

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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Education Department  
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Collegiate Development Programs Unit  
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## INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION Higher Education Opportunity Program, Education Law 207, 6451, 6452; Part 27, Subpart 27-1 Nonpublic Institutions

An eligible applicant is an independent institution of higher education incorporated by the Legislature or chartered by the Board of Regents and offering two- or four-year degree programs registered with and approved by the Board of Regents.

Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) grant contracts cover supplemental activities for the 2005-06 program year, within the 2004-08 funding cycle. Institutions submitting a full proposal after the initial year of the four-year cycle may be issued a contract for the remaining years of the cycle. A minimum fifteen percent match of the HEOP funding is required from the institution's own resources. Federal and State funds may not be used for matching purposes.

The purpose of this program is to provide academic and financial assistance to New York State residents, who because of academic and economic circumstances, would otherwise be unable to attend a postsecondary educational institution. Funds are allocated to independent institutions of higher education that maintain one or more degree programs culminating in an associate degree or baccalaureate degree. Supportive services such as counseling, developmental education, summer academic programs and tutoring will receive the highest priority. Funds also will support student financial aid including maintenance, room and board, personal expenses, textbooks, and a limited amount of tuition and fees.

Approximately \$10.5 million has been proposed in the State Executive Budget for 2005-06 HEOP funding, an amount that represents a 50 percent cut from the amount available in the 2004-05 program year. Funding decisions for HEOP in 2005-06 will be determined after the Legislature passes and the Governor signs the appropriation bills. Awards are subject to the availability of funds.

The Proposal Guidelines are available at [www.highered.nysed.gov](http://www.highered.nysed.gov). The Proposal application is due postmarked by March 7, 2005.

For more information, contact James Donsbach ([jdonsbac@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:jdonsbac@mail.nysed.gov)), Collegiate Development Programs Unit, (518) 486-5313.

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State Emergency Management Office  
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Albany, New York 12226-2251

ANY COUNTY, CITY, VILLAGE, TOWN, DISTRICT, BOROUGH,  
PORT AUTHORITY, TRANSIT AUTHORITY, INTERCITY RAIL  
PROVIDER, COMMUTER RAIL SYSTEM, FREIGHT RAIL

PROVIDER, WATER DISTRICT, REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT, INDIAN TRIBE WITH JURISDICTION OVER INDIAN COUNTRY, AUTHORIZED TRIBAL ORGANIZATION, INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY, SPECIAL DISTRICT, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE

## Citizens Corps Program (CCP)

Available to local units of government as defined in the Conference Report accompanying the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2005, meaning "any county, city, village, town, district, borough, port authority, transit authority, intercity rail provider, commuter rail system, freight rail provider, water district, regional planning commission, council of government, Indian tribe with jurisdiction over Indian country, authorized tribal organization, independent authority, special district, or other political subdivision of the State."

Through the FY 2005 Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), the State of New York was awarded a total of \$627,360 for the Citizen Corps Program (CCP), 85 percent of which (\$533,256) is available to local governments and tribal nations in the form of a competitive reimbursement grant.

The Citizen Corps Program is a grass-roots initiative to actively involve all citizens in hometown security through personal preparedness, training, and volunteer service. The FY05 CCP funds will be used to support Citizen Corps Councils with all-hazards planning, public education and communication, training, exercises, equipment, management of Citizen Corps programs and activities, and equipping volunteers who have a role in disaster response. The FY05 Citizen Corps funds provide resources for local communities to:

- 1) bring together the appropriate leadership to form and sustain a Citizen Corps Council;
- 2) develop and implement a plan for the community to engage all citizens in hometown security, community preparedness, and family safety, and incorporate citizen participation in existing plans and activities;
- 3) conduct public education and outreach in order to inform the public about their role in crime prevention, mitigation, emergency preparedness for all hazards, and public health measures, including bioterrorism, and to encourage personal responsibility and action;
- 4) develop and implement Citizen Corps programs offering training and volunteer opportunities to support emergency management and emergency responders, disaster relief organizations, and community safety efforts, to include: CERT, Neighborhood Watch, VIPS, MRC, Fire Corps, and Citizen Corps affiliates; and,
- 5) enable citizens to participate in exercises and receive training and equipment.

The Request for Applications (RFA) and application packet will be posted on SEMO's website ([www.nysemo.state.ny.us](http://www.nysemo.state.ny.us)) on or about the date of the official award of the funds to the State by the Federal Office of Domestic Preparedness. This award is anticipated to be received by

the State in late January – early February. Applicants will have 45 days from the date the award is received by the State to file applications.

For additional assistance or questions, please contact Tim Riecker in SEMO’s Training Section at (518) 457-9986 or tim.riecker@semo.state.ny.us.

