

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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## PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, NOT-FOR-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS **Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention, Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2002**

An appropriation \$30.2 million is available to continue existing grants for collaborative projects between public school districts and community based organizations to develop, implement and evaluate extended school day/school violence prevention programs.

Application materials for continuation grants will be available at [www.emsc.nysed.gov](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov) under FYI, Funding Opportunities.

*For more information, districts and agencies may contact:* John Soja at (518) 486-6090

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## MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATIONS, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS

### **Implementation of "inner-city" urban and community forestry projects that contribute to the restoration and revitalization of downtown centers and neighborhoods**

Applications will be accepted through November 30, 2003, for development and implementation of Urban and Community Forestry Projects in "inner-city" areas that are defined as usually older urban centers and adjacent more densely populated residential sections of a municipality in which low income and minority groups predominate. Grant applications should leverage and compliment other federal, state and municipal projects for "inner-cities" that are designed to revitalize these neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for "inner-city" residents. Grants are available to local governments, public benefit corporations and authorities, school districts and non-profit organizations in New York State. A total of \$300,000 in grant funds will be awarded.

Individual grants must request at minimum \$10,000 and may not exceed a maximum of \$25,000. All grants must be matched at least equally (dollar for dollar) with non-federal source funds. This match may include in-kind donations, volunteer assistance, and private and public non-federal contributions.

*For an application, download the RFP from the Department of Environmental Conservation website - [www.dec.state.ny.us](http://www.dec.state.ny.us) or contact:* Frank Dunstan, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Division of Lands and

Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)  
Hampton Plaza  
38-40 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207

## PERSONS/FIRMS THAT CONSTRUCT AND/OR REHABILITATE HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS/HOUSEHOLDS **Funding for not-for-profit entities, for-profit entities and municipalities under the Housing Trust Fund Program, the New York State HOME Program, the Homes for Working Families Program and the Residential Emergency Services to Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) Program**

Description: Request For Proposals (RFP)/Application packages will be available beginning the week of November 3, 2003. Separate applications will be used for locally administered programs funded under the New York State HOME Program (HOME) and the Residential Emergency Services To Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) Program; and site-specific projects funded under HOME and/or the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) or the Homes for Working Families (HWF) Program. Applicants are responsible for obtaining the proper application for funding, which will be available at NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal Regional Offices and at application workshops. Application workshops will be held during the month of November 2003 in Albany, Syracuse, Buffalo, New York City and Long Island. Applications for locally administered programs funded under HOME or RESTORE must be received by HTFC by 5:00 PM, Monday, February 9, 2004. Applications for HOME, HTF and HWF site-specific project funding (except for seed money requests) must be received by the HTFC by 5:00 PM, Monday, March 22, 2004.

**Individuals hand delivering applications must have picture identification and a transmittal letter, on organization letterhead, stating their name and purpose. Applications delivered by commercial carrier must have a complete, legible, return address. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in items not being accepted.**

HTFC applications will be accepted only at the following address:

NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal  
Hampton Plaza - 6th Floor  
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- The New York State HOME Program expects to have approximately \$38 million, subject to the availability of appropriations.

Note: A minimum of 15 percent of available funds is required to be reserved for projects developed, owned, or sponsored by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). Not-for-profit applicants who wish to pursue pre-qualification by the HTFC as a CHDO should contact the appropriate Regional Office listed below. The New York State HOME Program also allocates a minimum of 80 percent of the funds available (after the 15 percent reserved for CHDOs) to projects located in non-participating jurisdictions. It is one of the purposes of the HOME Program to give, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with federal, state and local laws and regulations, job training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to low and very low-income persons and locally owned enterprises. Federal law and regulations require that recipients of federal funds in excess of \$200,000 for construction or rehabilitation projects and their contractors agree to comply with the provisions set forth in 24 CFR part 135 (section 3).

- The Low-Income Housing Trust Fund Program expects to have approximately \$29 million available, subject to the availability of appropriations.
- The HWF Program expects to have approximately \$7 million available, subject to the availability of appropriations.
- The RESTORE Program will have approximately \$400,000 available.
- Seed Money loans of up to \$45,000 per project from either HOME (CHDOs only) or HTF (not-for-profit organizations only) are available. Seed Money applications may be submitted at any time to the appropriate Regional Office listed herein. Award decisions for any Seed Money requests submitted during the Funding Round will be deferred until after award announcements for project and program applications have been made.

Applications for projects located in Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester Counties may be referred to the Division of Housing and Community Renewal for consideration of project based Section 8 voucher assistance.

The HTFC reserves the right to award all, a portion of, or none of the program funds based upon funding availability, the feasibility of the applications received, the competitiveness of the applications and the applicant's ability to meet HTFC criteria for funding.

Applications are selected for funding based upon an evaluation process which includes completeness, eligibility, rating, feasibility reviews and recommendations as detailed in the RFP/application packet. Selections are also made in compliance with all pertinent statutory requirements and a policy to distribute funds to meet housing needs throughout the State.

