

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Department of Health
Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection
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RFA # 0509090445 - COUNTY GOVERNMENTS IN HIGH RISK RADON COUNTIES

Performance Based Radon Outreach and Education Program That Will Reduce the Public Health Risk from Indoor Radon

Applications will be accepted through August 4, 2006

The New York State Department of Health's, Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection (BERP), receives funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), through the State Indoor Radon Grants (SIRG) Program. Through this Request for Applications (RFA), BERP is seeking to contract with any county government agency that meets the eligibility and program requirements described below.

The Department expects to disburse approximately \$350,000.00 in federal funds. The actual award to each applicant will be based on the proposal merit. Award will be for the full 3 year time period of the contract. Annual awards will not be made. All applicants will be required to provide matching funds equal to the amount of funds being granted. As an example, if a county were granted \$20,000 for the 3 year contract period, a match of at least \$20,000 would be required. This would include the value of personnel or other services provided by the county in the fulfillment of the 3 year contract.

The BERP will provide successful applicants with material support in the form of radon publications and technical assistance. This includes statistical summaries of the department's database of radon measurements, which can be broken down by county and/or towns within any county. In addition, the department has a contract with a radon-testing laboratory to provide low cost radon detectors. A county government agency may purchase detectors through our contract at \$6.75 per detector or through an entity certified by the Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP) for radon in air measurements. A listing of the certified Laboratories can be obtained by calling (518) 485-5570. If the county government agency plans to purchase detectors from an ELAP approved entity, all results would need to be reported by the agency to the BERP for incorporation into our database. In either case, the budget should reflect the expenditure. If detectors are purchased through our contract, they will be shipped directly from the contract laboratory to the county agency for distribution to the homeowner. The homeowner will conduct the testing and return the detectors to the contract laboratory with a prepaid return label. In this case, the counties do not need to report the results to BERP since the contract laboratory periodically reports all results to BERP.

Only county governments in high-risk radon counties are eligible, as determined by the Department of Health's basement screening

database for homes. For the purpose of this RFA, a high-risk radon county is defined as any county that either has a geometric mean basement radon concentration greater than or equal to 2.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/l) or an average basement radon concentration of greater than or equal to 4.0 pCi/l. Based on these criteria, the following counties are eligible to apply for this funding: Albany, Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Dutchess, Erie, Genesee, Greene, Herkimer, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Schuyler, Steuben, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, Ulster, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

Eligible county government agencies shall demonstrate that environmental health staff are available to provide technical assistance regarding radon.

The applicant shall be able to conduct a performance based radon outreach and education program that will reduce the public health risk from indoor radon. The program must focus on achieving results in one or more of the following program areas:

- 1) Increase public awareness and understanding of the health benefits of reducing radon exposure;
- 2) Encourage the public to test homes and/or schools for elevated levels of radon;
- 3) Increase and track the number of homes and/or schools mitigated for elevated levels of radon;
- 4) Increase and track the number of homes and/or schools built with radon resistant construction techniques;
- 5) Increase and track radon testing during residential real estate transactions;
- 6) Increase and track awareness, testing, mitigation in low-income and/or culturally diverse population.

Successful applicants will be expected to complete work as outlined in their workplan within the contract period and submit reports of expenditures and work completed in a timely manner.

For a complete copy of the RFA, contact: Robert P. Snyder at the above address or call (518) 402-7556, e-mail: radon@health.state.ny.us

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NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS Facilitated Enrollment Program

Applications will be accepted no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, July 14, 2006 to provide facilitated enrollment services to individuals

applying for Child Health Plus A and B, Family Health Plus and adult Medicaid Programs. Not-for-profit community based organizations are eligible to apply. Up to \$17 million will be awarded for the period from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 with the option of four additional one year renewals, contingent on program performance and available funding. Services are to be provided in convenient locations throughout New York State communities.

For an application, contact: <http://nyhealth.gov/funding/rfa/0604200921/> or Lisa Brown, at the above address or call (518) 474-5449, e-mail: LXB04@health.state.ny.us

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QUALIFIED LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS/AGENCIES
LOCATED THROUGHOUT NEW YORK STATE (EXCLUSIVE OF
NEW YORK CITY)

Refugee Health Program

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Refugee Health Program announces the opportunity for qualified licensed health care providers/agencies located throughout New York State (exclusive of New York City) to provide refugee health assessments and initial adult vaccinations to new refugee arrivals to the State. The refugee health assessment is designed to promptly identify refugees with health conditions of personal and public health concern; to introduce refugees into the US health care system; to ensure refugees receive ongoing care and appropriate follow up for identified problems by referrals to primary and specialty care providers; and to initiate vaccines required for refugees to adjust their status for permanent residency. The refugee health assessment consists of a set of basic screening components designed to identify health issues typically found in refugee populations. Assessments, completed according to the required protocol, will be reimbursed at an all-inclusive per capita rate of \$286.74 (upstate) or \$294.64 (downstate, which includes Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties). Initial vaccines for adults will be reimbursed at a maximum of \$208.00 per person, where those vaccines were administered during a reimbursable health assessment and actual cost of the vaccines is documented. The program is supported by an annual allocation of Refugee Medical Assistance funds awarded by the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. The total allocation for budget year March 31, 2006 to March 30, 2007 is expected to be \$835,213. In the event funds for the budget year are exhausted, a limit may be placed on the number of health assessments to be provided.

Health care providers/agencies interested in participating in the Program must complete and submit the NYSDOH Refugee Medical Assistance Program application, meet the requirements described therein, and be approved for enrollment. An applicant must be a licensed health care provider (i.e., physician, nurse practitioner, community health center, county health department or clinic); must demonstrate clinical experience and staffing capacity necessary to provide health screenings in accordance with established protocols; must employ bilingual staff or provide interpreter services to overcome language barriers to care; and must demonstrate established linkages to services, whether on site or by referral, to primary care, specialty care, and mental

health services. Experience with the health and mental health needs of refugees, asylees, and victims of trafficking, and in conjunction with office/clinic location accessible to refugees and refugee service agencies is desirable.

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. The Program operates on a five-year contract cycle from March 31, 2005 to March 30, 2010. Contracts can be awarded to approved applicants at any time during this period, and will be in effect for the remainder of the five-year contract cycle, contingent on provider performance and availability of federal RMA funding.

For an application, contact: Refugee Health Program Coordinator, Bureau of Tuberculosis Control at the above address or call (518) 474-4845, e-mail: rhp@health.state.ny.us