

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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CONSUMER CONTROLLED, NOT-FOR-PROFIT 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION WITH A GOVERNING BOARD THAT IS COMPRISED OF 50 PERCENT OR MORE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
Statewide Systems Advocacy Network

Mandatory Requirement for Eligibility:

In order to be eligible to apply for these grants, an organization must be a consumer controlled, not-for-profit 501(c)3 with a governing board that is comprised of fifty percent or more people with disabilities. The governing board must be the principal policy setting body of the organization.

Applications will be accepted through September 8, 2004 for the establishment and operation of a Statewide Systems Advocacy Network Center and/or a Statewide Systems Advocacy Network Support Site. The application is for a one (1) year contract beginning October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005, with two (2) additional one (1) year renewals, pending sufficient funds and satisfactory performance. The purpose of these projects is to provide statewide advocacy activities in support of the New York State Independent Living Council Inc.'s (NYSILC) disability agenda.

Additional Mandatory Requirements:

A Statewide Systems Advocacy Network Center would be required to hire a designated part-time systems advocate (.50 FTE) that works a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week addressing New York State Independent Living Center's (NYSILC) disability agenda.

A total of five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) of Title VII Part B funds are being made available for each of three (3) years in amounts of twenty thousand dollars to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$20,000 to \$25,000) each for up to twenty (20) Systems Advocacy Network Centers and in amounts of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) each for up to twenty-eight (28) Statewide Systems Advocacy Network Support Sites.

For additional information, visit: <http://www.vesid.nysed.gov/rfp/home.html> or contact Robert Gumson at (518) 474-2925 or by e-mail at rgumson@mail.nysed.gov

