



# Government Reduction Initiative Request

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The Chautauqua County Government Reduction Initiative (GRI) was launched by Chautauqua County in 2017 to help advance town and village government efficiencies. In 2025, the County's GRI was reactivated to make the use of funds more flexible, increase the award ceiling, and to include initiatives among cities, towns, villages, fire districts, school districts, sewer districts, and water districts.

Chautauqua County may provide funding up to \$100,000 per year to any eligible applicant *considering, planning, or implementing*:

- dissolution, consolidation, or merger
- consolidation of public services or facilities
- intermunicipal consolidations aimed at improving delivery of services

Eligible applicants may be required to match a portion of the funds received. Priority may be given to projects that will result in a reduction of total real property taxes.

## Lead Applicant

The lead applicant will be the County's main point of contact.

Lead Applicant:

Contact Person for Lead Applicant:

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Partnering Entities

Partnering entities are the parties involved in the project other than the lead applicant.

Partnering Entity:

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Contact Person:

Contact Person:

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If there are more than three partnering entities, please provide additional contact information as an attachment when submitting.*

## Project Description & Timeline

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Project Description:

Project Timeline (start, end, key milestones):

*\*Please attach any associated documents with the project description & timeline when submitting.*

## Project Cost & Itemized Budget

Total Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Funding Amount Being Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Funding Sources – Please list all involved entities and their funding contributions as well as any local, state, and/or federal funds:

What is the basis of the cost estimate?

*\*Please attach any associated documents with project cost and an itemized budget when submitting.*

## Project Rationale

Describe how this project will lead to greater efficiencies, reduced costs, and/or improved service delivery, and estimate specific one-time and/or reoccurring saving that are projected if this project is fully implemented.

How will the applicant ensure that funding is spent appropriately?

Explain why it is necessary to utilize County GRI funds for this project?

What will be the final deliverable for this project?

*\*Please attach any associated documents with project rationale when submitting.*

*Please email this completed GRI request along with the requested supporting attachment(s) to the County Executive's Office at [exec@chagov.com](mailto:exec@chagov.com). The County Executive will review requests on an ongoing basis. A County staff member will reach out to the lead applicant with any question, concerns, and/or next steps.*