

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Department of Agriculture and Markets
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COUNTIES

County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans

The Department of Agriculture and Markets is announcing the availability of funds to assist counties with planning activities related to the updating of a current plan or development of a new county agricultural and farmland protection plan. A county agricultural and farmland protection board which has not already prepared an agricultural and farmland protection plan or has an approved agricultural and farmland protection plan that was approved by the Commissioner no less than one hundred twenty months (10 years) from the date of application may apply for additional state assistance payments to update or develop a new county agricultural and farmland protection plan. County participation is voluntary and applications for funds will be accepted on a continuing basis subject to the availability of funds. This program is intended to promote the development of county based plans and programs that are designed to recognize and protect the environmental and landscape preservation values associated with agriculture and make an effort to maintain the economic viability of the State's agricultural industry and its agricultural land base. Article 25-AAA of the Agriculture and Markets Law recognizes the external pressures being exerted on the stability of farming from competing non-agricultural interests and establishes a procedure whereby local agricultural and farmland protection programs can be developed or enhanced. Interested counties have the opportunity to apply for grants, up to \$50,000 per county to develop or update an agricultural and farmland protection plan. Two counties may apply jointly for a total of \$100,000. State assistance shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the cost of preparing or updating an agricultural and farmland protection plan. Those counties submitting grant applications will be required to provide a fifty percent (50%) match of cash or in-kind services. A minimum of twenty percent (20%) of that match must be cash. In-kind contributions will be accepted for all eligible cost categories. Indirect and overhead charges and volunteer services will not be accepted as a match. Once a county plan is completed, it must be submitted to the county legislative body for review and once approved, submitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets for approval. The Request for Applications (RFA) will be posted in the "Funding Opportunities" section of the Department's web site on Wednesday, August 20, 2008.

For an application, contact: John Brennan at the above address or call (518) 457-5606; john.brennan@agmkt.state.ny.us or visit the "Funding Opportunities" section of the Department's web site at www.agmkt.state.ny.us

Requests for contracts will be accepted through 9/1/08 for the Paternity Acknowledgement Program. Eligible hospitals will be paid \$10.00 for each completed acknowledgement of paternity obtained by hospital staff. The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has developed a contract which must be executed by the hospital prior to any reimbursement. Contracts may be requested from the contact named below.

For a contract please contact: Charlotte Gardner, OTDA, Division of Child Support, 40 N. Pearl St., 13C, Albany, NY 12243, (518) 473-1643, e-mail: Charlotte.Gardner@OTDA.state.ny.us

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HOSPITALS WITH BIRTHING UNITS IN NEW YORK STATE
Paternity Acknowledgment Program

