

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of Environmental Justice, will be accepting applications for the Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants through Friday, March 8, 2013 for research and community education projects that address multiple environmental harms and risks to communities. Individual awards range from \$2,500 to \$50,000 for these grants. Eligible applicants are community-based organizations that focus primarily on addressing the environmental and/or public health problems of the residents of the local community. An applicant organization that does not have 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status needs to partner with a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that will act as a fiscal sponsor for the applicant.

This year, for the first time, OEJ will also be offering "Green Gems Grants" of \$2,500 to \$10,000 for community-based monitoring, stewardship and education projects involving community gardens, parks, green infrastructure, and other open space.

Entities that are not eligible to receive funds under this Grant program are: individuals; universities; government bodies; water districts or similar entities; large non-governmental organizations such as county (outside New York City), regional, state or national environmental groups; or organizations that are not located in the affected communities where the Projects are located. However, there are two ways that an ineligible organization can be involved in a project that receives funding through an EJ Grant: (1) if the organization is not-for-profit, the organization can act as a fiscal sponsor for an eligible applicant that has not yet received not-for-profit status; or (2) the organization can be a Project partner or subcontractor for an eligible applicant that receives an EJ Grant.

A wide variety of projects can be supported by this grant program, including community gardens and green roofs, air and water quality monitoring, lead poisoning prevention, urban forestry, subsistence fishing education, environmental education for urban youth, inventories of local pollution sources, and green worker training. Matching funds are not required; however, the applicant must demonstrate that it has applied for or obtained sufficient funding, including the EJ Grant and other sources, to carry out the Project.

Information on the Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants, application forms and detailed instructions are available on the DEC Office of Environmental Justice website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/31226.html>.

For an application, contact: DEC Office of Environmental Justice at the above address or call (518) 402-8556, toll-free: 1-866-229-0497, or e-mail: ej@gw.dec.state.ny.us

STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY (MUNICIPALITIES), PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, OPERATORS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INCLUDING; PRIVATE OPERATORS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula Program

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula program funds available:

FTA Website: <http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13093.html>

- Section 5316 - Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)
- Section 5317 - New Freedom (NF)

Applications will be accepted through February 1st 2013 by New York State Department of Transportation's, Public Transportation Bureau, for the JARC and New Freedom programs for non-urbanized areas of the state (population less than 50,000) and several small urban areas (population 50,000 to 200,000 population): Binghamton, Kingston and Utica - Small Urbanized Areas.

Eligible sub recipients to apply for the JARC and New Freedom funding, are municipalities, non-profit agencies, and operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, as well as federally recognized tribal governments. It is anticipated that applications will be released in December 2012 with an application deadline of February 1st 2013.

The goal of the JARC program seeks to improve access to transportation services to employment sites and employment related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals and transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to employment opportunities. Such services may include, but are not limited to: mobility management and expansion of current transportation services.

The New Freedom program seeks to reduce barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Eligible projects may include; expanded service beyond current ADA limitation, projects that fund non-key station improvements and support of mobility management and other mobility supports to improve access to transportation.

Both funding sources require that projects be derived from and identified in a Coordinated Human Service and Public Transportation Plan (CHSPTP) and be coordinated with other federally-assisted programs to ensure efficient use of federal funds. Coordinated Plans can be viewed on PTB website at: <https://www.nysdot.gov/divisions/policy-and-strategy/public-transportation/local-dev-coordinated-plans>

Funding Availability	JARC Funding Available	NF Funding Available
Total Project Funding Available	\$2,788,550	\$1,177,455

For an application, please visit the NYSDOT web site <https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/policy-and-strategy/public-transportation/>

specialized-transportation/5316-5317 *or contact:* Public Transportation Bureau, Department of Transportation, at the above address or call (518) 457-8335, FAX: (518) 485-7563