

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Education Department
Office of Vocational and Educational Services
for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)
Model Transition Program (MTP)
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PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, 853 SCHOOLS, SPECIAL ACT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, 4201 SCHOOLS, STATE OPERATED SCHOOLS, THE BIG FIVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES)

Model Transition Program (MTP)

Program funding of \$42 million is available through the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID) qualified proponents which operate high school programs to provide school-to-work transition services for students with disabilities. Services offered must utilize evidence-based transition practices and must include at least four of the following community partners, in conjunction with VESID's Vocational Rehabilitation District Offices (VR DO), in developing and implementing a Model Transition Program (MTP):

- Colleges (two-year and four-year)
- Independent Living Centers (ILCs)
- One-Stops
- Community Rehabilitation Providers
- Adult Vocational Training Institutions
- Business Representatives
- Chambers of Commerce

All Proposals must minimally include details on how at least four of the above community partners, will be included in the program proposed. It is recommended that Regional Transition Coordination Sites be consulted for technical assistance.

Proposals should be due by February 7, 2007. For additional information, contact Greg Carey at (518) 473-4818 for program matters or William Artini at (518) 402-5388 for fiscal matters or send an email to MTP@mail.nysed.gov.

Governor's Office for Small Cities
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Albany, NY 12223-1410

UNITS OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT (VILLAGE, CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY) HAVING A POPULATION UNDER 50,000 AND COUNTIES WITH AN UN-INCORPORATED POPULATION OF UNDER 200,000

2007 Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program (CDBG), Annual Competitive Round And Economic Development Open Round

The Governor's Office for Small Cities (GOSC) of the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) announces the availability of approximately \$40 million for the 2007 Competitive Round and the 2007 Economic Development Program. As of the date of issuance of this announcement, the exact amount of funds available for the 2007 Program Year is not known. To the extent possible, the State will allocate these funds to eligible applicants according to the following approximate allocations, annual round competition involving the funding categories of Housing, Public Facilities and Microenterprise (60%) and open round Economic Development (35%).

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program is a federally funded program authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The CDBG Program provides funding to assist communities to ensure decent affordable housing for all, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities and to create jobs and expand business opportunities to implement a wide variety of community and economic development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and the provision of improved community facilities and services. Applicants of the program must ensure that the activities funded under the Small Cities Program benefit low-and moderate- income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight or meet community development needs having a particular urgency. 70% of funds requested must benefit low-and moderate- income persons.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are units of general local government (village, city, town or county), excluding metropolitan cities, urban counties and Indian Tribes. Cities, towns and villages having a population under 50,000, and counties with an un-incorporated population of under 200,000 are eligible to apply for Small Cities funding. Questions regarding eligibility of applicants should be directed to the GOSC.

USE OF FUNDS

Competitive Round Grants

Funding under the 2007 Annual Competitive Round may be used by municipalities for projects in three categories: Housing (rehabilitation, homeownership, private water/wastewater system assistance or construction of new affordable housing), Public Facility and Microenterprise. A community may propose a program that is "single purpose" in nature, addressing only a particular area of need or may propose a program that undertakes a strategy that deals comprehensively with the problems of a particular area. GOSC encourages communities to propose programs that are creative and innovative in addressing their needs.

For the purposes of the Annual Competitive Round, economic development projects, other than microenterprise, will only be considered as part of a comprehensive grant proposal. Economic

Development proposals may be made under the separate Open Round for economic development funding.

Open Round Grants

Funding under the 2007 Open Round may be used by municipalities for general economic development activities that create and/or retain permanent, private sector job opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons, through the expansion and retention of business and industry in New York State.

Under the Economic Development Program, the GOSC provides grant funds to eligible units of general local government for the following purposes:

1. To provide financial assistance to a business for an identified CDBG eligible activity which will result in the creation or retention of permanent, private sector job opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons; or
2. To construct publicly owned infrastructure improvements, which are necessary to accommodate the creation, expansion or retention of a business which will result in the creation or retention of permanent, private sector job opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

Typical eligible activities are:

1. Grants for publicly owned infrastructure/off-site improvements.
2. Financial assistance to businesses.
3. Any justifiable and eligible business purpose.

CDBG Small Cities grant funds may only be used for the construction or rehabilitation of commercial property, or its supporting infrastructure (e.g. water or sewer lines), when a private business has committed itself to utilizing the property for a business purpose that will result in the creation or retention of the requisite number of low- and moderate-income jobs.

Market driven businesses (e.g. restaurant, retail) will only be considered when development of that business is an integral part of a comprehensive or geographically-targeted community revitalization effort. Start-up businesses will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Eligible units of general local government must apply to the GOSC on behalf of the end user of the CDBG funds. The CDBG grant is awarded directly to the unit of local government. The GOSC does not make direct loans or grants to businesses. CDBG funds are considered gap financing and are designed to leverage the maximum feasible amount of private and/or other public financing.

