

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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, at the above address or call (518) 474-5807

Education Department
Public School Choice Programs
Room 462 EBA
Albany, New York 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 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

Education Department
Office of Workforce Preparation and Continuing Education
Room 319 EB
Albany, NY 12234

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTERS, PUBLIC HOUSING

AUTHORITIES, AND CONSORTIUMS OF SUCH AGENCIES Federal Workforce Investment Act, Title II, The Adult Education and Literacy Act

Approximately \$35 million of Workforce Investment Act funds are available to fund new multi-year grants that provide literacy and basic skills for undereducated, disadvantaged, incarcerated and institutionalized adults, English as a Second Language, workplace and family literacy programs. The grant funds may also cover support services, such as educational counseling and guidance.

The Request for Proposals will be available at www.emsc.nysed.gov under Funding Opportunities/Allocations. The due date for proposals will be postmarked by March 31, 2006.

For more information contact: the Adult Education and Workforce Development Team at (518) 474-8940 or emscadulteda@mail.nysed.gov

State Emergency Management Office

Building #22, Suite 101
1220 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12226

APPLICANTS WITH AN APPROVED FMA OR ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

FMA Planning Grants and FMA Project Grants

The State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) Mitigation and Planning Branches are requesting Letters of Intent (LOI) followed by a detailed application for the federal fiscal year 2006 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program. The funds will be used to support FMA planning grants and FMA project grants. Planning grants are available to any community in the state that does not already have a FEMA-approved FMA or All-hazard Mitigation Plan.

Only applicants with an approved FMA or All-hazard Mitigation Plan are eligible for project funding. FY 2006 project funds may be awarded for eligible cost effective flood mitigation activities that will reduce the risk of flood losses to any property currently insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Eligible mitigation project types include retrofitting of properties; property acquisition or relocation; and minor flood control projects that will protect properties insured under the NFIP. Letters of Intent (LOIs) or pre-applications will be accepted through January 27, 2006 and must be submitted by state and local governments or Indian tribes. Applications will be accepted through March 3, 2006.

To receive an LOI form you can contact your County Emergency Management Office or contact:

For Project Information:

Susan J. Bergmann
State Emergency
Management Office
Building #22, Suite 101

For Planning Information:

Radworth E. Anderson
State Emergency
Management Office
Building #22, Suite 101

Albany, NY 12226
(518) 292-2370

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Department of Health

Division of Home and Community Based Care
Bureau Home Care and Hospice Surveillance and Quality
Indicators/Evaluation
161 Delaware Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054

**HOME CARE AGENCIES LICENSED, CERTIFIED OR EXEMPT
UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, ART. 36
Telemedicine Demonstration Program**

Section 3621, of the Public Health Law authorizes a Telemedicine Demonstration Program to generate additional knowledge and experience with the use of Telemedicine technologies in the home care setting. The demonstration will enable the Department to identify the potential of these technologies to improve quality of care and disease management for home care patients as well as provide information on the costs, benefits and possible efficiencies of these technologies in the delivery of services to home care patients. Eligible applications include home care agencies that are licensed, certified or exempt under Article 36 of the Public Health Law. Home care agencies that have not yet implemented Telemedicine technologies are eligible to submit an application, as are home care agencies that wish to expand, upgrade, change or otherwise modify the technology that they have already implemented.

Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2006 in response to the Request for Application (RFA) for a Telemedicine Demonstration Program.

The contract period is two years.

Interested parties can obtain a copy of the application at www.health.state.ny.us. For persons who do not have access to the Internet, a copy of the RFA can be obtained by contacting: Rebecca Fuller Gray, Director, at the above address or call (518) 408-1638

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ANY ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION, RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, MEDICAL CENTER OR OTHER ENTITY WITH DEMONSTRATED CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT GRANT FUNDED SPINAL CORD INJURY RESEARCH

Collaborations to Achieve Research Translation (CART); Innovative, Developmental or Exploratory Activities (IDEA)

Eligible Recipients: Applications must be submitted by New York State organizations for a New York-based principal investigator and research team. The applicant institution may be any organization, including an academic institution, research organization, public or private organization, medical center or other entity with demonstrated capability to conduct grant funded spinal cord injury research. Unaffiliated individuals are ineligible for awards. Collaborations between New York State and non-New York State researchers are encouraged. Applications will be accepted through: Wednesday, July 19, 2006. The estimated contract start date is 04/01/07. We invite investigators to submit applications for one of the following funding mechanisms:

A. Collaborations to Achieve Research Translation (CART)
• Duration of up to four years
• Average annual direct costs expected to range between \$200,000 - \$300,000

B. Innovative, Developmental or Exploratory Activities (IDEA)
• Duration of 24 months
• Total project costs capped at \$300,000

The intent of the CART grants mechanism is to foster the translation of results from basic (preclinical) research into the next research phase by supporting synergistic partnerships of scientific disciplines and/or organizations.

The intent of the IDEA awards is to support innovative scientific approaches to spinal cord injury research that, although as yet untested, hold out significant likelihood of leading to breakthroughs or new avenues of investigation.

For an application contact: Martin D. Sorin, Ph.D., Department of Health, Wadsworth Center, Rm. C675, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12201-0509, (518) 474-8543, e-mail: mads01@health.state.ny.us