

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Education Department
Office of Workforce Preparation and Continuing Education
Room 319 EB, Albany, NY 12234

NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS State Adult Literacy Education Program

\$3,324,700 of Adult Literacy Education funds are available for grants to not-for-profit organizations for programs involving literacy and basic education for under-educated and disadvantaged adults. Eligible program participants include individuals who have attained 16 years of age and are not enrolled or not required to be enrolled in secondary school under New York State law.

\$574,700 will be allotted to the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development to continue contracts with not-for-profit organizations to provide adult basic education services in New York City.

It is expected that \$2,750,000 will be disbursed through a multi-year contract for the provision of volunteer tutoring services to individuals with very low literacy levels throughout the State outside of New York City.

For more information contact the Adult Education and Family Literacy Team at (518) 474-8920.

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**PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTERS, PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES, AND CONSORTIUMS OF SUCH AGENCIES
Federal Workforce Investment Act, Title III, The Adult Education and Literacy Act**

Approximately \$28.3 million of Workforce Investment Act funds are available for new grants to provide literacy and basic skills for undereducated and disadvantaged adults who have attained 16 years of age and are not enrolled or not required to be enrolled in elementary or secondary school. The grant funds may also cover support services, such as educational counseling and guidance. The grants will be for three years or until the expiration of the current WIA legislation. Approximately \$3.4 million of these funds will be used to support new family literacy programs and \$1.7 million will be for new literacy programs at One-Stop Centers. A competitive Request for Proposal is available at www.emsc.nysed.gov under Funding Opportunities.

Approximately \$2 million will be used to continue support to the One-Stop Centers and \$400,000 will continue existing grants for literacy programs in the workplace.

In addition, approximately \$3.2 million is available to continue grants for programs of instruction for incarcerated or institutionalized individuals.

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**PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES)
State Welfare Education Program (Adult Basic Education Programs for Recipients of Public Assistance)**

Five million dollars of State Welfare Education Program funds are available for grants to schools for programs involving literacy and basic education for public assistance recipients. These funds may also cover support services, such as educational counseling and guidance, which complement the instructional programs offered by the applicant agency. Eligible program participants include individuals who have attained 16 years of age and are not enrolled or not required to be enrolled in secondary school under NYS law.

Three million dollars will support the EDGE program in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the New York State Education Department and the New York State Department of Labor.

Two million dollars will be distributed through a request for proposals that will be available in June at www.emsc.nysed.gov under Funding Opportunities.

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Program Management Division
625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207-2997

and

Department of Health
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MUNICIPAL RECIPIENTS; OWNERS/OPERATORS OF PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS; NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAND TRUST ORGANIZATIONS

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for Water Pollution Control; Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

**Draft 2004 Intended Use Plans (IUPs)
Public Meeting and Hearing; Comments; Applications**

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Department of Health (DOH) are pleased to announce the availability of the draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The IUPs include lists of projects that could receive low interest financing between October 1, 2003 and September 30, 2004, the next IUP financing period.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

CWSRF - Types of municipal point source and nonpoint source water pollution control projects eligible for CWSRF low interest financing include: sanitary sewers; wastewater treatment plants and pumping facilities; combined sewer overflow abatement facilities; security measures for wastewater treatment plants and sewer systems; water supply filter backwash and sludge handling facilities; landfill closure or capping projects; landfill leachate collection, storage and treatment facilities; landfill gas collection and control facilities; aircraft deicing fluid collection, storage and treatment facilities; storage facilities for highway deicing materials; leaking underground storage tank closure and remediation; stormwater pollution abatement facilities; stormwater management facilities; Brownfields remediation; and other municipally-owned projects or portions of projects that maintain, protect or improve water quality. Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations may apply for CWSRF financing for the acquisition of land to (1) protect water quality under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act or (2) to implement an approved National Estuary Plan under Section 320 of the Clean Water Act.

DWSRF - Types of municipal and privately-owned public water supply system projects eligible for DWSRF low interest financing and financial hardship assistance include: construction and rehabilitation of water treatment plants; transmission and distribution mains; storage facilities; pump stations; interconnections; new drinking water sources; consolidation of water supplies; and upgrades to existing water systems.