The RFP to be issued is part of the Unified Funding application packet. Applicants should refer to the RFP to determine eligibility requirements for each program.

In accordance with Section 312 of Article 15-A of the Executive Law, HTFC requires contractors and awardees to make affirmative efforts to ensure that New York State certified Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises have opportunities for meaningful participation on projects awarded funding by HTFC.

Application workshops will be conducted at the following times and locations:

*Capital District:* Thursday, November 6th, 10:00 a.m., Quality Inn, Glenmont, Rte. 9W (I-87 Thruway Exit 23) Albany (Glenmont), NY

*Syracuse:* Thursday, November 13th, 10:00 a.m., Martha Eddy Rm., The Art and Home Center, NYS Fairgrounds, Gate 2, Rte 690 (Fairgrounds Exit) Syracuse, (Geddes), NY

*Buffalo:* Friday, November 14th, 10:00 a.m., Erie Community College - City Campus, Minnie Gillette Auditorium, 121 Ellicott St., Buffalo, NY

*Long Island:* Thursday, November 20, 10:00 a.m., York College, Rm. 1M06, 94-20 Guy Brewer Boulevard, Jamaica, NY

*New York City:* Wednesday, November 19th, 10:30 a.m., Adam Clayton Powell State Office Bldg., 2nd. Fl., Art Gallery, 163 West 125th St., New York, NY

Application materials will be distributed starting one half-hour before each workshop.

The workshops will include a discussion of project application requirements, program application requirements and the Unified Funding process. A workshop agenda will be posted on the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal website on November 3, 2002. Interested parties should refer to the website to familiarize themselves with the agenda items.

Application clinics may be scheduled with the staff of one of the Regional Offices listed below to provide applicants with an opportunity to discuss a project or program application. Staff will be available from November 24, 2003 through the respective application due dates.

Technical assistance in preparing an application is also available to not-for-profit applicants through one of the Regional Offices listed below.

For an application contact the appropriate Regional Office:

Capital District Regional Office Hampton Plaza, 9th Floor 38-40 State Street Albany, NY 12207 Telephone: (518) 486-5012 Debra Devine, Regional Director	Buffalo Regional Office Statler Towers 107 Delaware Avenue, Suite 600 Buffalo, NY 14202 Telephone: (716) 842-2244 Thomas H. Van Nortwick, Regional Director
Syracuse Regional Office 800 South Wilbur Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204 Mailing Address: PO Box 1127, Syracuse, NY 13201 Telephone: (315) 473-6930 Vernita King, Regional Director	New York City Regional Office 25 Beaver St., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10004 Telephone: (212) 480-7644 Deborah Boatright, Regional Director

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**PERSONS/FIRMS THAT CONSTRUCT AND/OR REHABILITATE RENTAL HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS**

**Tax credit available under the Low-Income Housing Credit Program**

Description: The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) announces the availability of tax credit under the Low-Income Housing Credit Program (LIHC) which is authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. DHCR expects to have approximately \$20 million available for Credit Reservations. The maximum amount of annual Credit allocation per application that may be requested is \$1.0 million. Applicants requesting LIHC for projects in which a majority of the units (50% or more) will serve large families or special needs populations may request up to \$1.2 million. Of the \$20 million available, up to \$2 million may be made available for preserva-

tion projects as defined in DHCR's Low-Income Housing Credit Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) dated April 17, 2001. Additionally, an amount of up to \$2 million may be made available for redevelopment of public housing which has met the conditions for approvals required under the New York State Public Housing Law. DHCR reserves the right to allocate all, a portion of, or none of the 2004 and 2005 program funds based upon LIHC availability, the competitiveness of the applications received and the applicant's ability to meet DHCR criteria for funding. Application packages will be available at DHCR Regional Offices beginning the week of November 3, 2003. Applicants are responsible for obtaining the proper application for funding. Applications must be received by DHCR by 5:00 p.m., March 22, 2004.

Applications will be accepted only at the following address:

NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal  
 Low-Income Housing Credit Program  
 Hampton Plaza - 6th Floor  
 38-40 State Street  
 Albany, New York 12207

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE OR AT OTHER LOCATIONS

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- È Persons/firms that construct and/or rehabilitate rental housing that is reserved for low-income households may apply for LIHC. The LIHC amount is based upon the actual cost of acquisition, rehabilitation and/or construction of rental properties for low-income households.
- È Applications are evaluated for completeness, program eligibility, feasibility and the extent to which the application meets the threshold and selection criteria contained in DHCR's QAP.
- È Applications which are submitted under the Unified Funding Program in response to the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation Notice of Funding Availability issued concurrently with this Notice of Credit Availability (NOCA) which include a request for Credit will be reviewed by DHCR under this NOCA.
- È An application fee of \$100 is due at time of application. Not-for-profit applicants (or their wholly-owned subsidiaries) which will be the sole general partner of the partnership/project owner may request a deferral of payment until credit allocation.
- È Notices regarding the status of applications submitted under this NOCA are expected to be mailed during the month of July 2004. For an application package contact the appropriate Regional Office:

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