

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Office of Children and Family Services
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Department of Health
Division of Home and Community Based Services
161 Delaware Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054

BIDDING PUBLIC

Child Family/Citizens Review Panel; Community Reinvestment; Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped; Kinship/Care Taker Review; Settlement Houses; Special Delinquency Prevention Program

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) invites the bidding public to search the OCFS On-Line Bidder's List (OBL), at the address indicated below for upcoming bidding opportunities. It is anticipated beginning with the May 27th publication of the New York State Register, and continuing for several months, the bidding opportunities may include but are not limited to the following program areas:

Child Family/Citizens Review Panel
Community Reinvestment
Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
Kinship/Care Taker Review
Settlement Houses
Special Delinquency Prevention Program

The OCFS OBL is maintained electronically and can be found at <https://ocfs.state.ny.us/obl/>. If you wish to receive announcements of these and future OCFS procurement opportunities and be able to download solicitation documents, you must register on the OBL. If you choose to register, you will be prompted to provide certain demographic information about yourself and the organization or government agency you represent along with indentifying the service categories in which you are interested.

Division of Criminal Justice Services
Four Tower Place
Albany, NY 12203

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENCIES

Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Demonstration Program

Subject to availability of funding, the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit applications from local government and non-for-profit agencies for the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Demonstration Program. Approximately \$4.3 million will be available. The RFP is available on the DCJS website at <http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/ofpa/newrfp.htm>. DCJS will receive applications starting July 15, 2009; applications must be submitted by noon on August 19, 2009.

For an application, contact:

The application must be submitted through the DCJS Grants Management System (GMS). If you have not registered for GMS, you may do so at the same website - AGMS@ link at <http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/ofpa/gms.htm>. For information contact Eileen Langer-Smith, MVTIFP Unit at Eileen.Langer@dcjs.state.ny.us or 518.485.7921.

AN APPROVED ALP

100 Assisted Living Program (ALP) beds in Niagara County

As a result of recommendations contained in the study by the Commission on Health Care Facilities in the 21st Century (a/k/a The Berger Commission Report), the New York State Department of Health is soliciting applications for 100 Assisted Living Program (ALP) beds in Niagara County. In order to be included in the selection process, completed applications must be received by the Department on or before September 11, 2009 by 3:00 p.m.

An application package and explanatory materials will be made available at the Department of Health website at www.nyhealth.gov on June 19, 2009.

Eligible Applicants

An approved ALP is an entity comprised of:

1. A certified Adult Care Facility
 - a. Adult Home (AH) OR
 - b. Enriched Housing Program (EHP)

AND

2. A Home Care Services Agency
 - a. Licensed Home Care Services Agency (LHCSA), OR
 - b. Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA), OR
 - c. Long Term Home Health Care Program (LTHHCP).

Applicants who operate an ALP must be either a not-for-profit corporation, a non-publicly traded business corporation or limited liability company, a public agency, or an individual or group of individuals acting as partners.

These entities must either already hold the required certificates, or have an appropriate application in process, or request such certification as part of the application for approval as an ALP.

The ALP application allows an entity to apply simultaneously for certification as an AH or EHP and a LHCSA.

The entity authorized to operate an ALP must be certifiable as an adult care facility and as a home care provider. Applicants to operate an ALP must be one of the following: a not-for-profit corporation, a business corporation (that is not publicly traded, and whose shares are owned by natural persons), a limited liability company (if members are corporations or limited liability companies, the shareholders or members of same must be natural persons), a public agency, or an individual or general partnership comprised solely of natural persons.

These entities must either already hold the required certificates, or have an appropriate application in process, or request such certification as part of the application for approval as an ALP.

The requirement for an "eligible applicant" can be met in one of two ways. Either by (1) a single legal entity which possesses or is eligible to apply for an AH or EHP operating certificate and for approval of home care services; or (2) by one or more legal entities with identical ownership that in combination, possess or are eligible to apply for, an AH or EHP operating certificate and for approval of home care services.