Questions about the applicability of either program for a local project should be directed to GOSC at the earliest opportunity.

FUNDING LIMITS

Competitive Round Grants

The maximum grant amount for competitive projects is \$400,000 for towns, villages and cities and \$600,000 for counties. The maximum grant amount for joint applications is \$600,000 for Public Facilities and \$400,000 for Housing. The maximum grant amount for all eligible applicants for Microenterprise projects is \$400,000. The maximum grant amount for comprehensive grants is \$650,000.

Open Round Grants

The maximum grant for an Economic Development project is \$750,000 per applicant and the minimum is \$100,000 per application. The maximum grant amount per full time equivalent (FTE) job created/retained is \$7,500.

The GOSC may approve applications which exceed the maximum FTE job created/retained or the funding limit where it is found that a project or projects may have a significant impact beyond the immediate benefit of jobs created or retained inasmuch as the project/business may realize a potential for regional or even statewide economic impact. However, the State will not approve an application where the maximum expenditure per FTE job created/retained exceeds \$35,000.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Competitive Round Grants

The 2007 application will be available on or about January 5, 2007 from the Governor's Office for Small Cities, 4 Empire State Plaza, Suite 600, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1401. If you would like an application mailed to you, please call (518) 474-2057. Applications will also be available on or about January 5, 2007 via the GOSC website, www.nysmallcities.com.

Applications are due to GOSC by April 9, 2007. If mailed, applications must be postmarked no later than April 9, 2007. If hand-delivered, it must be delivered on April 9, 2007, no later than 4:00 p.m.

The above-stated application deadline is firm as to date and hour. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, GOSC will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is not received by 4:00 p.m. on, or postmarked by, April 9, 2007. Applicants should take this procedure into account and make early submission of their materials to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

Open Round Grants

Interested applicants must first contact the GOSC to complete the preliminary evaluation process in order to determine that the economic development project, as proposed, meets CDBG program and GOSC selection requirements. Based upon the information provided during the preliminary evaluation process, the applicant may then be invited to submit an application for funding.

Beginning January 5, 2007 eligible applicants may start the preliminary evaluation process. *To obtain a copy of the Local Governments' Guide to The Governor's Office for Small Cities CDBG Economic Development Program, please visit our website at www.nysmallcities.com or contact: Mr. Chris Hunsinger, Economic Development Program Administrator, at the above address or call (518) 474-2057, fax (518) 474-5247*

Department of Health

Division of Home and Community Based Care

161 Delaware Avenue

Delmar, NY 12054

RESIDENTS DEMONSTRATING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF NEED INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES AND THE ELDERLY, AND WITH CONSIDERATION TO APPLICANTS IN THE GREATEST FINANCIAL NEED OF SUCH ASSISTANCE

Adult Home and Enriched Housing Program

Eligible applicants include Adult Homes and Enriched Housing Programs certified pursuant to Article 7 of Social Services Law and Title 18 (Parts 487 and 488) of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations.

Applications will be accepted through February 15, 2007 in response to a Request for Applications (RFA) to provide for the installation, operation and maintenance of air conditioning in Adult Home and Enriched Housing Program resident rooms. In distributing such funds, the Department of Health will give priority to those applicants whose residents demonstrate the highest level of need, including but not limited to those with psychiatric disabilities and the elderly, and with consideration to applicants in the greatest financial need of such assistance. While proposals will be accepted for replacement systems or repairs of existing functional equipment, preference will be given to applications from Adult Homes and

Enriched Housing Programs that currently do not have sufficient air conditioning.

Any contracts awarded through this RFA will have a one-year term with no renewals. The maximum award is \$75,000. Applications will compete based on technical components and cost of proposal, as detailed in the RFA.

For an application, contact: Marybeth Fader, Director, ACF CON and Certification Unit, at the above address or e-mail: ACFair@health.state.ny.us

The application is also available on the NYS Department of Health website at www.health.state.ny.us

Office of Mental Health

44 Holland Avenue
Albany, NY 12229

NOT FOR PROFIT AGENCIES WITH 501(C)(3) INCORPORATION THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE PROVIDING HOUSING AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS. CURRENT LICENSED PROVIDERS WHO APPLY MUST HAVE OPERATING CERTIFICATES IN GOOD STANDING WITH OMH

NYNY III Service-Enriched Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Housing for Individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness to Be Developed Within the Five Burroughs of New York City

Service-Enriched Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing provides private living units with on-site services for individuals who have minimal self-maintenance and socialization skills. The living units may be designed as studio apartments or as suites with single bedrooms around shared living spaces.

