center, and we are planning to construct an addition that will more than double its current size. For purposes of this grant, would this be considered the construction of a new community center, or would it be classified as an addition to our existing facility?	Since the project location is already a functioning Community Center and the proposed project is expanding this existing facility, it would be classified as an addition project. The application would fall into the funding priority level based on the overall construction/renovation budget as well as the amount of NY BRICK funding requested.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	If our total construction cost is \$7 million, but we have already secured \$4 million in funding, would our application still qualify as Priority 1 for the grant? Or would it be considered Priority 2, since the amount we are	The application would fall into the funding priority level based on the overall construction/renovation budget as well as the amount of NY BRICK funding requested.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	We have received partial funding from DASNY through the Assembly's Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program for the construction of our new community center. However, the funding from that program is not sufficient to cover the full cost of the project. Are we eligible to apply for this grant? If so, can the funds received from the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program be used to meet the required match for this arant?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for general eligibility requirements to determine if you are an eligible Applicant and if your project meets the definition of a Community Center. In terms of the allowance of another State grant program to be used for the match, NY BRICKS places no restrictions on the use of other committed State grants, including CREST. However, it is important to note that costs for NY BRICKS projects cannot have occurred prior to 4/1/2025. Depending on when you started the project funded with the CREST grant, it may be ineligible based on timing.

Project Funding/Match	Our hope is that our Center will offer medical and	As noted in the NY BRICKS RFA, health care facilities are not considered Community
Requirement	behavioral treatment in the near future, in addition to the other community services we will provide including, work readiness, case management, food pantry, clothing closet, and recreational activities. Would this grant fund medical equipment and construction costs for a satellite medical clinic in our current space?	Centers.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	Is the only difference between priority 1 and 2, the cost of the project?	Yes, that and the amount of NY BRICKS funding requested.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	A portion of the funding package for our center is from a combination of DASNY SAM, LoCAP, & CREST grants. Would those funds preclude us from applying for BRICKS funding as well?	While there are no restrictions on the source of the matching funds used in conjunction with NY BRICKS, the State and Municipal Facilities Program expressly prohibits the use of SAM funds as a required match for any other State program. Therefore, you would not be permitted to utilize your SAM award as the match for NY BRICKS funding. Additionally, it is important to note that matching costs for NY BRICKS projects cannot have occurred prior to 4/1/2025. Depending on when you started the project funded with these other grant programs, the timeline may deem these costs ineligible.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	What constitutes as "evidence" for bonding? A full bond resolution or a match of a resolution?	For organizations anticipating utilizing a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) or Bond to assist in financing their project, a resolution by the governing board should suffice with the NY BRICKS application. However, depending on certain circumstances, the formal Bond or BAN notice may be required prior to the execution of a Grant Disbursement Agreement.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	Our community is committed to the \$3,000,000 match requirement for our proposed project; however, we typically partner with various state and local agencies on large capital projects. Would we be able to pair these funds and apply to either Empire State Development, NYS Parks or the Ralph Wilson Foundation to help us offset the local match?	There is no restriction on the use of other State funding for a project's matching funds. However, organizations are encourage to review the terms and conditions of those sources of funds to ensure they can be used as a match for programs like NY BRICKS.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	How much of a commitment from our City Council is necessary to show funding requirements? For example, our council may not want to bond the full amount prior to award date.	For organizations anticipating utilizing a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) or Bond to assist in financing their project, a resolution by the governing board should suffice with the NY BRICKS application. However, depending on certain circumstances, the formal Bond or BAN notice may be required prior to the execution of a Grant Disbursement Agreement.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	What funding types and amounts will be available for eligible projects?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA for full information on the three funding priority levels available to applicants.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	Will there be funding match requirements for eligible projects? If so, what are the matching/share requirements?	As noted in the NY BRICKS RFA, all applicants are expected to provide a minimum of 20% of the costs of their project.