

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Education Department
Office of Bilingual Education
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Albany, NY 12234

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH APPROVED COMPREHENSIVE PLANS UNDER COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS PART 154

Two-Way Bilingual Education, Education Law, Section 3602, Subdivisions 2, 2a

Competitive grant funds totaling \$1,650,000 are available to public school districts with approved Comprehensive Plans under Commissioner's Regulations Part 154 to support Two-Way Bilingual Education Programs.

A Two-Way Bilingual Education Program integrates limited English proficient (LEP) students with English proficient (EP) students in an instructional program which uses two languages for instruction. Two-Way Bilingual Education programs are composed of three components: 1) Instructional, 2) Parental Involvement, and 3) Staff Development. The primary purpose of this grant program is to develop academic excellence and bilingual proficiency for LEP and English Proficient (EP) students.

The application for funding can be found at www.emsc.nysed.gov. Click on Funding Opportunities/Allocations and then click on Current Funding Opportunities. Completed applications for funding must be submitted to the New York State Education Department postmarked by October 30, 2006. For more information, contact Mary Enright in the Office of Bilingual Education, at (518) 474-8775.

Office of Mental Retardation
and Developmental Disabilities
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PUBLIC OR COMMUNITY-BASED NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
New York City Resource Consortium

Intent of Proposal - Why is OMRDD Making This Investment?

By this Request for Proposals, the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD), through its New York City Regional Office (NYCRO) and potential matching funds from the NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC), is announcing the availability of funding to support up to four (4) voluntary agencies, at \$50,000 per agency for each of two years, to serve as a NYC Resource Consortium. The intent of this resource entity is to provide guidance to individuals, families/advocates, agencies and DDSOs on the development and implementation of individualized living environments with supports in the metropolitan area. OMRDD will

fund internship opportunities within each Consortium agency for people who have developmental disabilities through its Employment Training Program (ETP) for a two year period.

OMRDD wishes to promote the more widespread development and implementation of small individualized living environments, including small Individualized Support Services (ISS) arrangements with supports, Supervised Individualized Residential Alternatives (IRAs) and Supportive IRAs, etc. OMRDD is proud of all its initiatives and programs that have removed barriers to affordable and accessible housing for individuals with developmental disabilities. This program is being established to assist in continued development of innovative housing opportunities for OMRDD individuals (consumers) in the New York City metropolitan area.

Who is Eligible to Apply for This Request for Proposals

Eligible applicants include public or community-based not-for-profit organizations with proven expertise in the provision of residential services to persons with developmental disabilities. Preference will be given to organizations with evidence of:

- organizational commitment to small, individualized living environments including those for people with significant support needs;
- partnership activities involving multiple stakeholders, including self-advocates and families/advocates in order to implement best practices; and
- participation with other non-profit agencies to ensure that individuals' needs are met in a cost-effective and culturally sensitive fashion.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This announcement does not provide sufficient information to allow for submission of a proposal in response to the RFP. You **MUST** obtain a copy of the formal RFP. *Requests for a copy of the RFP document should be made to:* Denise Pensky, Litigation Support Services, OMRDD 44 Holland Ave., 4th Fl., Albany, NY 12229, by telephone to Ms. Pensky's office via Virginia Schoonmaker at (518) 486-6158, or by fax to (518) 473-1121, or via email at denise.pensky@omr.state.ny.us or virginia.schoonmaker@omr.state.ny.us

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501(C)3 NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, CREDIT UNIONS
AND FEDERALLY-CERTIFIED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITH A SUCCESSFUL TRACK
RECORD IN PROVIDING FINANCING ASSISTANCE TO
MINORITY OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

Minority and Women Business Interest Subsidy Grant Program

Applications will be accepted through October 10, 2006 in the form of proposals from organizations to administer a Minority and Women

Business Interest Subsidy Grant Program ("MWBISG") in New York State. The selected organization will make interest subsidy grants for working capital and fixed asset loans to qualified minority and women-owned businesses. ESDC will award on average \$60,000 for this purpose and up to 10% can be used toward administrative expenses associated with the MWBISG Program.

Selected organizations will be expected to market the program, identify eligible businesses, and provide appropriate technical assistance before and after the interest subsidy grant award.

For an application, contact: Huey-Min Chuang, Director, Empire State Development, 633 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017, (212) 803-3238, e-mail: hchuang@empire.state.ny.us