Funding is available to develop up to 1,125 units of housing for individuals meeting the eligibility criteria for NYNY III housing.

The housing and services developed through this RFP are designed for the following populations, as defined in the NYNY III Agreement: Chronically homeless single adults who are diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental illness, or who are diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental illness and one or more disorders relating to the use of alcohol and/or drugs (RFP targets 425 of these individuals); single adults who are presently living in New York State-operated psychiatric centers or State-operated transitional residences and who could live independently in the community if provided with supportive housing (RFP targets 500 of these individuals); young adults, ages 18-24 who are diagnosed with a serious mental illness and are being treated in New York State licensed Residential Treatment Facilities or State-operated psychiatric facilities; or are leaving or have recently left foster care (RFP targets 200 of these individuals).

Contracts will be awarded for a one-year period with four additional one-year renewals for a maximum of five years.

Eligible applicants interested in responding to this RFP should submit a Letter of Intent postmarked by January 22, 2007 to Christine Madan, Director of Housing and Adult Services, Office of Mental Health, New York City Field Office, 330 Fifth Ave., 9th Fl., New York, NY 10001. Letters of intent will be non-binding.

Mandatory Bidders' Conference to be held February 2, 2007. Proposals due by 5:00PM on March 2, 2007.

The full RFP is available on OMH's website, <http://www.omh.state.ny.us>.

Prior to the Bidders' Conference, questions concerning this RFP should be addressed in writing to Ms. Madan at cmadan@omh.state.ny.us. All questions will be addressed at the Bidders' Conference.

**Office of Mental Retardation
and Developmental Disabilities
Sunmount Developmental Disabilities Service Office
2445 State Route 30
Tupper Lake, NY 12986**

VOLUNTARY NOT-FOR-PROFIT (NFP) PROVIDER AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE MENTALLY RETARDED/ DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED IN THE FOLLOWING SIX-COUNTY CATCHMENTS AREA: CLINTON/FRANKLIN/ESSEX/HAMILTON/JEFFERSON AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTIES; TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE = \$79,000

Request for Proposals for OMRDD "Family Support Services"

The New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (NYSOMRDD) and the Sunmount Developmental Disabilities Service Office (Sunmount DDSO) announces the availability of Family Support Services (FSS) funding to create new programs or enhance existing programs for individuals with autism, autistic spectrum disorder and other similar behavioral disorders. A priority is also to address the needs of those who remain unserved and underserved. The goal of the OMRDD FSS Program is to assist families to remain intact for as long as they desire and to avoid unnecessary out of home placement. Small and emerging agencies that provide services to the underserved and the unserved are encouraged to submit proposals. Any proposed service must foster independence, integration, individualization and productivity within the community for each person.

Important Note: Proposals are due to the Sunmount Developmental Disabilities Service Office Attn: Ms. Mary Chartier by 4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2007. For a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) which provides comprehensive proposal preparation instructions, please contact Ms. Mary Chartier, the Sunmount DDSO Contact Person, at (518) 359-2962, or (518) 359-7657 (fax). This "announcement" does NOT supply all of the information necessary to provide a complete response to the RFP.

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

Division of Employment and Transitional Supports
40 North Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12243

INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PRIMARY CARETAKERS IN THE HOME AND WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED A LOSS OF INCOME DUE TO SEPARATION, DIVORCE, DISABILITY OR DEATH OF AN INCOME-PROVIDING FAMILY MEMBER, OR THE INDIVIDUAL HAS RECEIVED FEDERAL OR STATE ASSISTANCE AND IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR THIS ASSISTANCE

Displaced Homemaker Program (DHP)

Consistent with Chapter 862 of the Laws of 1990, the agency named below requested an exemption from initially publishing the contract opportunity in the procurement opportunities newsletter, i.e., the NYS Contract Reporter. In accordance with Section 144(2)(e) of the Economic Development Law, the Office of the State Comptroller has granted the exemption.

The Displaced Homemaker Program (DHP) has operated throughout New York State since the 1970s. It provides a continuum of support services for individuals who are primary caretakers in the home and who have experienced a loss of income due to separation,

divorce, disability or death of an income-providing family member, or the individual has received federal or State assistance and is no longer eligible for this assistance. DHP services include outreach, intake, and orientation to available services, initial assessment, job search and placement, career counseling, job readiness and education services, career readiness workshops, counseling, computer skills training, employer specific training, job clubs, job development, job skills training, resume assistance, self-directed career exploration and work experience.

APPLICATIONS

A total of \$2,300,000 is being made available to organizations selected to operate for an additional year beginning 11/1/06. No applications will be accepted. Questions regarding this program may be directed to John Haley at JohnA.Haley@otda.state.ny.us.