

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Department of Agriculture and Markets
10B Airline Drive
Albany, New York 12235

INDIVIDUALS, PARTNERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS, COOPERATIVES, CORPORATIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES, AND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARDS

Farmland Viability Program

Pursuant to Article 25-AAAA of the Agriculture and Markets Law, applications will be accepted through June 28, 2005 for financial assistance in the form of matching grants under the Farmland Viability Program. Eligible projects must contribute to the overall farm profitability and sound environmental management of a New York State farm or farms. Eligible applicants include: a) individuals, partnerships, associations, cooperatives, corporations or LLCs that manage a "farm operation" as defined in section 301 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, b) agricultural cooperatives as defined in Section 111 of the Cooperative Corporations law, and c) county agricultural and farmland protection boards which have a county agricultural and farmland protection plan approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets prior to the filing deadline for proposals. Applications submitted by a county agricultural and farmland protection board must propose to implement aspects of the County's approved agricultural and farmland protection plan. Applications submitted by all others must propose to either develop a Farmland Viability Plan or a portion of such a plan; or implement any component of a Farmland Viability Plan that has already been developed by or for the applicant and approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets. For purposes of this Program, a comprehensive nutrient management plan which meets the requirements of Standard NY-312 of the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service will be considered a component of a Farmland Viability Plan. The maximum award to any one applicant shall not exceed \$15,000. County agricultural and farmland protection boards must provide a match at least equal to the amount of State funding requested. All other applicants must provide a match of at least 25 percent of the total cost of the proposal. All applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the matching support as cash.

For an application, contact: Ron Mead, at the above address or call (518) 457-2713, e-mail: ron.mead@agmkt.state.ny.us or visit the "Funding Opportunities" section of the Department's website at www.agmkt.state.ny.us

Education Department

Curriculum, Instruction and Instructional Technology
Room 320 EB
Albany, New York 12234

SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES), AND CONSORTIA THEREOF

Learning Technology Grant Program

Grant funding in the amount of \$3.29 million will be available to support the development and implementation of collaborative learning

technology projects to improve teaching and learning in English Language Arts including early literacy and mathematics Pre-kindergarten through Grade 12. Students attending nonpublic schools can benefit from partnership between the public and nonpublic schools pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Education.

Applications for funding may be obtained at www.emsc.nysed.gov Funding Opportunities. For additional information, contact Connie Centrello at (518) 474-5922 or at emscslt@mail.nysed.gov

Department of Environmental Conservation

625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-1080

MUNICIPALITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY AND ASSOCIATED SHORE LANDS

Hudson River Estuary Grants Under the NYS Environmental Protection Fund

Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2005 for grant funding under the Hudson River Estuary Grant program. Anticipated grant funds from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005-06, is approximately \$1 million. This is a competitive grant program and projects must implement commitments identified in Governor George E. Pataki's Hudson River Estuary Action Plan. Projects must help achieve or support the goals of the Estuary Action Plan in one of the following five categories: Community Interpretive Centers and Education; Open Space, Planning, Inventory and Acquisition; Community-based Habitat Conservation and Stewardship, Watershed Planning and Implementation; and Hudson River Access: Boating, Fishing, Swimming. Projects eligible for state assistance must be located within the geographic boundaries of the Hudson River estuary and associated shore lands. State assistance may fund up to 75 percent of approved eligible project-related costs. The matching share to be provided by the recipient is 25 percent.

Applications are available on-line and can be downloaded and filled in at: www.dec.state.ny.us/website/hudson/hrep.html or for a copy of the application you may contact: Department of Environmental Conservation, 21 S. Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY, (845) 256-3016

Office of Mental Health

Community Budget and Fiscal Services
7th Floor, 44 Holland Avenue
Albany, NY 12229

NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENCIES WITH 501 (C)3 INCORPORATION THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE PROVIDING HOUSING AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO SERIOUSLY AND PERSISTENTLY MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS

Supported Housing for Adults with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) New York City Field Office announces the availability of funds for the development

of supported housing for adults with serious and persistent mental illness. Funding is available to provide rental assistance and support services for individuals within the five boroughs of New York City. The housing is targeted to individuals considered an OMH priority population.

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit agencies with (501(c)3) incorporation that have experience providing housing and/or mental health services to seriously and persistently mentally ill individuals. Current licensed providers who apply must have operating certificates in good standing with OMH.

Letters of Intent are due by May 25, 2005.

Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 17, 2005.

Requests for Proposal can be obtained from the NYS Office of Mental Health, New York City Field Office. Address requests to:

Ms. Christine S. Madan
 Director of Housing and Adult Services
 New York State Office of Mental Health
 New York City Field Office
 330 Fifth Avenue, 9th Floor
 New York, NY 10001

The RFP can also be obtained from the OMH web site: www.omh.state.ny.us

Questions concerning this RFP should be directed as follows:
 Housing and Program Issues, Ms. Caren Abate at (212) 330-6367
 Fiscal Questions, Mr. Joseph Maloney at (212) 330-6370

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NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENCIES WITH (501(C)3) INCORPORATION THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE AND HISTORY PROVIDING HOUSING AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO HIGH NEED SERIOUSLY AND PERSISTENTLY MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS

Supported Housing for Adults with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) Long Island Field Office announces the availability of funds for the development of supported housing for adults with serious and persistent mental illness. Funding is available to develop units of housing for individuals considered an OMH priority population. Proposed projects must be willing to accept all referrals through the Single Point of Access (SPA). Applicants whose proposals are approved will be notified of the number of beds that can be developed. This supported housing must be developed within Nassau and Suffolk counties. Beds created under this Request for Proposal (RFP) must be new beds and cannot be created by closing or combining currently available beds in any residential system.