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	Could you please clarify whether the NYS OPRHP NY BRICKS 2025 RFP is subject to any wage compliance requirements such as prevailing wage laws, Davis-Bacon Act provisions, or specific wage determinations? If so, could you indicate where in the RFP or appendices these requirements are outlined? Thank you.	NY BRICKS does not require specific procurement practices. However, all awardees are expected to follow their own governing body's procurement policies and all relevant laws and regulations.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	Can funds that an organization spends on its project, that were spent or incurred prior to April 1 2025, be used as part of the 20% match? There might have been conflicting information on the webinar and on the application itself. Thank you!	No. All capital costs that are to be funded through NY BRICKS or the applicants match must be incurred after 4/1/2025.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	I do not see an Indirect Cost statement in the solicitation. Are Indirect Costs allowed and, if so, what are acceptable rates? Thank you.	Indirect or administrative costs may be part of a project's budget, but they are not capital eligible so they cannot count toward the applicant's match, nor will they be eligible for reimbursement with NY BRICKS grant funds.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	Can an applicant who was awarded NY SWIMS go for this grant for the same facility? And if so, can it be used as match.	If the intended project location and project meet the definition of Community Center as outlined in the NY BRICKS RFA it could be eligible to apply. Whether the NY SWIMS grant could be used toward the match would depend on the costs involved in the NY SWIMS project and the timeline they occurred. All costs for NY BRICKS funding and required match cannot have occurred prior to 4/1/2025. Please see the RFA and related material for full eligibility information.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	Can a County (the applicant) use a resolution passed nearly 5 years ago for the a similar project at the same location as proof of match commitment?	Matching costs and those to be reimbursed with NY BRICKS funds cannot have occurred prior to 4/1/2025. If an organization intended to acquire, construct or reconstruct a Community Center with a prior Bond or BAN Resolution - and those costs and financing have yet to occur, it could be eligible to be included in a NY BRICKS application.
Project Funding/Match Requirement	Is the development of final engineering plans (with final cost estimates), SEQR, and permitting considered ineligible expenses as preliminary planning costs or as eligible expenses as part of the design process?	Engineering that results in stamped construction documentation is an eligible cost for both the required match or reimbursement with NY BRICKS funding so long as the costs were incurred after 4/1/2025.

Project Location - ZCTA Determination	Our organization is complicated and we know that sometimes with these grants organizations get points based on the zip code entered; however, our zip code alone would not be an accurate portrait of our true community which is one with lots of needs and services. Is there an opportunity to get points on more than just our postal zip code?	Applicants must follow the directions provided in the Applicant Worksheets to Calculate Community Need and Project Planning. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section Three: Evaluation and Scoring Overview Step Two: Community Need and Project Planning. This section describes the scoring methodology. Each Applicant must use the Applicant worksheets included with the NY BRICKS Application to calculate their Community Need and Project Planning score. Community Need is calculated based upon three separate criteria set forth in the worksheets. Applicants with a total Community Need score of 20 will be deemed an Underserved Community.
Project Location - ZCTA Determination	Our project's actual location is not in a distressed area or impoverished zip code, but is surrounded by and serves people from distressed census tracts and impoverished zip codes. Can we use these tracts instead of the actual project location to determine eligibility?	Applicants must follow the directions provided in the Applicant Worksheets to Calculate Community Need and Project Planning. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section Three: Evaluation and Scoring Overview Step Two: Community Need and Project Planning. This section describes the scoring methodology. Each Applicant must use the Applicant worksheets included with the NY BRICKS Application to calculate their Community Need and Project Planning score. Community Need is calculated based upon three separate criteria set forth in the worksheets. Applicants with a total Community Need score of 20 will be deemed an Underserved Community.
Project Location - ZCTA Determination	We are an organization that serves elderly and formerly homeless women in a large area around our location. Can an organization use the ZCTA, DAC, or Distressed Community scores of neighboring communities when determining their project need score?	Applicants must follow the directions provided in the Applicant Worksheets to Calculate Community Need and Project Planning. Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section Three: Evaluation and Scoring Overview Step Two: Community Need and Project Planning. This section describes the scoring methodology. Each Applicant must use the Applicant worksheets included with the NY BRICKS Application to calculate their Community Need and Project Planning score. Community Need is calculated based upon three separate criteria set forth in the worksheets. Applicants with a total Community Need score of 20 will be deemed an Underserved Community.