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**Division of Housing  
and Community Renewal**

Hampton Plaza, 1st Floor  
38-40 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207

**NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES WITH SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE IN ADAPTING OR RETROFITTING HOMES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Access to Home Program**

The Housing Trust Fund Corporation announces the availability of funding for the Access to Home program. The Access to Home program will provide up to \$10 million to not-for-profit organizations to administer local programs to make the homes and apartments of low and moderate income New Yorkers with disabilities more Accessible. Under the program, home adaptations and alterations will be made to enable persons with disabilities to remain or return to their own homes rather than enter or stay in more costly and more intrusive institutional settings. Providing assistance with the cost of adapting homes to meet the needs of those with disabilities will enable individuals to safely and comfortably live in their residences and avoid institutional care. This assistance will also allow individuals currently living in institutional settings to transition back to their homes once the homes are appropriately adapted. Grants will be made to eligible not-for-profit entities with substantial experience in adapting or retrofitting homes for persons with disabilities. Adaptation work must meet the needs of those with physical disabilities and seniors with an age-related disability.

Homeowners and renters may qualify for Access to Home assistance through the not-for-profit entity under the following criteria: the occupant is physically disabled or has substantial difficulty with an activity of daily living because of aging; the dwelling unit is a permanent residence, or will be a permanent residence after modifications are completed; and, total household income does not exceed 80 percent of area median income. The Corporation will seek applications that also include a transition and diversion component that targets individuals either currently living in institutional settings, or are at risk of such placement without adaptations being made to their current home.

Application packages will be available March 2. The application package will include a Request for Proposals and all forms necessary to apply for Access to Home funding through the Housing Trust Fund Corporation. Application materials will be available at NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal Regional Offices, the Division’s website and at application workshops that will be held during the month of March, 2005 in Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, and New York City.

Applications for locally administered Access to Home programs must be received by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) by 5:00 PM, Monday, May 2, 2005. Individuals delivering applications in-person must have picture identification and a transmittal letter, on organization letterhead, stating their name and authorizing that person to deliver the application. Applications delivered by commercial carrier must have a complete and legible return address. Failure to comply

with these requirements may result in applications not being accepted.

Applications will be accepted only at the following address:

Division of Housing and Community Renewal  
Hampton Plaza – 1st Floor  
38-40 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207

The New York State Access to Home Program expects to have up to \$10 million, subject to the availability of funding.

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, competitiveness, 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. Applicants should refer to the RFP for additional program eligibility requirements.

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 for Access to Home will be conducted in four locations on the below dates. Refer to the DHCR Website for times and site specifics.

*Syracuse, March 2*

Syracuse Developmental Center  
3rd Floor Auditorium  
800 South Wilbur Avenue  
Syracuse, NY

*Buffalo, March 4*

Erie Community College - City Campus  
121 Ellicott Street  
Buffalo, NY

*Capital District, March 10*

Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room 2  
Albany, NY

*New York City, March 15*

25 Beaver Street  
6th Floor conference Room  
New York, NY

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

A workshop agenda will be posted on the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal web site at www.dhcr.state.ny.us on February 22, 2005. Interested parties should refer to the web site to familiarize themselves with the agenda items.

Technical assistance in preparing an application is also available to applicants through one of the Regional Offices listed below.

For an application contact the appropriate Regional Office.

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**Hudson River Valley Greenway**

Capitol Building, Room 254  
Albany, NY 12224

**MUNICIPALITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE GREENWAY, AS DEFINED BY ARTICLE 44 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW**  
**2005 Greenway Conservancy Small Grants Program**

The Hudson River Valley Greenway, a State agency within the Executive Department, is soliciting applications for the 2005 Conservancy Small Grants Program. This is an annual competitive grant funding opportunity available to communities and not-for-profits within the designated Hudson River Valley Greenway area, which extends from Battery Park in Waterford, Saratoga County to Battery Park, Manhattan.

This year, \$125,000 is available in total funding for trail planning, construction and amenities, historic landscape preservation, regional and local partnership development as well as many other resource enhancement and economic development projects. Average grants range from \$1,000 - \$10,000 for projects involving or located in one municipality, and up to \$25,000 for projects involving or located in two or more municipalities.

Projects that will be considered for funding through this year's grant program include:

- Land Trail Projects that implement the Draft Greenway Trail Vision Plan. This may include capital projects to construct or improve a land trail, or plans and designs for a land trail, specifically those that fill an identified "gap" in the Greenway Trail System.
- "Main Street" or "Downtown" Revitalization Projects including capital projects or promotional tools that enhance or improve urban, village or town centers.
- Agricultural and Open Space Promotion or Preservation Projects, including capital projects or promotional tools that will preserve and promote Valley agricultural, the marketing and sale of Valley farm products, the preservation of open space or the preservation of habitats for purposes that may include traditional sports such as hunting and fishing.

Applications for the Conservancy Small Grants Program are available by contacting Jessica DesLauriers, Greenway Trails Coordinator, at 518-473-3835 or by email at [jessica.noel.deslauriers@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us](mailto:jessica.noel.deslauriers@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us). Applications can also be downloaded at the Greenway's website by visiting [www.hudsongreenway.state.ny.us](http://www.hudsongreenway.state.ny.us). All applications must be delivered or postmarked by March 25, 2005.