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit agencies with (501(c)3) incorporation that have experience and history providing housing and/or mental health services to high need seriously and persistently mentally ill individuals. Current licensed providers who apply must have operating certificates and /or contracts in good standing with OMH.

Letters of Intent are due by May 25, 2005.

Proposals are due by 4:30 p.m. on June 17, 2005.

A copy of the Request for Proposal can be obtained from the NYS Office of Mental Health, Long Island Field Office. Address requests and questions to:

Ms. Marilyn Sullivan
 New York State Office of Mental Health
 Long Island Field Office
 998 Crooked Hill Road

Building 45, 3rd Floor
 West Brentwood, NY 11717

The RFP can also be obtained from the OMH web site: www.omh.state.ny.us

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Supported Housing for Adults with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) Western NY Field Office announces the availability of funds for the development of supported housing for adults with serious and persistent mental illness. Funding is available to develop units of housing for individuals considered an OMH priority population. Proposed projects must be willing to accept all referrals through the Single Point of Access (SPA). Applicants whose proposals are approved will be notified of the number of beds that can be developed. This supported housing must be developed within designated counties. Beds created under this Request for Proposal (RFP) must be new beds and cannot be created by closing or combining currently available beds in any residential system.

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit agencies with (501(c)3) incorporation that have experience and history providing housing and/or mental health services to high need seriously and persistently mentally ill individuals. Current licensed providers who apply must have operating certificates and /or contracts in good standing with OMH.

Letters of Intent are due by May 25, 2005.

Proposals are due by 4:30 p.m. on June 17, 2005.

A copy of the Request for Proposal can be obtained from the NYS Office of Mental Health, Western NY Field Office. Address requests and questions to:

Mr. Gerald Scott
 New York State Office of Mental Health
 Western New York Field Office
 737 Delaware Avenue
 Suite 200
 Buffalo, NY 14209

The RFP can also be obtained from the OMH web site: www.omh.state.ny.us

**Division of Probation and
 Correctional Alternatives (DPCA)**
 80 Wolf Road, Suite 501
 Albany, NY 12205

PUBLIC AGENCIES OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT OR FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH ESTABLISHED CREDENTIALS IN WORKING WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATIONS

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Project for Community Corrections Programs

DPCA is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for programs supported by a suballocation of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to address one or more of the four federally established purposes for TANF "non-assistance" funding. Contracts for \$100,000 or more

per year for a total of up to \$3.7 million will fund programs for needy families as alternatives to incarceration for eligible individuals involved in the criminal justice system who are the parents of a child under the age of 18 or 19. Eligible program participants will have incomes that fall below 200 percent of the federally established poverty levels. Program services may include but are not limited to the following: identifying participant strengths and assessing participant risks and needs; advocacy for program participants and case management for family reunification; cognitive/behavioral programming for participants; networking with service providers; screening, referral, and monitoring participant progress in community-based services; providing vocational and educational skills; conducting job preparation, pre-employment training, job placement and job retention services; mentoring; providing parenting skills training, including gender specific training; conducting family case management and/or counseling; preparing client-specific release plans; and aftercare services for participants completing the program.

Applications will be accepted through June 13, 2005 with letters of intent to attend the bidders' conference and questions due by May 20, 2005. The bidders' conference will be held on or about May 24, 2005 at a location in the Capital District.

To obtain RFP application materials, contact: Howard Bancroft, Administrative Officer, at the above address, or call (518) 485-2393 or e-mail: howard.bancroft@dpc.state.ny.us

Departments of State and Environmental Conservation

Division of Coastal Resources
41 State Street
Albany, New York 12231

NEW YORK STATE MUNICIPALITIES, COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS; AND MUNICIPALITIES AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS ACTING IN COOPERATION

New York State Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program Grants

The Departments of State and Environmental Conservation are soliciting grant applications from municipalities and community based organizations for the preparation of area-wide brownfield redevelopment plans and site assessments for priority brownfield sites. Grants will be provided to cover up to 90% of the eligible costs for each activity described below. Grant applications will be accepted through June 30, 2005 for the following purposes:

Eligible Activities

1. Pre-Nomination Study - The Pre-Nomination Study provides a preliminary description and analysis of existing conditions and opportunities in the proposed Brownfield Opportunity Area.
2. Nomination - The Nomination provides an in-depth and thorough description and analysis, including an economic and market trends analysis, of existing conditions, opportunities, and reuse potential for properties located in the proposed Brownfield Opportunity Area with an emphasis on the identification and reuse potential of priority brownfield sites that are catalysts for revitalization.
3. Site Assessments and/or Implementation Strategy - If needed, site assessments will result in identifying the location, nature and extent of contamination on priority brownfield sites within a Brownfield Opportunity Area. The Implementation Strategy provides a description of the techniques and actions to implement the area-wide plan and compliance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act regulations.

Eligible Applicants - Applicants that are eligible to apply for a Brownfield Opportunity Areas grant application include: New York State

municipalities; community based organizations; and municipalities and community based organizations acting in cooperation. Two or more eligible applicants may, and are encouraged to, submit a joint application.

Sources to Obtain a Grant Application

Web Address - Copies of this application are available at the Department of State's web site at: www.nywaterfronts.ny.us

E-mail Request - Applications may be obtained through an e-mail request addressed to coastal@dos.state.ny.us

Telephone Request - You may call 518-474-6000 to request a paper copy of the application.

Public Information Meetings - Applications will be available at the scheduled public information meetings.

Contact Information - For general or technical questions about this grant program, the application, and guidance for applicants, you may call: the New York State Department of State, 41 State Street, Albany, New York 12231 at (518) 474-6000 for area-wide brownfield related planning questions and information for Steps 1- 3; or the Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233 at (518) 402-9711 for site assessment questions.