Project Timeline	what is the timeline?	Please refer to Section 1.3 of the RFA included on page 4 of the document. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Project Timeline	What is the expected timeframe for DASNY to release funds once the grant is awarded?	Please refer to Section 7.5 of the NY BRICKS RFA. No NY BRICKS grant funds will be disbursed until the grantee has a fully executed Grant Disbursement Agreement with DASNY.
Project Timeline	Is there an end date for when projects need to be completed and project expenses need to be incurred?	NY BRICKS Awardees are expected to achieve an executed Grant Disbursement Agreement with DASNY within one year of the award date. The Grantees will then have five years to complete their projects and be reimbursed with NY BRICKS funds.
Project Timeline	How many years is the project funded for? Is it 5-years?	NY BRICKS Awardees are expected to achieve an executed Grant Disbursement Agreement with DASNY within one year of the award date. The Grantees will then have five years to complete their projects and be reimbursed with NY BRICKS funds.
Scoring/Review Process	How can an organization put its best foot forward to be considered a strong candidate for this award?	The most successful Applicants are those that take the time to thoroughly read the RFA and all appendices. When the NY BRICKS webinar is posted, they will take the time to watch it. When the responses to all questions are posted, they will take the time to read them. The most successful Applicant will thoroughly complete the Application, respond to all questions, then take the opportunity to use Appendix 6 to score themselves and make any necessary adjustments to their responses or backup documentation in order to achieve the highest possible points.
Scoring/Review Process	strong consideration to receiving an award?	Please refer to Section Three of the RFA for the State's priorities under the NY BRICKS program and the evaluation and scoring overview. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Scoring/Review Process	Our nonprofit is exploring a capital proposal that would renovate an existing facility to create an intergenerational wellness and community connection hub serving both youth and seniors in an underserved area. Given that the RFA emphasizes affordability and impact, can you clarify how programs such as youth mentoring, affordable summer camp, water safety/swim access, and senior social inclusion programming factor into the evaluation of community need and impact? Will operating program design be scored or considered in the competitive review, in addition to physical infrastructure elements?	Please refer to Section 4 of the NY BRICKS Application for the Project Impact Questions. Applicants should provide answers to these questions, which will factor into scoring. Refer to Appendix 6 of the RFA for the NY BRICKS Scoring Matrix. It is recommended that Applicants thoroughly read the RFA and appendices provided prior to submitting an application.
Scoring/Review Process	Is there a scoring rubric available for applicants	Yes. Appendix 6 of the RFA is the NY BRICKS Scoring Matrix
Scoring/Review Process	20 points – clarifying that it's either or, not a range. If either or, can you clarify how much planning warrants the 20 points?	Worksheet 2 provides evidence of project planning and provide clear direction. If an entity has at least one of the items listed to show evidence of planning efforts, they would enter 20 points. Otherwise, they would enter 0.
Scoring/Review Process	Will the grant review process prioritize youth centers that provide a blend of athletics, academic support, arts services like our organization does?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA Section Three: Evaluation and Scoring Overview.

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Scoring/Review Process	Will applicants applying for this grant opportunity be scored on a first-come-first-serve basis or if all applicants will be scored at the same time once the application deadline has passed? Any insight you can provide will be greatly appreciated.	All NY BRICKS applications will be reviewed and scored as a group after the close of the application submission window on 8/15/2025.
Scoring/Review Process	Please describe the scoring and review process to select eligible projects?	Please refer to the NY BRICKS RFA. Section Three provides an Evaluation and Scoring Overview. Sections Four through Six walk through the specific steps of the scoring process.
Scoring/Review Process	Upon initial review, Questions 14 and 15 in Project Impact seem to be asking the almost the same thing. They are both asking how we are accommodating and ensuring access for people of various abilities from either/both a facility design and programming/operational perspective. It seems like 14 could be interpreted more narrowly to describe how we might accommodate people with cognitive, intellectual, or other non-physical disabilities (or for people who don't necessarily have disabilities but have different needs like a mother with a stroller or an elderly person with some mobility limitations), and 15 could focus more on ambulatory and sight disabilities. Is that a correct interpretation? Can you please offer more specific guidance on how you would expect or want these responses to be differentiated?	Questions 14 and 15 of the NY BRICKS Project Impact Questions are worth 1 point each. Applicants must do their best to answer each, and they will be scored accordingly.
