

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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

PRIVATE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS, PUBLIC AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS (SECULAR AND FAITH-BASED), OPERATING SOLELY IN NEW YORK STATE

## **2006/07 AmeriCorps\*State/AmeriCorps State Education Award Program Grant**

The following organizations are eligible to apply for a 2006/2007 AmeriCorps\*State/AmeriCorps State Education Award program grant through the New York State Commission on National and Community Service:

Private not-for-profit corporations, public agencies, local governments, educational institutions, labor organizations and community-based organizations (secular and faith-based), operating solely in New York State; partnerships or consortia consisting of the foregoing, are eligible to apply for funding to the New York State Commission for National and Community Service in order to deliver a program within New York State. Applicants that have never received funding through the New York State Commission on National and Community Service or AmeriCorps are encouraged to apply for funding under this notice.

Applications will be accepted through January 27, 2006 at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST) for the 2006 AmeriCorps\*State/AmeriCorps State Education Award program grant.

The AmeriCorps\*State Operating Grants support fully developed plans to establish a new national service program or to support, expand or replicate existing national service programs that address critical needs in their communities through the five program issue areas of homeland security, environment, education, public safety, or other human needs. Funds provide support for member living allowances. The AmeriCorps Education Awards Only Grant provides an allotment of educational awards to organizations that can support most programmatic and participant costs through other sources and also meet the AmeriCorps program requirements.

All proposals for the AmeriCorps\*State Operating Grants must request no fewer than 10 Member Service Years (MSY), formerly Full Time Equivalent (FTE). One MSY is equivalent to 1700 service hours. Based on past experience, the New York State Commission on National and Community Service recommends that programs with at least 20 MSY members should have a full-time equivalent program director. Applicants for funding are required to apply measurable performance goals to determine the impact of AmeriCorps on communities and participants.

Each year the allocation of resources available for competitive and formula grants to states depends on a number of factors, including: the total amount of funds available nationally, the size of the portfolios of programs in each category, projected carry-over, unexpended funds, and proposed new programs. Subject to the availability of federal appropriations for fiscal year 2006, the Corporation for National and Community

Service has announced the anticipated availability of approximately \$69,200,000 to award to new and re-competing AmeriCorps State and National grant programs for Fiscal Year 2006 on a national level. The Corporation anticipates an additional \$101 million to support continuation grants for grantees nationally in their second and third year of AmeriCorps funding during FY 2006.

Successful programs will generally be given an initial 15-month contract, which includes a three-month close out period. Programs are generally funded for a three-year project period with annual renewals contingent upon availability of funds and adequate performance. The full multi-year term of a contract awarded under this RFP is projected to be 10/1/06-12/31/09. Some programs, (i.e. school based programs, education award only programs) however, will be allowed earlier contract start dates.

Address to Request Application Package: The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has converted the multi-State agency e-Grants system to an online bidders list (OBL) for use in announcing OCFS procurement opportunities. The OCFS OBL is maintained electronically and can be found at <https://ocfsws.ocfs.state.ny.us/obl>. If you wish to receive announcements of this procurement and future OCFS procurement opportunities and be able to download solicitation documents you must register on the Online Bidder's List. Also the solicitation document for these awards may be downloaded from the OCFS web site at <http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/bcm/>.

To obtain or submit your application, please access the OCFS online bidders list at <https://ocfsws.ocfs.state.ny.us/obl> to download a paper application. Paper Application instructions also can be obtained by contacting the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, at 518-473-8882 or visit [www.americorps.gov/egrants](http://www.americorps.gov/egrants) to access eGrants. Application instructions are also available at [www.americorps.gov/for\\_organizations/funding](http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/funding).

Applications are to be submitted using eGrants, the Corporation's integrated, secure, web-based system for applications <http://www.cns.gov/egrants/index.asp>. In addition to completing an online application, applicants must submit, in hard copy, all attachments specified in this NOFO, the application instructions, and the AmeriCorps regulations. Please include a copy of the 424 Face sheet with your attachments for identification purposes. Submit required attachments to:

NYS Office of National and Community Service  
Capital View Office Park/South Building, Room 309,  
52 Washington Street, Rensselaer, NY 12144-2796

We strongly encourage you to create your eGrants account and begin your application at least three weeks prior to the final submission deadline and begin pasting your application into eGrants no later than 24 hours before the deadline.

This will allow you time to address technical issues prior to the deadline.

If you encounter difficulties using eGrants, contact the eGrants Help Desk at 888-677-7849 or 202-606-7506 or by email at [egrantshelp@cns.gov](mailto:egrantshelp@cns.gov).

