

Orleans Community Health Foundation

“We are thankful for this support from Apex. Personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies are low, and costs are high. This grant will enable us to invest in sterilization solutions to safely reuse PPE as we work to secure more N95 masks and other protective gear.” –Heather Smith, Executive Director, Orleans Community Health Foundation

About the Orleans Community Health Foundation

The Orleans Community Health Foundation was originally established in 1981 by a group of community members who sought to support Medina Memorial Hospital. Today, the foundation’s mission is to raise funds to support the quality health care services provided by Orleans Community Health and the communities it serves.

In April 2020, Apex granted \$4,000 to the foundation to secure critical equipment to protect frontline health care workers during the earliest stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. With resources stretched thin and facing challenges in procuring PPE, the foundation sought to purchase rapid sterilization equipment that would safely extend the life of N95 masks and other protective gear.



Prior to securing the new tabletop autoclave sterilization unit, the sterilization process could take up to several hours. As a result of Apex’s donation, this time was reduced to 20 minutes—not only helping with the immediate PPE shortage, but also providing a lifelong time savings going forward.



LOCATION:
ORLEANS COUNTY, NY



FOCUS AREA:
BUILDING HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES



GRANT AMOUNT:
\$4,000

About the Apex Community Grant Program

One of Apex Clean Energy’s primary goals is to be a dependable, long-term community partner with residents, local governments, and community organizations where our projects are located. One small way we do this is by giving back to host communities through the Apex Community Grant Program. The program supports projects and programs that build healthy communities, create economic opportunity, encourage environmental sustainability, and promote education. Since 2017, Apex has donated more than \$3 million in support of organizations in project communities across the country.