

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Education Department
Office of Planning and Professional Development
Room 464 EBA
Albany, NY 12234

SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES), AND CONSORTIA OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND/OR BOCES

Teacher Resource and Computer Training Centers (Teacher Centers); Education Law, Section 316.

Teacher Resource and Computer Training Centers (Teacher Centers) provide staff development programs for teachers and other members of the school community. There are currently 131 Teacher Centers operating across New York State.

For the 2007-08 school year, \$39.7 million is available to support existing Teacher Centers and \$300,000 is available to fund new centers.

The application to operate a new teacher center is available at www.emsc.nysed.gov under Funding Opportunities.

For additional information, contact: Michael Moon, at the above address or call (518) 473-7155, or e-mail mmoon@mail.nysed.gov

Department of Health
ESP Corning Tower, Room 2580
Albany, NY 12237-0608

NOT-FOR-PROFIT HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS
Hospital-Acquired Infection Prevention Project Funds

Applications will be accepted through October 5, 2007 by 5 p.m. for Hospital-Acquired Infection Prevention Project Grants from not-for-profit healthcare organizations. Acceptable proposals are those focusing on regional collaborative initiatives targeted to the reduction of specific types of:

- Hospital-acquired infections (e.g., surgical site infections, central line associated bloodstream infections, etc.).
- Microorganisms associated with hospital-acquired infections (e.g., methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Clostridium difficile*, *Acinetobacter* species, etc.), or
- Specific hospital-acquired infections in select population groups (e.g., *Acinetobacter* infections in patients on mechanical ventilation, oncology patients, burn patients, etc.).

Infection rates must be monitored using the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), and participating facilities must grant DOH access to the data for monitoring and evaluation purposes. The infections, organisms, or population groups are not limited to those currently required to be reported in the implementation of Public Health Law 2819 (public reporting of select hospital-acquired infections). At least one outcome indicator must be a specific hospital-acquired infection, and the indicator cannot be solely limited to the acquisition of or colonization with a specific microorganism.

It is anticipated up to \$1M is available to fund 5-10 projects ranging from \$100,000 - \$200,000, with the possibility of four (4) one-year renewals. If applying for more than one project, separate applications are required. Application selection will be based on regional distribution (Upstate and Downstate), with at least two projects per region where possible.

Additional information, including a PDF version of the Request for Applications, can be obtained from the NYSDOH website at: www.health.state.ny.us/Grants/Funding/Opportunities.

For an application, contact: Cindi Coluccio, Department of Health, Hospital-Acquired Infection Reporting Program, at the above address or call (518) 474-3343, clk01@health.state.ny.us

REVISED NOTICE
Department of Health/AIDS Institute
Division of HIV Health Care
Bureau of Community Support Services
Corning Tower, Room 465
Albany, NY 12237

A notice was previously published in the *State Register* on July 18th indicating that applications would be accepted until September 5, 2007 at 5 PM in response to a Request for Applications (RFA) to support two components of Mental Health Care for Persons with HIV/AIDS: Component A-Direct Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS and Component B-Training and Technical Assistance. This RFA has been withdrawn.

A revised notice will be issued in the near future.

Division of Housing and Community Renewal
(DHCR)
Public Housing Modernization Drug Elimination Program
(Capital Items)
25 Beaver Street – Room 633
New York, NY 10004

HOUSING AUTHORITIES

Public Housing Modernization Drug Elimination Program

I Program Description:

To address the problems caused by the continuing presence of drugs and violent crimes in State-aided low income public housing projects, the State has appropriated funding for the purpose of continuing the State's Public Housing Modernization Drug Elimination Program. At this time \$400,000 is available to be awarded for capital items. Under the program, the Housing Trust Fund Board is authorized to make grants to public housing authorities for use in eliminating drug-related crime in low income public housing projects.

It is recognized that the available funds will provide for only a limited number of programs and that such funds are insufficient to fully address the broad range of needs dictated by the severity of the damage caused by illegal drugs and crime in State-aided low income public housing projects. Therefore, after reviewing each application carefully, DHCR will award grants only to those projects whose applications fully meet the funding criteria established by DHCR and score highest in the rating process. These criteria appear in the sections entitled "Application Requirements" and "Rating Criteria".

II Eligibility:

Housing authorities may apply for grants on behalf of State-aided low-income public housing projects. Mixed-financed restructured projects are not eligible for funding under this NOFA. These grants will not exceed \$100,000 per housing authority. Applications received in response to this NOFA will remain active for at least three years. Therefore, applications not funded from the current appropriation will be retained and automatically be eligible for consideration for funding from any future appropriations. All awards are subject to the availability of funds and are subject to approval by the Housing Trust Fund Board.

III Funded Activities:

Only Capital items are eligible for funding under this NOFA, such as physical improvements specifically designed to enhance security and discourage drug-related activities and equipment and areas used for youth activities.

FOR YOUR REFERENCE, A DETAILED LISTING OF SPECIFIC ANTI-DRUG PROGRAM IDEAS CAN BE FOUND IN THE APPENDIX.

IV Application Requirements:

Assessment and Documentation of need:

1. Statistics reflecting the extent of identifiable drug related crime at the project site and the methodology employed by the housing authority to substantiate the figures utilized in the Application. Your completed housing drug survey form previously submitted may provide you with some of the required justification.

Program description and specific stated goals:

2. If the housing authority's proposed program targets a specific segment of the project population, indicate which segment.

