



State and Municipal Facilities (SAM) Funding Available for Nonprofits

State and Municipal Facilities (SAM) funding is now available for nonprofits, and the Strong Nonprofits Campaign is working with the Administration and legislature to ensure nonprofits across the State have all the information they need to apply for capital awards. The details and process for SAM funding have not been released, but we have gathered (below) some of the key pieces of information we currently have so that nonprofits can begin to think about their SAM applications. As we collect more information, or if information changes, we will update you. Please note that the information below is subject to change and should not be used as the basis for a SAM application, as the State has not released any final information on SAM eligibility for FY19.

- \$475 million was appropriated for SAM funding for FY2019, and \$385 million of that funding includes language to expand the eligibility criteria to include nonprofits.
- The grants are awarded by the Executive and Legislative members of the Senate and Assembly, and administered through DASNY.
- The applications for funding were released in June last year, so we anticipate a similar timeline, but currently do not have a firm date for when the applications will be made available.
- SAM applications are submitted to your local elected in both the Senate and the Assembly, so we encourage you to reach out to your representatives to set up meetings about funding opportunities.
- The allowable uses of funding are for capital work or purpose as described in Section 67-a of the State Finance law, which includes construction and improvement of buildings owned by the applicant as well as the acquisition of capital facilities.
- If you are in a leased space, there may be an opportunity to apply for a capital improvement project if the owner of the building is also eligible for SAM; public libraries, public schools, and public housing authorities are current examples of SAM eligible entities.
- The SAM awards are processed through [DASNY](#), and awardees should familiarize themselves with the requirements for capital funding which can include M/WBE requirements, proof of deed to the property, and bid information.
- DASNY does not have any requirements on the size of the project – either minimum or maximum – but the legislature and executive may impose their own award requirements.

We encourage you to think about potential projects now, and to reach out to your representatives to show them the importance of funding nonprofit capital needs.

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