This is a competitive application review process. Applications will

be scored on completeness and other factors with the highest consideration given to:

- Projects targeted toward services to people who otherwise may be inappropriately placed in a nursing home and whose residential and healthcare needs can be met by the ALP, such as the frail elderly or physically disabled;
- Applicants who demonstrate commitment to admit and retain individuals in receipt of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Safety Net benefits or Medical Assistance (MA);
- Applicants who demonstrate how individuals who are at or near the poverty level will be targeted;
- Proposals that increase the supply of new ALP beds rather than convert existing AH and/or EHP beds to ALP beds; and
- Applicants who are able to commence services most quickly by demonstrating completion or near completion of financial arrangements, site control and those who meet architectural compliance without any new construction or renovations, ideally operational within 22 months of contingent approval.

The order in which the above bulleted review items are listed is NOT an indicator of the level of scoring weight applied to these items.

The deadline for completed applications to be received by the Department is September 11, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

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Wadsworth Center, Room D350, ESP
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Albany, NY 12201-0509

NYS NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WITHIN NYS

Targeted Projects in Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research

The New York State Department of Health invites eligible applicants to submit applications for research related to the derivation, standardization, characterization and optimization of new human embryonic stem cell lines. Specifically this Request for Applications (RFA) will only support efforts to derive and characterize new human embryonic stem cell lines to: devise novel and improved derivation methods; increase efficiency in the production of new cell lines; standardize protocols to improve comparisons between human embryonic stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells; and enhance their potential for clinical application.

This Request for Applications (RFA) supports research projects as outlined in the specific objectives below:

- Derivation of new hESC lines using excess, genetically diseased, or rejected early stage human embryos generated by in vitro fertilization
- Derivation of new hESC lines from other sources using alternative methods, techniques or culture conditions
- Generation of new clinical grade hESC lines with different human lymphocyte antigen (HLA) genetic background suitable for future clinical therapy or other biomedical applications to overcome the challenge of immune rejection
- Generation of new hESC lines that may be optimal for differentiation along selective lineages, for drug/small molecules screening or for studies of diseases
- Creation of new hESC lines that may add genetic diversity in the existing hESC lines
- Development of new technology or culture conditions which may increase hESC derivation efficiency or pluripotency.

Investigators are invited to submit applications for one or both funding mechanisms offered through this Request for Applications (RFA), provided the applications are separate and distinct.

1. Investigator Initiated Research Project (NIH R01-like mechanism)

- The intent of the Investigator Initiated Research Project award

is to support well developed basic, applied, translational pre-clinical or clinical research;

- Contract term will be up to three years; and
 - Annual direct costs are capped at \$300,000.
2. Innovative, Developmental or Exploratory Activities (IDEA) Award (NIH R21-like mechanism)
- The intent of the IDEA award is to provide initial support for preliminary testing of novel or high-risk hypotheses. The ESCB seeks to fund research projects in which there is a high likelihood that the results will yield the opportunity to apply for future funding;
 - Contract term will be up to two years; and
 - Annual direct costs are capped at \$150,000 with a maximum of \$275,000 in direct costs to be spent over the two year period.

SYSTEM, a program of the New York State Department of Health, whose purpose is to administer stem cell research funding based on recommendations and advice from the Empire State Stem Cell Board, will be making approximately nine awards. The number of awards made will be contingent upon the quality of applications submitted and the availability of funds. Facilities and Administrative costs are allowed but are limited to a maximum of 20 percent of modified total direct costs.

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS: The applicant must be a New York State not-for-profit organization or a governmental organization within New York State. The applicant must also be one of the following: an academic institution; a research organization; a medical center; or an entity with demonstrated capability to conduct externally-funded research. Organizations awarded funds must have the ability to monitor funds, maintain individual accounts and fulfill other fiscal management criteria. Subcontracting and collaborating organizations may include public, not-for-profit and for-profit entities. Such entities may be located in or outside of New York State.

The PI for the proposal must be employed by the applicant institution and have the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed Work Plan. The ESSCB is interested in applications from established investigators, including those new to the field of stem cell research, junior researchers, and those in disciplines that have not historically focused on stem cell research. Collaborations between experienced and less-experienced researchers, and between New York State and non-New York State researchers, are encouraged.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH: September 10, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. The projected contract start date is September 1, 2010.

This RFA, including application forms, has been posted on the Department of Health's public website at <http://www.nyhealth.gov/funding/>.

