

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Office of Children and Family Services
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144

NOT-FOR-PROFIT AND FOR-PROFIT CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS, SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS AND OTHER NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (SEE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION FOR ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS)

Child Day Care Center and School Age Start Up and Expansion Programs; Expansion of Hours of Existing Child Day Care Centers and School Age Child Care Programs; Health and Safety Grants, Innovative Programs Initiative and Accreditation Grants to Reimburse Programs for Successfully Completing Nationally Recognized Accreditation Processes

Applications for all program types, except Health and Safety grants \$15,000 and under, will be accepted on 04/15/05, 07/15/05, 10/14/05, 01/20/06, 04/14/06, 07/14/06. Applications may be submitted for Health and Safety grants \$15,000 and under may be submitted by the 10th of each month, beginning on October 10, 2004.

The Office of Children and Family Services is making available a series of grant opportunities to expand the availability of and/or improve the quality of care in regulated child care settings. The specific funding categories included in the RFP are: Child Day Care Center and School Age Start Up and Expansion Programs; Expansion of Hours of Existing Child Day Care Centers and School Age Child Care Programs; Health and Safety grants, Innovative Programs Initiative and Accreditation grants to reimburse programs for successfully completing nationally recognized accreditation processes.

Requirements: All categories except for the Innovative Programs Initiative are open to the not-for-profit AND for-profit child day care center, school age child care programs, other not-for-profit organizations and government agencies. The Innovative Programs Initiative category is limited to government and not-for-profit organizations. Subcontracting Provisions: In accordance with Standard NYS Appendix A.

For an application, contact: Suzanne Sennett, Bureau of Early Childhood Services, 52 Washington St., N. Bldg., Rm. 338, Rensselaer, NY 12144, (518) 474-9454

Developmental Disabilities
Planning Council (DDPC)
155 Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor
Albany, NY 12210

PUBLIC OR COMMUNITY-BASED NOT-FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH PROVEN EXPERTISE IN THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL AND DAY SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, SPECIFICALLY ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL MAKE A COMMITMENT TO EVERYDAY

HEROES INCLUSION-BASED BEST PRACTICES AND WHO ARE COMMITTED TO PARTNERING AND MENTORING OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Establishment of Everyday Heroes Learning Initiative for Direct Support Professionals

Six grants of up to \$20,000 per year will be funded by DDPC for each of two years to establish an Everyday Heroes Learning Initiative, consisting of six regional Everyday Heroes Leadership/Mentor Teams. In the first year, the six participants would establish and train the Leadership Teams to infuse the Everyday Heroes inclusion model into their organizations' entire structure of services and supports. In the second year, the Leadership Teams would mentor at least two other organizations in their respective regions in incorporating Everyday Heroes values into their systems. In both phases, the participation of direct support professionals would be key to changing the service delivery approach from system-centered to person-centered. Preference will be given to proposals that evidence organizational commitment to the Everyday Heroes philosophy, to addressing underserved populations in need of inclusion, and to partnering with multiple agencies. It is also the intent of DDPC to document best practices and, in Year Two, compile a handbook of organizational implementation strategies and conduct a statewide learning/leadership institute. The applicant's program and budget narratives must provide the justification for the grant amount requested.

All interested applicants are asked to submit a one-page letter of intent by April 25, 2005 to Nicholas Rose, Program Planner at the address above. Letters of intent are not required but will assist DDPC in identifying interest and the potential applicant pool. All final grant applications should be sent to Sheila Carey, Executive Director, and must be delivered to the DDPC office by close of business (5:00 pm) on May 4, 2005.

Department of Labor

Workforce Development and Training Division
State Office Campus, Building #12, Room #450
Albany, NY 12240

PRIVATE SECTOR FOR-PROFIT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES WITH AT LEAST ONE PHYSICAL LOCATION IN NEW YORK STATE, A GROUP OF TWO OR MORE SUCH BUSINESSES AND/OR A BUSINESS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A LABOR ORGANIZATION

Building Skills in New York State (BUSINYS) Grant Program

Applications will be accepted through June 8, 2005, 4:00 PM, for the Building Skills in New York State grant program for the provision of funds to train incumbent (employed) workers in specific skills needed by the applicant business or the industry in which it operates and that lead to potential career growth and increased wages for the trainees. Funds may be used to pay for outside vendors or in-house trainers to

provide on-site training, off-site training or distance learning and to pay for printed textbooks or printed training manuals used in the delivery of the training. The position targeted for training must exist and be filled at the time that the application is submitted. The applicant must demonstrate that the training will result in the workers' acquisition of transferable skills. Funds will be made available to small, medium and large businesses to ensure that businesses of all sizes will have the opportunity to benefit from the program. Awards for individual proposals may not exceed \$50,000.00, subject to funding availability.

Approximately \$5 million in statewide funds received under the Workforce Investment Act will be made available for this grant program. Contracts will be awarded for a period of up to one year. The contract does not become legally binding upon the State of New York until it is executed by the Office of the New York State Comptroller. Limited no-cost contract extensions may be approved at the discretion of the Department. Awardees will be required to provide reports documenting the outcomes of the project. Contract payment will be on a reimbursable basis. Contractors must promptly submit vouchers for reimbursement of costs that have been incurred and paid in accordance with the approved budget.

For further information or to obtain an application: Log on to our web site at www.workforcenewyork.com or contact Andrew Gehr, Office of Program Development, at the above address or call (518) 457-0361

State Emergency Management Office

Building #22, Suite 101
1220 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12226

ANY COMMUNITY IN THE STATE THAT DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE A FEMA-APPROVED FMA OR ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

FMA Planning Grants and Project Grants

The State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) Mitigation and Planning Branches are requesting Letters of Intent (LOI) followed by a detailed application for the federal fiscal year 2005 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program. The funds will be used to support FMA planning grants and FMA project grants. Planning grants are available to any community in the state that does not already have a FEMA-approved FMA or All-hazard Mitigation Plan.

Only applicants with an approved FMA or All-hazard mitigation plan are eligible for project funding. FY 2005 project funds may be awarded for eligible cost effective flood mitigation activities that will reduce the risk of flood losses to any property currently insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Eligible mitigation project types include retrofitting of properties; property acquisition or relocation; and minor flood control projects that will protect properties insured under the NFIP. Letters of Intent (LOIs) or pre-applications will be accepted through April 8, 2005 and must be submitted by state and local governments or Indian tribes. Applications will be accepted through June 3, 2005.

To receive an LOI form you can contact your County Emergency Management Office or for project information: Susan J. Bergmann at the above address or call (518) 457-9957

For planning information: Radworth E. Anderson at the above address or call (518) 457-9941