Scoring/Review Process	Will projects that begin project design by 12/31/2026 be awarded points or does this start date require the beginning of construction?	This scoring on this question is based on the <i>construction</i> start date.
Scoring/Review Process	Will an organization be scored differently in the Project Impact section if they plan to work with a community	NY BRICKS is intended to support an applicant's project to create or improve its own facility for its own use. The applicant is supposed to be the beneficiary of the grant funds, not another entity. It is likely that if your organization cannot provide the services that are required to deem it eligible as a Community Center without partnering with another entity, it will score lower than other applications.
Site Control	We have identified a prospective building for this project but do not currently have site control or a lease. The owners would be open to providing a lease/site control and support our project idea but that is contingent on us being awarded funding. What type of supporting documentation would be acceptable/allow us to be eligible to submit RFA (a lease with contingency language)?	Please refer to Section 4.3 of the BRICKS RFA. as follows: For all leased project locations, the term of the lease must be in the name of the Applicant and it must meet the requirements set forth below: The full lease or rental agreement must be provided, including any exhibits, amendments or riders. If not provided, the Application will not be deemed an Eligible Application. The lease or rental agreement must show that it is in effect for at least ten (10) years from the date the Application is submitted. The lease term will be verified at the time of the execution of the Grant Disbursement Agreement to ensure that a significant period of time remains on the lease term. If the term of the lease or rental agreement does not meet this requirement, the Application will not be deemed an Eligible Application. Documentation of support of the property owner for the Project must be submitted with the Application or the Application will not be deemed an Eligible Application. Include a letter on the landlord or lease agency's letterhead granting permission to complete the Project at the project location. The letter must be dated and signed by an Authorized Officer of the landlord or leasing agency. Based upon the information provided, a lease meeting these provisions that is contingent upon a NY BRICKS award would be acceptable.
Site Control	The community space we are considering is within a NYCHA complex, which historically has only given us five- year term sheets (we can show a history of dozens of these) – would this be acceptable proof of site control?	Please refer to Section 4.3 of the NY BRICKS RFA for site control information. The Applicant must provide a full lease or rental agreement for review along with documentation of support of the property owner for the Project with the Application.
Site Control	Is a purchase agreement which is contingent on securing the grant funding acceptable and sufficient to prove site control?	Per the RFA, for the acquisition of real property, the applicant must provide an executed contract of sale and an appraisal of the property undertaken in accordance with USPAP standards. A contingency for receipt of the grant award would be acceptable.
Site Control	For the purposes of meeting eligibility requirements for site control, would a lease that is contingent upon award of NY BRICKS funding be acceptable?	Per the NY BRICKS RFA, all applicants that lease their facility need to provide an executed lease with their application. If a lease does not meet the eligibility terms, the application will likely not pass the eligibility review. A contingency for receipt of the grant award would be acceptable.
Site Control	used to acquire real property to be used as a Project, the Applicant must provide an executed contract of sale and an appraisal of the property undertaken in accordance with USPAP standards. Would an executed contract of sale that is contingent on award of NYS BRICKS funding be acceptable?	Per the RFA, for the acquisition of real property, the applicant must provide an executed contract of sale and an appraisal of the property undertaken in accordance with USPAP standards. A contingency for receipt of the grant award would be acceptable.
Site Control	Our lease ends 6/30/2030 (in five years) but we do have two five-year renewal options. Can that count towards the 10 years?	No. The lease term itself needs to be a minimum of 10 years. Options to renew are not the same a full lease term.
Site Control	Would a License Agreement fulfill the site control requirement?	No, a license agreement does not fulfill the site control requirement.

Site Control	Can the lease requirement be waived if the building is owned by a government entity, such as NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority)?	No, regardless of the landlord, the applicant still needs to verify they have the right to occupy the facility and will retain that right through the terms of the RFA.