3. Provide a fully detailed description of the anti-drug program to be funded by the State's Drug Elimination Program and the result you expect to achieve.

4. Describe the method to be utilized in evaluating the effectiveness of the proposed program should your housing authority be awarded a grant.

5. For each proposed program or activity, provide a Program Budget by object class category as contained in the Application form.

Tenant, community, and/or local government support and involvement, including volunteer services and/or in-kind contributions:

6. Describe the extent of verifiable community and municipal support, including support by local law enforcement officials for the proposed program.

7. List and describe all current anti-drug programs administered by the housing authority and their funding sources and amount, as well as other funding sources and amounts that might be available either in conjunction with the proposed anti-drug program or for other anti-drug programs, which will serve to complement the proposed program or activity.

V Application Process:

All applications must be received by DHCR by 3pm on October 1, 2007, in an envelope clearly marked "Application for Public Housing Modernization Drug Elimination Funds", and addressed to: J. Alston-Payne, Program Coordinator, Housing Management Section/Grants Unit, Division of Housing, 25 Beaver St. - Rm. 633, New York, NY 10004

The complete application package (submitted in quadruplicate) should include a separate "Application for State Financial Assistance", Form HM-241, for each subject housing project. You can obtain further information or a copy of Form HM-241 by calling Ms. Alston-Payne at (212) 480-7390. The application must include a resolution by the housing authority certifying that there are no funds available from any other source, except as indicated on the application, to carry out the proposed Public Housing Modernization Drug Elimination Program.

All applications must be timely and complete, with all conditions fully documented. Housing authorities submitting incomplete applications may forfeit the opportunity to take maximum advantage of the Public Housing Modernization Drug Elimination Program. Late submissions will not be considered.

VI Rating Criteria:

The following factors, weighted using the percentages indicated, will be considered when rating Authority proposals:

- Assessment and documentation of need (40%)
- Program description and specific stated goals (40%)
- Tenant, community, and/or local government support and involvement, including volunteer services and/or in-kind contributions (10%)
- History of management's past performance in utilizing DHCR grants and their compliance with DHCR regulations and directives (10%)

VII Method of Payment:

Grants will be awarded pursuant to a contract between the Housing Trust Fund and the housing authority. Where applicable, the housing authority will enter into contracts with third parties for performance of the work.

All contracts shall be subject to standard bidding requirements, including, if applicable, a requirement that minority and women owned firms be solicited for bids. DHCR will review all contracts and payment documentation.

To the fullest extent possible, payments and inspections shall be provided for and performed in accordance with DHCR procedures outlined in Section 1628-4 of DHCR Rules and Regulations (9 Executive (C) NYCRR). As required by the terms of the contract, the housing authority shall submit to DHCR certified invoices for progress payments and/or completed work as applicable, covering the work contracted for. Upon DHCR's determination that all work pursuant to the contract has been satisfactorily completed, payment of the amount retained shall be made. DHCR shall have the right to inspect work performed pursuant to the contract and to withhold payment at any time.

VIII Liabilities

The Division of Housing and Community Renewal and the Housing Trust Fund will not accept responsibility for any costs incurred by the applicant for work performed in the preparation and production of an application nor any work performed prior to the execution of a formal contract.

IX Rights Reserved

In order to best serve the interests of New York State, DHCR and the Housing Trust Fund reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, received in response to this NOFA;
- Select an applicant other than the applicant of apparent lowest cost;
- Adjust or correct erroneous cost or cost figures upon written notice to and with the concurrence of the applicant if errors exist;
- Negotiate with applicants responding to this NOFA within the NOFA requirements, to serve the best interest of the State;
- Waive or modify minor irregularities found in any application received after notification to and with concurrence of that applicant;

- Utilize any and all ideas submitted in any application received unless those ideas are covered by legal patent, copyright or proprietary rights;
- Adopt all or any part of an applicant's application in selecting the optimum system;
- Amend the specifications contained in this NOFA after it has been released. In the event of such an amendment, all competing applicants will be notified and any modified schedules will be published;
- Alter any schedule or dates specified in the NOFA to accommodate changes in existing conditions. In the event of such an amendment, all competing applicants will be notified in writing and any modified schedules will be published;
- Begin contract negotiations with another applicant in the event that DHCR is unsuccessful in negotiating a contract with the selected applicant within a timeframe acceptable to DHCR; and
- Award contracts to multiple applicants.

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

Employment and Transitional Supports

40 North Pearl Street

Albany, New York 12243

NOT-FOR-PROFIT LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATIONS AND
NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENCIES SERVING THE DISABLED AND
SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS

Disability Advocacy Program (DAP)

OTDA requests offers from not-for-profit legal services corporations and not-for-profit agencies serving the disabled and social services districts for work on the Disability Advocacy Program (DAP).

Applications will be accepted through September 12, 2007 for multi-year contracts to provide direct legal representation to individuals whose federal disability benefits have been denied or discontinued. Multiple contracts will be awarded for this purpose. Additionally, one contract will be awarded to provide statewide legal support and administrative service to the Office. The proposed annual budget for this project is \$6.74 million.

For an application, contact: Dale J. Peterson, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Division of Employment and Transitional Supports, Bureau of Transitional Programs, 40 N. Pearl St., 9C, Albany, NY 12243, (518) 486-3415; Dale.Peterson@otda.state.ny.us