

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Department of Environmental Conservation

625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4253

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATIONS, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS

Tree Planting Projects

Applications will be accepted through October 20, 2006 for local community tree planting projects that have a lasting impact on neighborhoods where there is a need for increased tree cover. Grant applications should be responsive to cost effective tree planting opportunities on public properties or rights-of-way in neighborhoods and urban open spaces that will provide tree canopy shading of buildings, streets, parking lots or other infrastructure for energy savings and mitigation of urban heat island effect. Grants are available to local governments, public benefit corporations and authorities, school districts and non-profit organizations in New York State. A total of \$300,000 in grant funds will be awarded for tree planting. Individual grants must request a minimum of \$2500 and may not exceed a maximum of \$20,000 depending on community population (see grant instructions for specific funding limits). All grants must be matched at least equally (dollar for dollar) with non-federal/state source funds. Match may include in-kind donations, volunteer assistance, and private contributions. Grant funds will be awarded in December, 2006.

For applications, download RFP from the DEC website - www.dec.state.ny.us or contact: Frank Dunstan, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Division of Lands and Forests, DEC, at the above address, or call (518) 402-9425; e-mail: fmdunsta@gw.dec.state.ny.us

State Emergency Management Office

Building #22, Suite 101
1220 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12226

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS THAT OWN OR OPERATE A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT FACILITY; OR INDIAN TRIBES

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) Mitigation Branch is requesting Letters of Intent (LOI) from the twenty counties and their jurisdictions that were declared disaster areas by the federal government for severe storms and flooding from June 26 through July 10, 2006. The Governor recently announced that state funding up to \$5 million will be made available to cover the non-federal cost share of property acquisition projects in Phase I of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). This is the first time that a priority project type has been made available in this fashion. If all available dollars are not expended in funding priority property acquisitions, the Hazard Mitiga-

tion Program for this disaster will be opened statewide to all project types. The LOI for property acquisitions are being accepted and must be submitted by state and local governments; private non-profit organizations or institutions that own or operate a private non-profit facility; or Indian tribes. Prior to submitting an LOI, please contact the New York State Emergency Management Office (NYSEMO) at 292-2370.

Applications will be accepted through October 18, 2006.

For an application, contact: Susan J. Bergmann, State Emergency Management Office, at the above address or call (518) 292-2370

Department of State

41 State Street
Albany, NY 12231

ELIGIBLE MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDE COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES, SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FIRE DISTRICTS, FIRE ALARM DISTRICTS, AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

Shared Municipal Services Incentive (SMSI) Awards

The NYS Department of State is announcing a competitive awards program to provide grants for cooperative efforts by two or more entities that achieve savings through the sharing of services in the following funding categories:

Shared Municipal Services Incentive Awards:

A total of \$4.5 million is available to counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, special improvement districts, fire districts, fire alarm districts, and fire protection districts. Maximum shared services incentive awards are \$200,000 per municipality. Applicants are required to provide matching funds equal to 10 percent of the total approved project.

Local Highway Services Incentive Awards:

A total of \$3.85 million is available to support projects involving shared highway services, with maximum grants of up to \$300,000 per municipality. Applicants are responsible for providing matching funds equal to 10 percent of the total approved project.

Local Employee Health Insurance Incentive Awards:

A total of \$4.35 million is available to support costs associated with the creation of municipal health insurance consortiums and to match savings achieved by joining the State's health insurance program, or to provide collective bargaining incentives that promote employee cost sharing of health insurance premiums. Municipalities may apply for awards of up to \$500,000. Matching funds are not required for this funding category.

Countywide Shared Services Incentive Awards:

A total of \$1 million is available to counties that develop shared services plans involving at least half of the cities, towns, villages and school districts within their borders. Maximum incentive awards are \$300,000 per grant. Municipalities taking part in such shared services agreements must provide combined matching funds equal to 10 percent

of the total approved project. Municipalities within each county must negotiate among themselves to determine responsibility for matching funds.

For an application, contact: Department of State, Division of Local Government, 41 State Street, 9th Floor, Albany, NY 12231, (518) 473-3355, website: www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/smsi

Applications will be accepted through 4:00 p.m. on October 23, 2006.