

New York

Disadvantaged Community System Assistance Program

The Base DWSRF and BIL offers grants and/or interest free financing to certain eligible projects that meet the state's DAC criteria. For a project to be considered a DAC project it must meet both the municipal population and affordability criteria outlined below.

Municipal Population (this requirement does not apply for BIL-LSLR funding)

The municipal population must be:

- less than 300,000, or
- if greater than 300,000, an acceptable income survey must be submitted for an established Town or County special assessment district that confirms the project service area population is less than 300,000.

Affordability

At least one of the following criteria must be met:

- The Median Household Income (MHI) of the municipality must be less than 80% of the regionally adjusted Statewide MHI or
- If the MHI of the municipality is greater than 80% and less than 100% of the regionally adjusted statewide MHI, then the poverty rate of the municipality must be greater than the statewide poverty rate, or
- At least 50% of the project cost or project scope must serve, protect, or benefit an identified Environmental Justice (EJ) area, based on NYSDEC maps of Potential EJ Areas.

The 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) Statewide MHI for New York State is \$75,157, which is adjusted for certain counties by a Regional Cost Factor (RCF), as shown in Table 3 below. The RCFs were developed by the NYS Education Department (NYSED) for facilities planning.

Table 3 - Regionally Adjusted MHI

Region	Adjusted NYS			
	RCF ⁱ	MHI	80%	100%
Upstate	1.00	\$ 75,157	\$ 60,126	\$ 75,157
Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties ⁱⁱ	1.31	\$ 98,456	\$ 78,765	\$ 98,456
Suffolk, Nassau and Westchester Counties ⁱⁱⁱ	1.60	\$ 120,252	\$ 96,202	\$ 120,252

i - 2022-2023 Regional Cost Factor from NYSED.gov Facilities Planning

i - 1.31 is the average of the RCFs for Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties

iii - 1.60 is the average of the RCFs for Suffolk, Nassau, and Westchester County