

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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

**FOR-PROFIT FARM OPERATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE
NEW YORK STATE CATTLE HEALTH ASSURANCE PROGRAM
Federal Funds for Johne's Disease Control**

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets announces the availability of \$120,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to fund a competitive grant program to assist farmers participating in the New York State Cattle Health Assurance Program (NYSCHAP) with adopting management practices to control the spread of Johne's Disease. The Department of Agriculture and Markets has issued a Request for Proposals inviting farm operators that are participants in NYSCHAP to submit proposals for implementing strategies to control Johne's Disease on their farm. Applicants must have completed an original NYSCHAP herd plan or an annual review within 14 months prior to deadline for submission of proposals. Proposed projects must address some or all of the John's Disease control needs identified by the farm's NYSCHAP Herd Plan. The project should facilitate a long-term (multi-year) improvement in management which will result in better John's Disease control by addressing one or more of the goals set in the farm's NYSCHAP herd plan. Total grant funding for any individual farm shall not exceed \$3,000. Proposals will be accepted through December 19, 2005. Grant recipients must provide a match equal to at least twenty-five percent of the total cost of the project. Such match, subject to limitations, may include both cash and in-kind resources directly associated with implementation of the project.

For a copy of the Request for Proposals, contact: Dr. Joy Bennett, at the above address or call (518) 457-3502; joy.bennett@agmkt.state.ny.us, or visit the "Funding Opportunities" section of the Department's website at www.agmkt.state.ny.us

Education Department
Office of Curriculum and Instructional Support
Room 319 EB
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**DESIGNATED LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES
Apprenticeship Related and Supplemental Instruction Program
(ARSIP), New York State Education Law 3610**

Local education agencies that provide related or supplemental instruction to apprentices registered by the New York State Department of Labor are eligible for an apportionment under Section 3610 of New York State Education Law.

State funds in the amount of \$1,830,000 are available to reimburse designated agencies according to the number of hours of related instruction given all apprentices in the area served by the agency.
For more information, contact Tom Orsini at (518) 474-8940.

Education Department
Office of Bilingual Education
Room 367 EBA
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**SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION**

**Bilingual Education, Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivisions 2,
2a**

The 2005-06 New York State budget has appropriated \$11,200,000 in Bilingual Education funds for programs for limited English proficient (LEP) students. The funds are available to eligible applicants on a competitive basis, consistent with the strategic objectives and principles of the Regents Policy Paper and Proposed Action for Bilingual Education and the Strategies for Raising Standards.

Funds are used to support Bilingual Education Technical Assistance Centers, Two-way Bilingual Model Education Programs, Bilingual/ESL Teacher Leadership Academy, the Intensive Teacher Institute and other bilingual education initiatives. Most of the funds will be used to continue multi-year grants.

For applications for funding, go to www.emsc.nysed.gov and look under Competitive Procurement Contracts and Funding Opportunities/Allocations. *For more information, contact the Office of Bilingual Education, at (518) 474-8775.*

**Division of Housing and Community Renewal
Low-Income Housing Credit Program**

Hampton Plaza
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207

**PERSONS/FIRMS THAT CONSTRUCT AND/OR REHABILITATE
RENTAL HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS
Tax Credit Available Under the Low-Income Housing Credit
Program**

Description: The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) announces the availability of tax credit under the Low-Income Housing Credit Program (LIHC) which is authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. DHCR

expects to have approximately \$20 million available for Credit Reservations. The maximum amount of the annual tax credit allocation per application that may be requested is \$1.0 million. Applicants requesting LIHC for projects in which 50% or more of the units will serve large families or special needs populations, and which will provide services to those special needs populations, may request up to \$1.2 million. Of the \$20 million available, up to \$2 million may be made available for preservation projects as defined in DHCR's Low-Income Housing Credit Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). Additionally, an amount of up to \$2 million may be made available for redevelopment of public housing which has met the conditions for approvals required under the New York State Public Housing Law. DHCR reserves the right to allocate all, a portion of, or none of the 2006 and 2007 program funds based upon LIHC availability, the competitiveness of the applications received and the applicant's ability to meet DHCR criteria for funding. Application packages will be available at DHCR Regional Offices beginning the week of November 7, 2005. Applicants are responsible for obtaining the proper application for funding. Applications must be received by DHCR by 5:00 p.m., February 27, 2006.

Applications will be accepted only at the above address:

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE OR AT OTHER LOCATIONS

Individuals who hand deliver applications 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 an application not being accepted.

