

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Department of Agriculture and Markets
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COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION
BOARDS IN COUNTIES WITH A FARMLAND PROTECTION
PLAN APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
AND MARKETS OR OTHER MUNICIPALITIES WHICH HAVE IN
PLACE A LOCAL FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN

State Agricultural and Farmland Protection Implementation Program

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets announces the availability of funds for farmland protection activities. Pursuant to the State Agricultural and Farmland Protection Implementation Program as set forth in Article 25-AAA of the Agriculture and Markets Law, county agricultural and farmland protection boards in counties with a farmland protection plan approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets or other municipalities which have in place a local farmland protection plan, may apply for State assistance payments for the implementation of projects and activities identified in the plans. Priority will be given to projects intended to preserve viable agricultural land; that are in areas facing significant development pressure; and that serve as a buffer for a significant natural public resource containing important ecosystem or habitat characteristics. State funds awarded to any applicant shall not exceed 75 percent of the total project cost.

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2003 at the following address: Lucy Roberson, Director, Division of Fiscal Management, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, One Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12235.

The Department of Agriculture and Markets is mailing a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) to County Planning agencies, Cornell Cooperative Extension offices, and each county agricultural and farmland protection board. To request a copy of the RFP, please contact: Ken Grudens, Farmland Protection Program Manager at the above address, (518) 457-2713, or view the Department's website at www.agmkt.state.ny.us.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOCES, INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION, NOT FOR PROFIT EDUCATION ORGANI-
ZATIONS AND SELECTED AGENCIES WHICH FOCUS ON ED-
UCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND/OR ISSUES

**Title I School Improvement; ESEA No Child Left Behind Act of
2001 Title I, Section 1003**

Funds will support a statewide system of intensive and sustained support and improvement for Title I schools including SURR, Title I School Improvement Schools and Corrective Action Schools. These programs promote and support the intent of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law, which is to enable all children in the schools served, particularly low achieving children, to meet challenging State content and student performance standards.

Projected funding for the 2003-2004 school year is approximately \$1.2 million. Request for Proposals/application deadlines are related to the nature of the service; however, no less than 30 days will be provided to respond to a Request for Proposal.

For more information, contact Nydia Mennuti at (718) 722-2784.

Education Department
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HIGH-NEED LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY OR ELIGIBLE
LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), Title II Part D, Enhancing Education through Technology

High-need local educational agency means a local educational agency that is among the local educational agencies in a State with the highest numbers or percentages of children from families with incomes below the poverty line; and operates one or more schools identified under NCLB Title I Section 1116; or has a substantial need for assistance in acquiring and using technology.

Eligible local partnership means a partnership that shall include at least one high-need local educational agency and at least one —

- local educational agency that can demonstrate that teachers in schools served by the agency are effectively integrating technology and proven teaching practices into instruction, based on a review of relevant research, and that the integration results in improvement in classroom instruction in the core academic subjects; and the preparation of students to meet challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards;
- institution of higher education that is in full compliance with the reporting requirements of section 207(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and that has not been identified by its State as low-performing under section 208 of such Act;
- for-profit business or organization that develops, designs, manufactures, or produces technology products or services, or has substantial expertise in the application of technology in instruction; or
- public or private nonprofit organization with demonstrated experience in the application of educational technology to instruction.

An eligible local partnership may include other local educational agencies, educational service agencies, libraries, or other educational entities appropriate to provide local programs.

Competitive grant funding in the amount of \$30.8 million (estimate) is available to support increased student attainment of NYS learning standards in core curriculum areas with particular focus in the areas of mathematics, English language arts and early literacy, through the integration of educational technology. This competitive grant program is intended to create or expand initiatives designed to increase the use of technology to support all learners, particularly in high need school districts.

Collaborative development of proposals submitted by local education agencies and other eligible agencies and organizations with experience or promise of success in assisting schools in technology integration for improved student performance is encouraged.

A competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available at www.emsc.nysed.gov in Fall, 2003. Technical assistance in response to this RFP can be obtained from the SED web site: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/technology/nclb/> For more information contact Anne Schiano at (518) 474-5922.

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PUBLIC OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; ZOOS, BOTANICAL GARDENS, HERBARIUMS, ARBORETUMS, AQUARIUMS, BIRD SANCTUARIES, NATURAL HABITAT PRESERVES, NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUMS, AND NATURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTERS WHICH OWN, HOUSE AND CARE FOR LIVING OR SYSTEMATICALLY ORGANIZED COLLECTIONS OF BIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS AND WHICH PRIMARILY PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON A REGULAR AND PREDICTABLE BASIS

Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquarium Program

At the present time, there are two categories within the Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquarium Program under which funds may be requested. Category I, Collections Care Costs, is funding for expenses directly related to the care, security and interpretation of the collections. Category II, Special Purposes, is funding for the development of new exhibits or the rehabilitation of existing exhibits for the permanent collections and for new, innovative projects or programs for the institution

Competitive **applications** to receive aid are required and must be **postmarked no later than October 10, 2003**. Funding for local assistance grants is made available through an appropriation from the State's General fund.

For an application contact:

E-mail: <http://www.nysparks.com/grants>

or call: Cathy Jepson (518) 474-8396

or write to: Kevin Burns, Chief of Grants

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