

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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; PARTNERSHIPS OR CONSORTIA CONSISTING OF THE FOREGOING

2007/2008 AmeriCorps* State Education Award Program

The following organizations are eligible to apply for an 2007/2008 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 December 6, 2006 for the 2007 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 critical areas in local communities. 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). 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.

This year the New York State Commission will be accepting AmeriCorps Planning Grant proposals. The purpose of an AmeriCorps planning grant is to support the development or improvement of a program so that it may be better prepared to successfully compete for operating assistance in the following grant cycle.

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 2007, the Corporation for National and Community Service has announced the anticipated availability of approximately \$88,000,000 to award to new and re-competing AmeriCorps State and National grant programs for Fiscal Year 2007 on a national level. The Corporation for National and Community Service anticipates that at least 15% of the approximately \$88,000,000 funds described will support applicants that have not received an AmeriCorps State or National operational grant in the last five years. Applicants that have received only a formula operational grant within the last five years will be considered new for purposes of this 15% target.

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 10/1/07-12/31/10. 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 & Family Services, at 518-473-8882.

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 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 by email at 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.

In the event you are prevented from submitting your application by the December 6, 2006 deadline because you are having technical eGrants submission issues, contact the eGrants Helpdesk at 888-677-7849 or e-mail egrantshelp@cns.gov prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern/Daylight Standard Time to explain your technical issue and get a ticket number. You must then submit the following items to the NYS Office of National and Community Service/OCFS - OYD:

- A brief paragraph including your eGrants ticket number and your explanation of the technical issues that prevented you from submitting in eGrants by December 6, 2006;
- A paper application; and
- A disk or CD Rom with an exact duplicate of your application.

Submit these items via overnight carrier. These items must be postmarked no later than December 6, 2006. Please make sure your overnight carrier stamps the package with the date and time it was sent.

The paper application must be typed and double-spaced in Times New Roman, 12-point font size with one-inch margins. Please adhere to the character limits listed in the application instructions and number the pages. Submit one unbound, single-sided original paper application. The electronic version on disk or CD-ROM must be an exact duplicate of the paper original. If there are differences between the paper application and the diskette or CD-ROM, we will use the diskette or CD-ROM version.

Department of Health

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Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

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GENERAL HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCIES, AND DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT CENTERS AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 28 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW; PHYSICIAN GROUPS; COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS; NON-GOVERNMENTAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT PLAN AND COORDINATE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY; PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATIONS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE ENTITIES LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 28 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW; ENTITIES ORGANIZED AS CLINICAL INFORMATION DATA EXCHANGES WHOSE MEMBERS INCLUDE ANY COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE ENTITIES

Health Care Efficiency and Affordability Law for New Yorkers Capital Grant Program (HEALNY) - Health Information Technology (HIT) - Phase 3

Applications will be accepted through January 8, 2007 for grants to support development and investment in HIT initiatives within New York State. Projects are being sought that will benefit the communities where eligible applicants are active, will support the statewide adoption of systems compatible with the federal Strategic HIT Plan, and will be able to integrate with the planned national network for sharing patient data.

Successful applicants must be able to demonstrate that their project will assist in building an infrastructure in New York State to share clinical information among patients, providers, payers, and public entities. Project categories include projects supporting community-wide sharing of imaging data (e-imaging), projects specifically designed to foster bi-directional exchange of public health data and projects designed to expand the exchange of clinical data within New York State.

The Department of Health and the Dormitory Authority currently expect that \$52.875 million will be available to fund Phase 3 of the HEALNY HIT Program. Grant awards will range from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000 and will be distributed regionally as described in the Request for Grant Applications (RGA).

An applicant conference will be held in Albany on November 21, 2006. See the RGA for details.

For an application, contact, Robert Schmidt, Director, HEAL NY Implementation Team, Department of Health, at the above address, or e-mail at healnyhit@health.state.ny.us. The RGA and related information will also be available on the Department of Health public website: www.nyhealth.gov/funding/.

Higher Education Services Corporation

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ALL POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE HESC FFEL CLIENTS; ALL OTHER POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS LOCATED IN NEW YORK STATE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATION LOAN OR THE FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS IN FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2005-06 AND 2006-07
Higher Education Services Corporation – Competitive Student Loan Default Prevention Grants

The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) is an agency of New York State (NYS), created in 1974 under Chapter 942 of the Laws of 1974 and is primarily responsible for the administration of New York State's student financial aid programs, including the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) and State loan guarantee programs.

HESC will award in March 2007, up to \$1 million in one-year competitive default prevention grants to selected postsecondary educational institutions. Institutions will be selected based on the merits of their proposals for identifying risks that contribute to federal student loan repayment delinquency, and for developing and implementing new programs which have the best potential to significantly reduce the dollar amount of federal student loans that are purchased as defaults. Institutions are encouraged (but not required) to match the HESC grant with in-kind or cash contributions to extend the impact of the grant, and to establish credit-bearing courses in financial literacy.

At this time, HESC is inviting all postsecondary educational institutions that are HESC FFEL clients and all other postsecondary educational institutions located in New York State that participated in

the Federal Family Education Loan or the Federal Direct Student Loan programs in federal fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07, to apply for the competitive grants.

Institutions selected for default prevention grants will receive funding in an amount to be determined by HESC, ranging from \$2,500 to just under \$50,000 per school calendar year 2007.

To be eligible for consideration, grant proposals may be submitted to HESC beginning December 28, 2006, and must be submitted to HESC no later than January 25, 2007. The proposal cover sheet and specified format can be accessed at HESC's website, www.hesc.org, under "What's New" on the opening page. Please note that **ONLY ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED** and may only be submitted to defaultpreventiongrant@hesc.org.

All questions must be received by December 14, 2006 and should be addressed to: defaultpreventiongrant@hesc.org. A compilation of all questions and answers will be posted on www.hesc.org/defaultpreventiongrant, by December 21, 2006.