- Persons/firms that construct and/or rehabilitate rental housing that is reserved for low-income households may apply for LIHC. The LIHC amount is based upon the actual cost of acquisition, rehabilitation and/or construction of rental properties for low-income households.
- Applications are evaluated for completeness, program eligibility, competitiveness, feasibility and the extent to which the application meets the threshold and selection criteria contained in DHCR's QAP.
- It is anticipated that DHCR will be administering LIHC in accordance with the proposed QAP which was published in the State Register on October 5, 2005. DHCR is currently accepting comments on the proposed QAP and a public hearing has been scheduled. Further information about the proposed QAP and the public hearing is available on DHCR's website or at the DHCR Regional Offices noted below. The process for amending the QAP will be completed prior to the deadline for the submission of applications. In the event the proposed QAP is not adopted prior to the application deadline, the current QAP will remain in effect.
- Applications which are submitted under the Unified Funding Program in response to the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation Notice of Funding Availability issued concurrently with this Notice of Credit Availability (NOCA) which include a request for Credit will be reviewed by DHCR under this NOCA.
- An application fee is due at time of application. Not-for-profit applicants (or their wholly-owned subsidiaries) which will be the sole general partner of the partnership/project owner or the sole managing member of the limited liability company/project owner may request a deferral of payment until credit allocation.
- Notices regarding the status of applications submitted under this NOCA are expected to be mailed during the month of July 2006.
- Application workshops will be conducted at five locations starting November 7, 2005. Please contact one of the DHCR

Regional Offices shown below to obtain an application package or for more information on the workshops, or visit our website at: www.dhcr.state.ny.us

Capital District Regional Office
 NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal
 Debra Devine, Regional Director
 Hampton Plaza, 9th Floor
 38-40 State Street
 Albany, New York 12207
 (518) 486-5012

Buffalo Regional Office
 NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal
 Thomas H. Van Nortwick, Regional Director
 Statler Towers, 107 Delaware Avenue, Suite 600
 Buffalo, New York 14202
 (716) 842-2244

Syracuse Regional Office
 NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal
 Vernita King, Regional Director
 800 South Wilbur Avenue
 Syracuse, New York 13204
 (315) 473-6930
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1127
 Syracuse, New York 13201

New York City Regional Office
 NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal
 Deborah Boatright, Regional Director
 25 Beaver Street, 7th Floor
 New York, New York 10004
 (212) 480-7644

Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)
 Hampton Plaza
 38-40 State Street
 Albany, NY 12207

PERSONS/FIRMS THAT CONSTRUCT AND/OR REHABILITATE HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS/HOUSEHOLDS
Funding for Not-For-Profit Entities, For-Profit Entities and Municipalities Under the Housing Trust Fund Program, the New York State HOME Program, the Homes for Working Families Program, the Urban Initiatives Program, the Rural Area Revitalization Program, the New York Main Street Program, the Access to Home Program, and the Residential Emergency Services to Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) Program

Description: Request For Proposals (RFP)/Application packages for site-specific project applications will be available beginning the week of November 7, 2005. Separate applications will be used for: site-specific projects funded under the HOME and/or the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Programs, the Urban Initiative (UI) Program, the Rural Area Revitalization Program (RARP) or the Homes for Working Families (HWF) Program; locally administered programs funded under the New York State HOME Program (HOME); locally administered programs funded under the Residential Emergency Services To Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) Program; locally administered programs funded under the New York Main Street Program; and locally administered programs funded under the Access to Home

Program. Applicants are responsible for using the proper application for funding. Applications for site-specific projects will be available at NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) Regional Offices, at application workshops and from the DHCR web site. All applications for locally administered programs must be submitted electronically and are expected to be available on the DHCR website, www.dhcr.state.ny.us, in January 2006. Site-specific application workshops will be held during the month of November 2005 in Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, New York City and Long Island. Applications for HOME, HTF, HWF, UI and RARP site-specific project funding (except for seed money requests) must be received by the HTFC by 5:00 PM, Monday, February 27, 2006. Applications for locally administered programs funded under HOME, RESTORE, New York Main Street or Access to Home must be received by HTFC by 5:00 PM, Monday, March 20, 2006. Individuals who hand deliver site-specific applications 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 an application not being accepted.

HTFC applications will be accepted only at the above address:

- The New York State HOME Program expects to have approximately \$39 million, subject to the availability of appropriations. Note: A minimum of 15 percent of available funds is required to be reserved for projects developed, owned, or sponsored by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). Not-for-profit applicants who wish to pursue pre-qualification by the HTFC as a CHDO should contact the appropriate Regional Office listed below. The New York State HOME Program also allocates a minimum of 80 percent of the funds available (after the 15 percent reserved for CHDOs) to projects located in non-participating jurisdictions. It is one of the purposes of the HOME Program to give, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with federal, state and local laws and regulations, job training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to low and very low-income persons and locally owned enterprises. Federal law and regulations require that recipients of federal funds in excess of \$200,000 for construction or rehabilitation projects and their contractors agree to comply with the provisions set forth in 24 CFR part 135 (section 3).
- The Low-Income Housing Trust Fund Program expects to have approximately \$29 million available, subject to the availability of appropriations.
- The HWF Program expects to have approximately \$7 million available, subject to the availability of appropriations. Applications will be accepted continuously until further notice. Applications received between now and February 27, 2006 will be considered as part of this funding round. Award decisions for applications received after February 27, 2006 will be deferred until after award announcements for project and program applications have been made.
- The RESTORE Program will have approximately \$400,000 available, subject to the availability of appropriations.
- The New York Main Street Program will have approximately \$10 million available.
 - The Access to Home Program will have approximately \$5 million available.
 - The Urban Initiative Program will have approximately \$1.5 million available.
 - The Rural Area Revitalization Program will have approximately \$1.0 million available.
 - Seed Money loans of up to \$45,000 per project from either

HOME (CHDOs only) or HTF (not-for-profit organizations only) are available. Seed Money applications may be submitted at any time to the appropriate Regional Office listed herein. Award decisions for any Seed Money requests submitted during the Funding Round will be deferred until after award announcements for project and program applications have been made.