Site Control	We are currently working with our local zoning board to amend our property's classification. Can we still apply?	The NY BRICKS RFA requires all prospective applicants to have site control over their project location at the time of application. However, If zoning or code changes would be needed to operate the Community Center after the project is completed, that would be required prior to any Grant Disbursement Agreement.
Site Control	We are a municipality with limited space to construct a new stand alone community center. Instead we would like to partner with a community agency (boys & girls club) to build an addition on land that they own to become a community center. The scenario may involve us, as the municipality, leasing the addition from the community agency (for \$1/year) and then enter into a management agreement (also for \$1/year) with the community agency to operate the community center. One provision would be that we, as the municipality, would have access to the community center addition for BRICKS related activities when the community center addition is not in use by the community agency. We would provide the community agency deed, the lease agreement and the management agreement as proof of site control. This would assure BRICKS activities were available to the participants of the community agency (boys and girls) and the general population. Would this approach be acceptable?	For all grant programs DASNY administers, including NY BRICKS, in order for an organization to be eligible to receive capital funding, it must be the entity with site control, the entity entering into all contracts to undertake the project, the entity paying the costs of the project in the first instance and the entity to use the assets created or improved with the grant funds. Pass throughs are not permitted, nor is it permissible for one organization to receive funds to benefit another organization.
Site Control	We are considering a project that involves new construction of a community center at one location and an outdoor fitness court studio at another nearby location. Is such a two location project acceptable?	No. Only one application can be submitted per organization and only one project location is permitted per application.
Site Control	We are a public housing authority with lease agreements with multiple nonprofit providers. We wanted to ask if lease agreements that longstanding (over 10 years) and auto renew every year count for eligibility purposes.	Public Housing Authorities are not eligible applicants under NY BRICKS. The authorization to utilize a facility given by the landlord to the tenant, regardless of the identity of either needs to include the provision that the tenant will have the use of the facility for the minimum amount of time as required by the NY BRICKS RFA. If the current document, lease, license or operating agreement is not for the required ten years, but the two entities are executing an extension, the landlord entity must provide the tenant applicant a letter stating their intent to extend the agreement/lease/loccupancy agreement to meet the NY BRICKS terms. This letter, like the landlord project approval letter, should be on the landlord's letterhead and should include the timeline for the lease/loccupancy agreements amendment to be completed if it will not be done in time to meet the application deadline. If such an application is awarded NY BRICKS funding, no Grant Disbursement Agreement would be executed until the document had been finalized.
Site Control	We are a public housing authority that owns several community centers and leases them out to nonprofit providers. In terms of the municipal site control document, can our public housing authority legal department be a signatory, as we have site control? Or does the municipality in which our public housing authority resides in need to be the signatory?	Public Housing Authorities are not eligible applicants under NY BRICKS. Only a municipality can utilize the Certificate of Municipal Site Control and only for project locations they own, etc. for which they are applying for NY BRICKS funding. They could not use the Certificate for a tenant on their property.
Site Control	We are a public housing authority that has site control over multiple community centers, and we have relationships with both nonprofits and other city agencies. Are we as a public housing authority eligible to apply as the lead applicant, since we have site control?	Public Housing Authorities are not eligible applicants under NY BRICKS. Eligible applicants have to be the entity that will undertake the project, pay for it in the first instance and utilize it once it is completed. If the tenant is the eligible Community Center, the tenant should be the applicant.
Site Control	community centers, in which that city agency helps facilitates agreements with nonprofits that occupy the space, apply on our behalf?	Again, the application organization has to be the entity that is an eligible Community Center, the one to enter into all of the contracts to perform the project, the one to pay for the project in the first instance, and the one to utilize the completed project for their Community Center programs. Landlords and other entities cannot apply on someone else's behalf.
Site Control	If a Public housing authority (PHA) is not eligible to apply as the lead applicant but can work with a city agency that it collaborates with on community centers to apply, does the PHA have to fill out a municipal site control document with the city agency in question, given the government-to- government entity relationship?	No, only a municipality can utilize the Certificate of Municipal Site Control and only for project locations they own, etc. for which they are applying for NY BRICKS funding. They could not use the Certificate for a tenant on their property.
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