Ellie Kahn

Program Manager, Communities and Local Governments, NYSERDA

Key professional experience

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| NYSERDA | Program Manager, Communities and Local Governments | 2023-current |
| City of New York, Mayor’s Office of Climate & Environmental Justice | Senior Policy Advisor, Clean Energy | 2017-2023 |
| Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health | Assistant Director of Special Projects | 2013-2017 |

Relevant Expertise

Ellie will support the coordination of all NYSERDA proposal activities and will serve a lead role in the Advanced Energy Performance Contracting measure. Ellie has over 10 years’ experience in energy and environment. Her role at NYSERDA focuses on supporting local governments within New York State to harness the unique local powers in a home-rule state to increase adoption of emissions reduction strategies. Currently, she works on NYSERDA’s Clean Energy Communities program, which provides technical assistance and clear pathways for local governments to address emissions from government operations as well as the greater community. Ellie will leverage the existing relationships with the over 800 local governments participating in Clean Energy Communities to implement CPRG-funded programs.

Her previous experience working on local legislation, public sector procurements, decarbonization programs, and regulatory proceedings on behalf of the largest local government in New York State, the City of New York, puts her in a prime position to implement the measures included here. For example, Ellie designed a local law requiring solar and/or green roofs on all new buildings in New York City and supported the implementation of New York City’s landmark energy efficiency law, Local Law 97, which requires buildings to reduce operational emissions until eventually approaching net zero. Ellie also designed and implemented community programs, with a focus on energy equity and incorporating energy into programs with other primary objectives, such as coastal resiliency or low-income homeownership. This program and policy development required financial modeling, greenhouse gas emissions analyses, structured consultations with stakeholders, and a deep understanding of the regulatory frameworks governing the energy system in New York. In previous roles, Ellie also supported the implementation of and reporting on federal grant awards.

Education

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| City University of New York | Masters Certificate | Workplace Democracy and Community Ownership | 2022 |
| Columbia University School of International & Public Affairs | MPA | Environmental Policy | 2017 |
| New York University | BA | Individualized Study | 2009 |