Any project application, regardless of county, may be referred to the Division of Housing and Community Renewal for consideration of project based Section 8 voucher assistance.

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.

The RFP to be issued is part of the Unified Funding application packet. Applicants should refer to the RFP to determine eligibility requirements for each program.

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 will be conducted at the following times and locations:

Capital District Monday, November 7th at 10:00 AM Comfort Inn at Albany Airport 20 Airport Park Boulevard Latham, NY	Buffalo Wednesday, November 9th at 1:00 PM Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites 601 Dingens Street Buffalo, NY
Syracuse Thursday, November 10th at 10:00 AM The Genesee Grand Hotel 1060 E. Genesee Street Syracuse, NY	Long Island Wednesday, November 16th at 10:30 AM York College, Lecture Hall S131 94-20 Guy Brewer Boulevard Jamaica, NY

New York City
Thursday, November 17th
at 10:30 AM
Adam Clayton Powell State Office Bldg.
2nd Floor Art Gallery
163 West 125th Street
New York, NY

Application materials will be distributed starting one half-hour before each workshop. Materials will also be available on the DHCR web site beginning on November 1, 2005.

The workshops will include a discussion of project application requirements and the Unified Funding process. There will be a 45 minute introductory session for new applicants at the beginning of each workshop. A workshop agenda will be posted on the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal web site (see below) on November 2, 2005. Interested parties should refer to the web site to familiarize themselves with the agenda items.

Application workshops for local program applicants will be held in early December, 2005. Potential program applicants will be notified by mail, e-mail or through the DHCR web site once these workshops have been scheduled. Interested parties should periodically check the DHCR web site for information on the local program application round.

Application clinics may be scheduled with the staff of one of the Regional Offices listed below to provide applicants with an opportunity to discuss a project or program application. Staff will be available from November 28, 2005 through the respective application due dates.

For a paper copy of the site specific application and/or technical assistance in application preparation, contact one of the Regional Offices listed below:

Capital District Regional Office Hampton Plaza, 9th Floor 38-40 State Street Albany, NY 12207 Telephone: (518) 486-5012 Debra Devine, Regional Director	Buffalo Regional Office Statler Towers 107 Delaware Avenue, Suite 600 Buffalo, NY 14202 Telephone: (716) 842-2244 Thomas H. Van Nortwick, Regional Director
Syracuse Regional Office 800 South Wilbur Avenue Syracuse, NY 13204 Mailing Address: PO Box 1127, Telephone: (315) 473-6930 Vernita King, Regional Director	New York City Regional Office 25 Beaver St., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10004 Deborah Boatright, Regional Director

**The Office of Parks Recreation & Historic
Preservation**

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NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; 2005, BOTANICAL GARDENS, HERBARIUMS, ARBORETUMS, AQUARIUMS, BIRD SANCTUARIES, NATURAL HABITAT PRESERVES, NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUMS, AND NATURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTERS

Category I, Collection Care Costs Program; Category II, Special Purposes Program

Applicants must be public or not-for-profit organizations; zoos, botanical gardens, herbariums, arboretums, aquariums, bird sanctuaries, natural habitat preserves, natural science museums, and nature and environmental centers which own, house and care for living or systematically organized collections of biological specimens and which primarily provide such services to the general public on a regular and predictable basis.

At the present time, there are two categories within the Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquarium Program under which funds may be requested. Category I, Collections Care Costs, is funding for expenses directly related to the care, security and interpretation of the collections. Category II, Special Purposes, is funding for the development of new exhibits or the rehabilitation of existing exhibits for the permanent collections and for new, innovative projects or programs for the institution.

Competitive applications to receive aid are required and must be postmarked no later than January 6, 2006. Funding for local assistance grants is made available through an appropriation from the State's General Fund.

For an application contact: Cathy Jepson (518) 474-8396, <http://www.nysparks.com/grants>, or write to the above address.

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Albany, NY 12231

COUNTIES, TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGES, LOCAL PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATIONS, INDIAN TRIBES/NATIONS, AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS Environmental Protection Fund; New York State Quality Communities Program

Funds are available for planning projects which revitalize downtowns, develop strong economies and protect environmental resources. Eligible applicants may apply for grants by submitting proposals that incorporate one or more of the following programs: Intermunicipal Growth, Community Growth, Community Open Space, Mountain Communities and Community Center.

Request for Applications and forms along with other pertinent information are available for downloading from the: Quality Communities Clearinghouse Web site: www.qualitycommunities.org. For other information, please call (518) 473-3355 or email QC@dos.state.ny.us. Application Deadline is December 5, 2005.