

<b>What defines in kind contributions to the match?</b>	In-kind contributions are any non-monetary items or services involved in the project including donated materials, pro-bono work by a professional, other volunteer time, etc.
<b>If a board member has skills employed in project, can that qualify as match?</b>	Board members can claim time for their expertise dedicated to the project as long as time spent is aside from their regular board duties.
<b>Can the donated labor of our organization's unpaid intern count for matching funds?</b>	Yes.
<b>For the eligiblity requiment about Articles of Incorporation — does the language need to include a specific park, trail, historic site, etc.? Or would more general language about protecting public lands still qualify? Thank you so much!</b>	Yes, the language for a NYS Parks group must state the specific location. DEC groups are exempt.
<b>Can you distinguish the capacity enhancing goals in the Stewardship and Public Access catagroy from those in Capacity and Organizational Effectiveness?</b>	Although there is a separate capcity building category, we encourage all projects to incorporate elements that will enhance, improve, and strengthen the organization.
<b>Do you have any specific guidance for crafting a competitive application focused on planning or design phases rather than construction or execution? Is that applicable for the stewardship and public access catagory?</b>	Yes, we have funded many design projects, and we strongly encourage it. That would fall under the SPAC category.
<b>Can the project timeline extend past 12 months?</b>	No. Projects must be completed within the 1-year grant period. The timeline included with the application must reflect this period of time.
<b>Please review how in kind time needs to be documented. Also, the hourly rate once more.</b>	Volunteer hours should be recorded appropriately and submitted with your final report. If pro bono work is conducted on behalf of, say, an attorney, an invoice documenting the amount of hours donated would be appropriate. Applicants can determine their own volunteer rate according to the work performed. For convenience, we suggest using the National Standard Volunteer rate available here: <a href="https://independentsector.org/research/value-of-volunteer-time/">https://independentsector.org/research/value-of-volunteer-time/</a>
<b>Is it possible to see a sample contract and required report templates?</b>	Yes, they're available at: <a href="https://www.ptnyfriends.org/resources-for-applicants">https://www.ptnyfriends.org/resources-for-applicants</a>
<b>Is it possible to submit preliminary application to review any possible additional information needed?</b>	Unfortunately we do not have the capacity to review pre-applications. However, you may call Jonathan to run the details of the project by him to determine if any flags may be raised.
<b>When will notification of grant awards be aqnnounced?</b>	Early 2026
<b>is it possible to apply for both NYS OPRHP Environemtnal Protection Funds and the PTNY grants for the same property? I realize state funds can't match state funds. We would have our own private match.</b>	Yes, you can seek multiple sources of funding for the project. However, other state funds cannot be used as the match, so incorporating EPF funds will affect the total budget amount when figuring out the grant ask and match. Please contact us with assistance.
<b>Would you clarify when and how the state agency letter of support should be submitted?</b>	Seek out the letter of support from your agency partner as soon as you have confirmed the project you're applying for. Please do so at least 30 days prior to the application deadline.