

# MADISON COUNTY RESIDENTS DECIDE \$75,000

The Central New York Community Foundation [www.cnycf.org](http://www.cnycf.org) invites all Madison County residents to help decide during June 2026 how to invest \$75,000 in their county.

As part of a two-year celebration of its 100th anniversary the Community Foundation will fund projects in each of the five counties it serves, awarding a total of \$500,000 in funding determined directly by residents through **Participatory Budgeting**, which is designed to ensure that funding priorities are determined by residents themselves.

Participants will work with nonprofit organizations, grassroots groups and local leaders to identify priority issue(s), co-design potential solutions and develop proposals that address community needs. Madison County residents will then decide which project will receive the \$75,000 funding.

Any Madison County community member interested in volunteering for the Madison County sessions can register at this [link](#) or contact Qiana Williams, CNYCF senior program officer, at 315.883.5568 or [qwilliams@cnycf.org](mailto:qwilliams@cnycf.org)

**Residents who need transportation assistance to allow them to participate may contact:**  
Mobility Management at 315-366-8190 or [dymobility@gmail.com](mailto:dymobility@gmail.com) .

**The Madison County process will take place over four sessions in June.**

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026** 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 4, 2026** 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Madison County, 100 Eaton St, Morrisville, NY 13408  
Dinner and childcare provided.

Attendance at both sessions is helpful but not necessary.

Agenda:

- learn about the participatory budgeting process,
- share ideas
- hear from county, town, village and city officials, grassroots groups and non-profit leaders about their perception of the community needs;
- develop a list of community needs and priorities and
- brainstorm project ideas that meet the community needs and
- select volunteers to turn community priorities into feasible project proposals;

**Wednesday June 24, 2026 - 5:00 to 7:30**

Participants will present the proposals publicly to their fellow county residents online via Zoom..

**Thursday June 25, 2026, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm**

Madison County residents vote online for the proposal they believe will best serve their community.

**Thursday June 25, 2026, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

In-person vote,

Winner announcement and celebration.

Smithfield Community Center, 5255 Pleasant Valley Road, Peterboro, NY 13134

**Community Foundation will fund the winning idea with a \$75,000 grant!**