

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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

**NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE PROVIDING REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO LEGALLY BLIND INDIVIDUALS AND DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE PROVIDING SERVICES TO LEGALLY BLIND TEENAGERS  
CBVH Summer College Orientation for Legally Blind Teens**

This is a Request For Qualifications (RFQ). Organizations interested in providing this service must submit a letter describing the organization's qualifications and a brief outline of a plan for the proposed service. Applying agencies must be a not-for-profit organization with a minimum of three years experience in providing rehabilitation and employment services to legally blind individuals, and demonstrated experience providing services to legally blind teenagers. Must have the necessary computer-based adaptive equipment to provide individualized training. Within six months of the start date of the contract for these services must have a written agreement with a college or university in the metropolitan New York City area, identifying the dormitory space to be used for this program, and permitting the contractor to use areas of the campus relevant to this program. In their response to this RFQ, potential contractors must identify the college or university with whom they will establish this agreement.

Items covered under grant: CBVH Summer College Orientation for Legally Blind Teens

Applications will be accepted through: October 27, 2005.

Description:

- *Number of dollars or items. See below.*
- *Application restrictions (if any).* This is a Request For Qualifications (RFQ). Organizations interested in providing this service must submit a letter describing the organization's qualifications and a brief outline of a plan for the proposed service. Project Description - Provide, in three consecutive years, a four-week (5 days/week) orientation program for 18 - 22 legally blind college-bound teens, ages 14-18, in metropolitan New York City. The program must be conducted in the months of July or August, and the four week period must be consecutive weeks. Program must include daytime classes at the contractor's facility, orientation to a college campus and dormitory in the afternoon and evening, and supervised overnight residence at the college dormitory. The contractor must provide all-night supervision in the dormitory by at least two adult staff members, one female and one male. Dormitory rooms must house no more than two trainees. Instruction must include orientation & mobility instruction/safe travel training in the dormitory setting, on the campus, to and from the campus, and to and from job sites. Additional instruction must include adaptive technology and computer use, note-taking, and library skills. The program must include trainee-initiated, contractor-supervised meal preparation,

social, sports and recreational activities, using the dormitory and college facilities in a way that fosters integration into the community of non-disabled individuals. The program must also include field visits to potential employment sites throughout the NYC area, and must incorporate presentations on occupational opportunities and training in interviewing skills. Transportation must be provided by the contractor between the contractor's facility and the college campus and dormitory. It is anticipated that the contract for these services will commence July 1, 2006. Costs may not exceed \$9,000 per trainee, for participation in the four-week program. No additional charges may be made to the trainee, or the trainee's family.

- *Any miscellaneous information you feel might assist the readers in determining whether or not they should request an application for this particular grant.*

*For an application, contact:* Kenneth Galarneau, Office of Children and Family Services, Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, 52 Washington St., Rm. 201-South, Rensselaer, NY 12144, (518) 474-4812

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CBVH Saturday Core Services for Legally Blind Teens**

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Applications will be accepted through: October 27, 2005.

Description:

- *Number of dollars or items. See below.*
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- Provide a program of services on Saturdays for legally blind teens in the metropolitan New York City area which will incorporate NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped Core services (orientation & mobility instruction/safe travel training, daily living skills instruction, social services related to vision loss, and job skills training) into a program of teenage appropriate socialization and recreational activities, such as dance classes, martial arts training, etc. The program must be capable of providing gender-specific instruction, as needed. A three year contract will be awarded for these services. The program must accommodate 25-30 participants each Saturday. Program design must anticipate that each individual will participate for approximately two years, so program activities must be sufficiently diverse, flexible and interesting to encourage voluntary, self-motivated, participation. Each participant will identify, in conjunction with CBVH staff, a series of goals to be met during the two-year period. Such goals will include, but not be limited to: independence in dressing and grooming, preparation of meals, mastery of other daily living skills, basic money management, typing a minimum of 20 wpm, use of public transportation, independently traveling to and from the program during the second year, basic familiarity with assistive technology, participation in at least one vocational exploration program, identification of at least two career goals, initiation of a least two face-to-face interviews with legally blind adults working in those careers, and identification of recreational and other age-appropriate resources in their home community and development of a plan to access these resources upon completion of the second year. The program must be designed to provide programs which will enhance achievement of these goals in an innovative format that will build individual enthusiasm, confidence and motivation. The program must also conduct a Parent Support Group of parents or guardians of participants in the Saturday Core Services Program to encourage parental support of the teen goal achievement, and to provide orientation and training for parents and guardians in techniques for working with their blind children. Costs may not exceed \$7,000 per child, per year. No additional charges may be made to the trainee, or the trainee's family.

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information are available for downloading from the: Quality Communities Clearinghouse Web site: [www.qualitycommunities.org](http://www.qualitycommunities.org). For other information, please call (518) 473-3355 or e-mail: [QC@dos.state.ny.us](mailto:QC@dos.state.ny.us). Application Deadline has been extended to November 28, 2005.

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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