

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Office of Children and Family Services
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12180

NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS; OTHER 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COMMUNITY AND FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS; OR ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO THE RELIGIOUS CORPORATION LAW OR OTHER FAITH-BASED OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE OF THREE TYPES: (1) CONGREGATIONS; (2) NATIONAL NETWORKS, WHICH INCLUDE NATIONAL DENOMINATIONS, THEIR SOCIAL SERVICE ARMS (FOR EXAMPLE, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES), AND NETWORKS OF RELATED ORGANIZATIONS (SUCH AS YMCA AND YWCA); AND (3) FREESTANDING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH ARE INCORPORATED SEPARATELY FROM CONGREGATIONS AND NATIONAL NETWORKS

TANF Prevention Services

Items covered under grant:

TANF Prevention Services must focus upon the delivery of prevention of foster care services which enhance overall case practice (activities associated with case planning) and case outcomes. Programs include but are not limited to: intensive case management and related services for families with children at risk of foster care placement due to the presence of alcohol and/or substance abuse in the household; family preservation services, centers and programs; foster care diversion demonstrations; nonprofit provider collaborations with family treatment courts; and TANF Prevention Post Adoption Services funding to support communities around the state to develop comprehensive adoption services which strengthen and preserve adoptive families.

Applications will be accepted through: 08/29/2005

Description:

- Number of dollars or items. Approximately 14.9 million
- Application restrictions (if any). N/A
- Any miscellaneous information you feel might assist the readers in determining whether or not they should request an application for this particular grant. Each applicant must include a letter of commitment from their local department of social services confirming the proposed program as a local need or priority and their agreement to work with the proposed program. All 2005 TANF Prevention programs are awarded contracts will be funded for a period of 18 months. Grantees will be expected to cooperate with an abbreviated but rigorous, contract development process which will culminate in anticipated project start-up by December 31, 2005. All programs will be expected to operate programs within the timeframe of December 31, 2005 through June 30, 2007. Financial claims for reimbursement of TANF Program expenditures incurred during the operating period must be received by OCFS by no later than August 15, 2007. Contingent upon the availability of funding and overall contract performance, contract

operating timeframes may be renewed or extended for up to 60 months from the above referenced start date.

For an application, contact: Renee Bradley, 52 Washington Ave., N. Bldg., Rm. 335, Rensselaer, NY 12144, (518) 474-9444, e-mail Renee.Bradley@ocfs.state.ny.us

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)

155 Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor
Albany, NY 12210

PUBLIC OR COMMUNITY-BASED NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH PROVEN EXPERTISE OR DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE IN FACILITATING PEER-BASED APPROACHES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS, SELF-ADVOCACY AND OTHER PEER, RECIPIENT, ADVOCACY-BASED OR CONSUMER ORGANIZATIONS

Peer Mentoring and Supports to Promote Employment Outcomes in the Vocational Rehabilitation System

Five grants of up to \$55,000 per year will be funded by DDPC for each of two years to demonstrate how the provision of peer mentoring and supports in the vocational rehabilitation process can improve the ability of people with developmental and other disabilities to obtain and maintain employment. Preference will be given to organizations with evidence of organizational commitment to peer support and self-advocacy, to organizations who serve diverse or underserved populations, as well as to partnership proposals involving multiple or statewide organizations. The applicant's program and budget narratives must provide the justification for the grant amount requested.

Successful projects will be expected to fully coordinate their activities with the vocational rehabilitation agencies, VESID and CBVH, through their regional offices, as well as with the NYS Department of Labor, local One Stop Service Centers and Disability Program Navigator initiatives. Long-term sustainability for this project will require demonstrating quality and cost-effective outcomes to the vocational rehabilitation and One Stop systems. While vocational rehabilitation is one likely source for future funding, other options should be fully explored under this demonstration. The criteria for measuring project success will include:

- The number of people obtaining and maintaining employment;
- Increases in the level or percentage of earnings;
- Percentage of people becoming engaged in the vocational rehabilitation process through development of an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE);
- Decrease in time needed to develop an IPE;
- Retention in vocational rehabilitation services;

- Retention in employment;
- Attainment of an employment credential for a demand occupation; and
- Other measures that demonstrate the value of investing in peer supports.

The full RFP can be downloaded from www.ddpc.state.ny.us All interested applicants are asked to submit a one-page letter of intent by September 1, 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 September 16, 2005.