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**NYS Canal Corporation and Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor**

## **News Release**

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## **Grants Support Tourism Amenities and Events Along New York's Canals for 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

WATERFORD, NY- The NYS Canal Corporation and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor are pleased to announce that 45 non-profit organizations and municipalities will receive 2025 **NYS Canal System Tourism Infrastructure and Event Grants** totaling \$255,000. The grants will support eleven tourism infrastructure and amenity improvements and 36 events along canal waterways and the Canalway Trail.

Grants range from \$500 to \$24,000 and will leverage an estimated \$979,087 in additional support. Now in its fourth year, this grants program has invested a total of \$900,650 in amenity improvements and events to date.

**New York State Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton** said, "After 200 years of continuous operation, the Canalway wouldn't be what it is without the communities and organizations along its 500-plus miles. This program offers us an opportunity to give back by supporting public events and needed infrastructure improvements that together make the Canal corridor an even more exciting place to live in and visit."

Events ranging from large festivals to community celebrations and tours promise to contribute to a lively calendar of bicentennial commemorations. Infrastructure and amenity grants will fund public park improvements, kayak rental kiosks, educational exhibits, and signage that will enhance the visitor experience for years to come.

**Bob Radliff, Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor**, said: "We are thrilled to support so many municipalities and community organizations working to improve the NYS Canal System for visitors and residents. Events generate millions of dollars annually in economic impact for canal communities."

See attached for a list of grant recipients and find a full calendar of canal events at <http://eriecanalway.org/events>

#### **ABOUT NEW YORK STATE CANAL CORPORATION**

The **New York State Canal Corporation**, a subsidiary of the New York Power Authority, oversees the operation and promotion of the New York State Canal System. The Canal Corporation's mission is to operate and maintain a premier waterway and trail system that honors the historic legacy of the Erie Canal and offers unique recreational and tourism opportunities, while also promoting sustainable economic development throughout the canal corridor.

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#### **ABOUT THE ERIE CANALWAY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR**

Nearly 200 years after its construction, the Erie Canal remains an iconic symbol of American ingenuity and determination. The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor works to preserve the Nation's extraordinary canal heritage, promote the Corridor as a world-class tourism destination, and foster vibrant communities connected by more than 500 miles of waterway. It achieves its mission in partnership with the National Park Service, New York State agencies, non-profit organizations, local residents, and more than 200 communities across the full expanse of upstate New York.

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