FOR AN APPLICATION, CONTACT: Bonnie Jo Brautigam, Director, Extramural Grants Administration, at the above address or call (518) 474-7002, e-mail: nystemgrants@wadsworth.org

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Investigator Initiated Research Projects and Innovative, Developmental or Exploratory Activities (IDEA) in Stem Cell Research

The New York State Department of Health invites eligible applicants to submit applications for basic, applied (mechanistic, technological), translational, pre-clinical and clinical scientific investigations on any aspect of stem cell biology that will lead to a better understanding of the unique properties of stem cells and allow their utilization to treat disease. Research in the area of human embryonic stem cells is encouraged.

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NYSTEM, a program of the New York State Department of Health, whose purpose is to administer stem cell research funding based on recommendations and advice from the Empire State Stem Cell Board, will be making approximately 23 awards. The number of awards made will be contingent upon the quality of applications submitted and the availability of funds. Facilities and Administrative costs are allowed but are limited to a maximum of 20 percent of modified total direct costs.

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Department of Health
Refugee Health Program
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QUALIFIED LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS/
AGENCIES
Refugee Health Program

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Refugee

Health Program announces the opportunity for qualified licensed health care providers/agencies located throughout New York State (exclusive of New York City) to provide refugee health assessments and initial adult vaccinations to new refugee arrivals to the State. The refugee health assessment is designed to promptly identify refugees with health conditions of personal and public health concern; to introduce refugees into the US health care system; to ensure refugees receive ongoing care and appropriate follow up for identified problems by referrals to primary and specialty care providers; and to initiate vaccines required for refugees to adjust their status for permanent residency. The refugee health assessment consists of a set of basic screening components designed to identify health issues typically found in refugee populations. Assessments, completed according to the required protocol, will be reimbursed at an all-inclusive per capita rate of \$286.74 (upstate) or \$294.64 (downstate, which includes Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties). Initial vaccines for adults will be reimbursed at a maximum of \$208.00 per person, where those vaccines were administered during a reimbursable health assessment and actual cost of the vaccines is documented. The program is supported by an annual allocation of Refugee Medical Assistance funds awarded by the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. The total allocation for budget year March 31, 2009 to March 30, 2010 is expected to be \$1,170,862. In the event funds for the budget year are exhausted, a limit may be placed on the number of health assessments to be provided.

Health care providers/agencies interested in participating in the Program must complete and submit the NYSDOH Refugee Medical Assistance Program application, meet the requirements described therein, and be approved for enrollment. An applicant must be a licensed health care provider (i.e., physician, nurse practitioner, community health center, county health department or clinic); must demonstrate clinical experience and staffing capacity necessary to provide health screenings in accordance with established protocols; must employ bilingual staff or provide interpreter services to overcome language barriers to care; and must demonstrate established linkages to services, whether on site or by referral, to primary care, specialty care, and mental health services. Experience with the health and mental health needs of refugees, asylees, and victims of trafficking, and in conjunction with office/clinic location accessible to refugees and refugee service agencies is desirable.

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. The Program operates on a five-year contract cycle from March 31, 2005 to March 30, 2010. Contracts can be awarded to approved applicants at any time during this period, and will be in effect for the remainder of the five-year contract cycle, contingent on provider performance and availability of federal RMA funding.

For an application, contact: Refugee Health Program at the above address or call (518) 474-4845, e-mail: rhp@health.state.ny.us

Office of Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation
The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building One
Albany, NY 12238

MUNICIPALITIES AND NOT-FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
WITH AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY
Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993

Municipalities and not-for profit organizations with an ownership interest in the property may apply for funds under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for the acquisition, planning, development and improvement of parks, historic properties and heritage areas.

Competitive applications to receive aid are required and will be accepted through September 14, 2009 for grants made available under these programs.

This is a matching grant program, therefore grant recipients will be expected to provide at least 50 percent match to these awards, unless the project is in a location with a poverty rate (according to the 2000 census) of ten percent or higher, in which case grant recipients must provide a minimum of 25 percent match.

Applications and information on workshops can be found on our website at <http://www.nysparks.com/grants> or contact: Melinda Scott, Chief of Grants, Bureau of Grants Management, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Empire State Plaza, Agency Bldg. One, 16th Fl., Albany, NY 12238, Phone: (518) 474-0427, Fax (518) 486-7377