INTENDED USE PLANS AND PROJECT LISTING:

Projects must be included on the Project Priority Lists (PPLs) in the IUPs to receive State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing. Municipalities, not-for-profit organizations or public water supply systems interested in financing one or more projects not currently listed in the draft CWSRF IUP or draft DWSRF IUP should submit the appropriate IUP project listing information before **Friday, August 15, 2003** to the **DOH for DWSRF** projects and before **Friday, August 15, 2003** to the **EFC for CWSRF** projects. For assistance with the IUP listing process, please call the EFC or DOH office listed at the end of this notice.

For CWSRF projects, a municipality must provide an approvable engineering report or technical report to be listed for a long-term financing of point source or nonpoint source projects in the Annual List of the CWSRF IUP or to submit an application for any type of CWSRF financing. For listing a land acquisition project, a municipality or not-for-profit organization must provide an acceptable "land acquisition plan". CWSRF projects will be financed to the extent that sufficient funds are available for long-term and short-term financing for the effective period of the CWSRF IUP.

For DWSRF projects, an applicant must have submitted an engineering report or plans and specifications to the DOH by **August 15, 2003**, or have completed construction, to be included on the Project Readiness List in the final DWSRF IUP. DWSRF projects will be financed to the extent that sufficient funds are available for the effective period of the DWSRF IUP.

The draft FFY 2004 IUPs will be mailed to certain municipal officials, system owners, financial advisors, consulting firms, not-for-profit land trust organizations and other interested parties. Copies of

the draft IUPs will be available at New York State Documents Depository Libraries. The CWSRF IUP will also be available on the EFC "web page" at www.nysefc.org (select "Clean Water" or "What's New"). The DWSRF IUP will also be available on the DOH "web page" at www.health.state.ny.us (select "Information for Consumers"; "Environmental and Occupational Health"; "Drinking Water").

DUE DATE FOR COMMENTS:

Written statements or comments on the draft IUPs can be filed prior to the July 22, 2003 public meeting and hearing, at the hearing, and after the hearing until the end of the comment periods. Written and oral statements will be made part of the official records. Written statements or comments on the draft IUPs should be filed with the following programs by close of business on the dates as indicated below:

CWSRF Program:

Submit comments by: Friday, August 15, 2003

Submit comments to: Mr. Robert Davis, PE

**Director, Program Management Division
New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12207-2997
FAX: (518) 402-7456**

DWSRF Program:

Submit comments by: Friday, August 15, 2003

Submit comments to: Mr. Michael Burke, PE

**Director, Bureau of Water Supply Protection
New York State Department of Health
547 River Street, Flanigan Square
Room 400
Troy, New York 12180
FAX: (518) 402-7659**

PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARING:

A joint public meeting and hearing will be held to review the draft FFY 2004 CWSRF IUP and DWSRF IUP. The date, time and location of the public meeting and hearing is provided below. Pre-registration is not required. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for disabled persons if requested in advance.

DATE	CITY/COUNTY	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday July 22, 2003	City of Albany	1:00 PM	NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and NYS EFC Building, Public Assembly Room #129 B, 625 Broadway (off I-787), Albany, NY (800) 882-9721

Directions to DEC/EFC Building at 625 Broadway, Albany

Directions from the South: Take I-87, the NYS Thruway to Exit 23. Get onto I-787 North and take Exit 4, Downtown Albany.

Directions from the North & West: From the West, take NYS Thruway to Exit 24 and get onto I-90 East. From the North, take the Adirondack Northway to Exit 1E and get onto I-90 East. Past Exit 6, take the ramp for I-787 South and take Exit 4A, Colonie/Columbia Street.

Parking: The Columbia Street Municipal Parking Garage is on the south side of 625 Broadway and the Quackenbush Square Parking Garage is on the north side.

Detailed directions are available on EFC's web site at www.nysefc.org or by calling EFC's toll-free information line at (800) 882-9721.