Use only uppercase letters for all section headings and other information you would like to highlight in your narrative. Bold face, bullets, underlines, or other types of formatting, charts, diagrams, and tables will not copy into eGrants. Do not use any of these in your application.

- Adhere to all the character limits indicated in the application instructions. Characters include all the letters, punctuation, and spaces in your document. Your word processing software (e.g., Microsoft Word ©) can provide a character count.

Paper Applications: In the event that you are unable to submit in eGrants, you may submit an application to the New York State Commission on National and Community Service by January 27, 2006, following these instructions (All paper applications must be postmarked by January 27, 2006 at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST):

Type and double-space the application in Times New Roman, 12-point font size with one-inch margins.

- Adhere to the character limits listed in the application instructions and number the pages.

- Submit one unbound, single-sided original paper application. Also submit an electronic version of your application on diskette or CD-ROM in order to expedite processing. The diskette version must be an exact duplicate of the paper original and will be used to copy and paste your application information into eGrants. If there are differences between the paper application and the diskette or CD-ROM, we will use the diskette or CD-ROM version. Faxed or emailed versions of your application will not be accepted.

With your paper application, please include, in hard copy, a brief paragraph that describes the technical issues that prevented you from submitting in eGrants.

- All paper applications must be postmarked by January 27, 2006 at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

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**Education Department**

Office of New York City School and Community Services  
Room 381 EBA  
Albany, NY 12234

**ELIGIBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**Reading First, Title I Part B, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001**

A competitive grant application for multi-year Reading First grants is available for eligible school districts and charter schools at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/deputy/Documents/funding-opport.htm>. Completed applications must be submitted to the New York State Education Department by March 20, 2006. Schools that receive grants must use the funds to improve early reading instruction in grades K-3 and to conduct related professional development programs.

*For more information, contact:* Early Education and Reading Initiatives, Room 381 EBA, Albany, NY 12234 at (518) 474-5807

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**Education Department**

Public School Choice Programs  
Room 462 EBA  
Albany, NY 12234

**POTENTIAL CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICANTS, CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICANTS, AND ESTABLISHED CHARTER SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK STATE**

**Federal Funds for Public Charter Schools**

Approximately \$1 million is available from the New York State Education Department for new grants for planning and implementing

activities related to the establishment of new charter schools and the conversion of existing public schools into charter schools. Grant awards up to \$175,000 per project period will be made.

The grant application is available at [www.emsc.nysed.gov](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov) under Funding Opportunities/Allocations. The due date of the application is March 20, 2006.

*For further information contact:* Jeanette Canaday at (518) 474-3936 or Dr. Darlene Mengel at (518) 474-1762

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**Department of Health**

**Office of Minority Health**

Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower – Rm. 780  
Albany, NY 12237

**NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**

**Minority Health Mini Grant Program 2006 - Achieving Targeted Reductions in Disparities in Asthma, Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke**

The New York State Department of Health invites applications from not-for-profit community based organizations to implement small-scale, short-term, well-defined projects designed to achieve targeted reductions in risks associated with asthma, diabetes, or heart disease and stroke in racial and ethnic minority communities.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organizations and community groups. Minority-operated community-based organizations and community groups with a focus on racial/ethnic minority populations are strongly encouraged to apply. All applicants should document existing programs or services that target racial/ethnic minority groups.

**Program Summary**

The goal of this mini-grant solicitation is to achieve targeted reductions in risks associated with asthma, diabetes, or heart disease and stroke through either individual-level or community-level change. Applicants must propose interventions designed to achieve measurable outcomes associated with a change(s) in

- 1) individual knowledge or behavior which leads to adoption of healthy behaviors,
- 2) community knowledge and awareness of targeted minority group(s),
- 3) provider knowledge and behavior likely to improve efforts to reduce the target disparity,
- 4) community groups and organizations involved in addressing the target disparity, and/or
- 5) organization-level or community-level policy supportive of a reduction of the target health disparity.

The application should describe as completely as possible, 1) the target population, 2) documentation of a disparity in asthma, diabetes, or heart disease and stroke amongst the target population in the target community, 3) a strategy likely to lead to a reduction of risks associated with the disparity addressed, and 4) the expected impact on the target population of implementing the proposed strategy(s).

It is anticipated that ten (10) projects will be funded at \$5,000 each. Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m., April 21, 2006. Awarded projects must be completed by June 30, 2007.

*For a complete description of the funding announcement, contact:* Marrion Arrington at the above address or call (518) 474-2180, or send an email request to [somh@notes.health.state.ny.us](mailto:somh@notes.health.state.ny.us), or visit the Department's website at [www.nyhealth.gov](http://www.nyhealth.gov).