



Upcoming . . .

April 10, 2024

Small Business Event
Valley Outdoors, Inc.
Cassadaga (Chautauqua Co.)
4-5:30 PM

April 18, 2024

NYSERDA Energy Code
Enforcement Training
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Salamanca BOCES Center

(For more info contact Jon Mayr
at jmayr@southerntierwest.org)

Local Government Program

Registration for the **29th Annual Local Government Conference** is open. The Conference will be held at Houghton University on June 6, 2024 from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Conference Sponsors include: Cattaraugus County Municipal Clerk's Association, Chautauqua County Municipal Clerk's Association, NYCLASS and The Satellite.Biz. Exhibitor tables are at full capacity at 28. On-line registration is available at www.southerntierwest.org/lgc-registration.html.



Appalachian Regional Commission Funding

ARC Area Development grant funding cyle

is open and soliciting Letter of Intent (LOIs) due April 15 to ftpalmer@southerntierwest.org. STW hosted webinars where 30 different organizations gathered information on the program including Alfred University, Seneca Nation's Training Employment Resource Center, UPMC, and SBU.

Dr. Palmer conducted 10 individual consultations, including Ray Evan's Theatre and Hospice House.

We are looking forward to supporting innovative programs throughout the region.

POWER stands for Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization Initiative.

The southern tier west region has 3 POWER applications vying for funding with the larger Appalachian region.

POWER grants are multiyear, matching grants of up to \$1.5 million going to coal impacted communities. Applicants must make the case that the transition away from coal has significantly impacted the communities' economic viability.

The funds provided are to help diversify community opportunities.

Current applicants include:

- Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency for the Ripley Interstate Shovel Ready Site
- Alfred State of Technology "Jobs That Pay"-Building a Highly Skilled Workforce to Support the Heavy Equipment and Trucking Industries."
- City of Dunkirk, NY Refurbish the Graf Building to House Jamestown Community College Workforce Development Training Center

INSPIRE means Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems Initiative Both UPMC and Seneca Strong applied for an INSPIRE grant to rehabilitate local citizens challenged with substance abuse. The goal of the INSPIRE grant is to help reintegrate people struggling with addiction back into the workforce and community in which they belong.

Sustainability Planning

Water Quality

- Completed the Village of Portville's Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) Plan and working on implementation actions
- Drafting a DWSP2 Plan with the Village of Cattaraugus
- Drafting a DWSP2 Plan with the Village of Westfield
- Organizing an outline for the Genesee River Watershed Implementation Plan in collaboration with the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, the Genesee River Watershed Coalition of the Conservation Districts, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development. Local upcoming meetings are coming soon!

Climate Smart Communities

- Completed the Village of Portville's Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CCARP) for extreme weather planning
- Coordinating Portville's Sustainability Committee – students, residents, and local government working towards sustainable actions for their community
- Meeting with municipalities about the program & CSC grants

For more information about how your community could participate in the NYSDEC Climate Smart Communities Program or Water Quality Planning, contact Sarah Swinko at call (716) 945-5301 Ext. 2207, or sswinko@southerntierwest.org.

STEDO (STW Affiliate)

Southern Tier West and STEDO continue to participate in the series of **Small Business Information Popup Events** hosted by the Small Business Development Center at JCC. Events are conveniently held in communities and feature representatives from 10+ agencies that assist small businesses in all aspects of their needs. The next event will take place in Olean on Wednesday, May 1 from 4 - 5:30 pm at The Hub (301 North Union St., 4th floor, suite 402). All are welcome to drop in any time to this free and casual meetup.



STEDO is proud to be a promotional partner for a new and innovative regional rapid prize competition called **Springboard**. With awards scheduled to disperse \$600,000 in prizes in 2024, the program's sponsors are reaching into the WNY business support community to assist in getting the word out about this unique opportunity. With STEDO's mission to support small businesses our partnership with Springboard is a perfect fit and we are working hard to promote this opportunity so there is a strong showing of applications from our Southern Tier rural areas.

Details and application available at www.Springboardny.org.

Appalachian Regional Commission Energy Hub Initiative

Recently ARC released the **Appalachian Regional Energy Hub Initiative**, a funding opportunity that makes available up to \$5 million for eligible applicants to conduct research on natural gas and natural gas liquid supply and demand opportunities, or support implementation of an energy hub for hydrogen produced from natural gas using carbon capture technology. The Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) is available here: [FY 2024 Appalachian Regional Energy Hub Initiative - NOSA \(arc.gov\)](https://www.arc.gov). Applications are due Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