APPLICATION PACKAGES AND DUE DATES:

Copies of the FFY 2004 CWSRF and DWSRF Application Packages will be mailed to applicants with projects on the draft 2004

CWSRF or DWSRF IUPs that may be ready for financing during this IUP financing period (October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004). Copies of the application packages will also be available at the public meeting and hearing. For a copy of the FFY 2004 CWSRF or DWSRF Application Package, please call the EFC office listed at the end of this notice or refer to the web page.

The CWSRF and DWSRF Application Packages can be used to apply for both short-term and long-term financing. Short-term loans can finance project design and construction start-up costs until the short-term financing can be rolled over into a long-term financing. Multiple projects can be financed with one long-term financing if the projects are ready in the same IUP financing period and are fundable on the PPL. The CWSRF and DWSRF can also be used to prefinance or co-fund projects that anticipate receiving total or partial project financing from grant reimbursement programs, loans and other sources. There is a separate DWSRF Application Package to be used by privately-owned water systems when applying for DWSRF financing. There is also a separate application package to be used by not-for-profit organizations applying for CWSRF financing of land acquisition projects.

Applications for CWSRF and DWSRF financing are accepted on a continuous basis. Complete applications for the Winter Pool long-term leveraged financings must be submitted by **October 1, 2003** for the CWSRF program and by **October 1, 2003** for the DWSRF program, with closing targeted for early March 2004. Complete applications for the Summer Pool long-term leveraged financings must be submitted by **March 1, 2004** for both SRF programs, with closing targeted for late July 2004. Complete applications for **CWSRF** direct long-term financing or short-term financing must be submitted before **May 3, 2004** for financing in this IUP period. Complete applications for **DWSRF** non-hardship direct long-term financing or short-term financing must be submitted before **May 3, 2004** for financing in this IUP period. Applicants who have received a **DWSRF** confirmation letter regarding a hardship determination on their project should submit the application package prior to the date indicated in their confirmation letter.

CWSRF short-term financing will be available for projects on the IUP Multi-Year project list that have high enough priority scores to be fundable on the Annual PPL and that meet all applicable application requirements. Short-term applications will be accepted on a first come/first served basis, up to the amount available for short-term financing. Some applicants constructing sewage treatment projects serving residential areas may qualify for reduced interest or interest-free direct long-term financing based on submittal of a **CWSRF** hardship application and a subsequent determination of financial hardship.

DWSRF short-term financing will be available for projects on the IUP Project Readiness List that have a project priority score placing the project above the funding line on the IUP and that meet all applicable application requirements. **DWSRF** short-term financing is limited to an amount not to exceed one-third of the estimated total project costs, including a short-term administration fee, as set forth in the Project Readiness List. Recipients of **DWSRF** hardship confirmation letters will not be subject to the one-third IUP cost limitation or the administration fee. Some eligible disadvantaged communities may apply for **DWSRF** Additional Financing Subsidies (Grants) beyond the interest-free rate. **DWSRF** Financial Hardship Application Forms will be accepted by DOH and EFC on a continuous basis during the 2004 IUP period. However, Hardship Application Forms received after **December 1, 2003** will be considered for a loan only financial hardship assistance package during the current IUP period.

EFC AND DOH CONTACTS:

For a copy of the draft FFY 2004 IUP, assistance with the IUP listing process, or for information on these SRF programs, please contact:

CWSRF: Mr. David Morseman
Program Services Representative III
Program Management Division
New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12207-2997
(800) 882-9721 (within NYS only) or (518) 402-7433
FAX: (518) 402-7456
EFC web site: www.nysefc.org

DWSRF: Mr. Charles Amento
Bureau of Water Supply Protection
New York State Department of Health
547 River Street, Flanigan Square, Room 400
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458-1158 ext. 27650 (within NYS only) or
(518) 402-7650
FAX: (518) 402-7689

LISTING FORMS AND APPLICATION PACKAGES:

For a copy of the CWSRF Project Listing Form, the DWSRF Pre-Application Form, the CWSRF or DWSRF Application Package, or the CWSRF or DWSRF Financial Hardship Application, please contact Mr. Morseman at the above EFC address or phone number.

