

May 8, 2019

1. Grant Opportunities: see attached 3 pages

Grants are available for:

- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation: Grants for 3 categories— Water Quality Improvement, Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering, Nonpoint Source Planning. Deadline for application is July 26, 2019.
- Several other grants and scholarships, supporting writing, journalism, photography, visual art.
- Liquid Web Small Business Grant, offering free web hosting and publicity.

2. County News:

- a. Rail Trail Bridge in Olive is under construction.
- b. 2018 Rental Housing Survey results showed rents increased in Kingston and New Paltz, but decreased in other areas.
- c. Hudson Valley Resort (formerly Granite) has been sold.
- d. New Construction Census Program: for purpose of tracking new construction to add addresses for the upcoming census survey in 2020.
- e. Newly elected County Executive Pat Ryan must choose who to appoint to the Ulster County Planning Board staff; this is required for a new administration, and 3 names are to be submitted for each position.
- f. Short-Term Rentals in Ulster County have observed by UCPB to rarely be conversions from long-term rental apartments; more often they have been conversions of existing accessory apartments to the main house.
- g. Glidepath in town of Ulster has dropped its plans for a fossil fuel power plant, will now have a battery array only.

3. UCPB Agenda/Approvals:

- Hurley: Twin Lakes Resort expansion project proposed to add 42 mobile “glamping” RV units, and 2 additional cabins. Neighbors raised issue of wells in area frequently running dry. 18,500 gallons per day usage by resort is estimated. Will request water hydrology study of aquifer (Esopus shale), and traffic study. Resort will have a “sanitary package” (mobile wastewater treatment plant”. Mobile units will be removed in winter.

**Ulster County Planning Board
May 1, 2019 Meeting**

Apply for:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Water Quality Improvement Project Program

The Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program is a competitive, reimbursement grant program that funds projects that directly address documented water quality impairments or protect a drinking water source.

Applications are being accepted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) until 4:00 PM on July 26, 2019.

For more information, go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4774.html>

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant

Grants are available for municipalities to help pay for the initial planning of eligible Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) water quality wastewater projects. Successful applicants will use the grant to finance engineering and planning services to produce an engineering report.

Applications are being accepted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) until 4:00 PM on July 26, 2019.

For more information, go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/81196.html>

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning Grant

The Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning Grant (NPG) is a competitive, reimbursement grant program that funds planning reports for nonpoint source water quality improvement projects.

Successful applicants will prepare and submit planning reports to recommend an improvement project to address a nonpoint source of pollution. The goal of the program is to get projects ready for construction and future implementation funding through the Water Quality Improvement Project grant program or other funding opportunities.

Applications are being accepted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) until 4:00 PM on July 26, 2019.

For more information, go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html>

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Association Pierre et Alexandra Boulat – Photojournalism Project Grant

The grant award is presented to a professional photographer of any age, sex or nationality who wishes to cover a social, economic, political or cultural issue in a journalistic manner on presentation of a dossier. The grant award is given in order to allow the winner to produce a story that has never been told but that the photographer cannot find support for within the media.

The application dossier must be sent no later than June 10, 2019. Application material on the grant program's website explains the procedures for submitting projects.

For more information, go to <http://pierrealalexandraboulat.com/the-pierre-alexandra-boulat-grant/>

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Idea Café with Liquid Web – Small Business Grant

The 20th Small Business Grant will award \$1,000 in cash, free hosting for 2 years, provided by Liquid Web, a total of \$1,500 in advertising credits and free publicity.

Apply by May 19, 2019.

For more information, go to <https://www.businessownersideacafe.com/20th-small-business-grant/application>

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Thoma Foundation - Research and Travel Awards in Spanish Colonial Art

The Thoma Foundation Research and Travel Awards in Spanish Colonial Art are offered every year. Awards of up to \$15,000 are available to scholars, curators and advanced graduate students completing an MA or PhD dissertation to help defray the costs of research-related expenses.

The deadline is October 15, 2019.

For more information, go to <https://thomafoundation.org/grants/individuals/spanish-colonial-art-fellowships-and-awards/>

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Sisters in Crime - Eleanor Taylor Bland Crime Fiction Writers of Color Award

The Eleanor Taylor Bland Crime Fiction Writers of Color Award is an annual grant of \$2,000 for an emerging writer of color.

This grant is intended to support the recipient in crime fiction writing and career development activities. The recipient may choose activities that include workshops, seminars, conferences, and retreats, online courses, and research activities required for completion of the work.

An unpublished writer is preferred, although publication of one work of short fiction, an academic work, or up to two self-published or traditionally published books will not disqualify an applicant.

The submission deadline is June 9, 2019.

For more information, go to

<https://www.sistersincrime.org/general/custom.asp?page=EleanorTaylorBland>

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The Ian Parry Scholarship - Sunday Times Award for Achievement and Canon Award for Potential

This year's Ian Parry Scholarship is divided into two categories: The Sunday Times Award for Achievement and The Canon Award for Potential. Each year the Scholarship holds an international photographic competition for young photographers who are either attending a full-time photographic course or are under 24.

Each winner will receive \$3,500 towards their chosen project.

Entries must be received by July 5, 2019.

For more information, go to <https://www.ianparry.org/scholarship/>

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Creative Capital and the Andy Warhol Foundation - Arts Writers Grant Program

The Arts Writers grant supports both emerging and established writers who are writing about contemporary visual art. Ranging from \$15,000 to \$50,000 in four categories—articles, blogs, books and short-form writing—these grants support projects addressing both general and specialized art audiences, from scholarly studies to self-published blogs. We also support art writing that engages criticism through interdisciplinary methods or experiments with literary styles.

The 2019 application opens on May 20, 2019 - 11:59 EST.

For more information, go to <https://www.artswriters.org/>

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