

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-2560

FIRE COMPANIES

Rural Volunteer Fire Assistance

Pursuant to the Agriculture Appropriations Act, Section 7(b)3 of P.L. 95-313 (Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978), the Department of Environmental Conservation hereby gives notice of the following:

The Department of Environmental Conservation will administer the Volunteer Fire Assistance matching grant to assist rural fire companies in the purchase of fire suppression equipment. Applications will be accepted through September 1, 2014.

The Department received \$400,000 in federal funding to award fire companies matching grants for the purchase of wildland fire suppression equipment and wildland fire suppression safety equipment. Grants are based on federal guidelines and are for use in fire districts serving a rural area or a rural community with a population of 10,000 or less.

Applications are scored on population, the I.S.O Fire Prevention Insurance rating, the date of the last VFA grant received and the presence of Native American communities in the district.

Applications are available on-line at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2364.html>. For further information, contact: Lynne Korona, Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Forest Protection, 625 Broadway, 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12233-2560, (518) 402-8835 or e-mail questions to vfagrant@dec.ny.gov

Department of Health
Refugee Health Program
ESP Corning Tower, Rm. 575
Albany, NY 12237-0669

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS/AGENCIES

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) 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 \$512.63. Initial vaccines for adults will be reimbursed where those vaccines were administered during a reimbursable health assess-

ment at current federal CPT code rate. 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, 2014 to March 30, 2015 is expected to be \$2,283,062.00. 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, 2010 to March 30, 2015 with annual renewals. 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: Department of Health, Refugee Health Program, Bureau of Tuberculosis Control, ESP Corning Tower, Rm. 575, Albany, NY 12237-0669, (518) 474-4845, e-mail: rhp@health.state.ny.us, due date: Applications/proposals continuously accepted, contract term: 5 year contract - 3/31/10 - 3/30/15 with annual renewals, county(ies): All NYS counties, location: New York State (exclusive of New York City)

New York Homes and Community Renewal
Governor's Office of Storm Recovery
Division of Housing and Community Renewal
641 Lexington Ave.
New York, NY 10022

DEVELOPERS SEEKING FINANCING FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, AND SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION OF SITE-SPECIFIC, AFFORDABLE, MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL HOUSING IN COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY SUPERSTORM SANDY, TROPICAL STORM LEE, OR HURRICANE IRENE, (THE "COVERED STORMS") THAT WILL ALSO HAVE FIRST MORTGAGES FINANCED BY TAX-EXEMPT PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS ISSUED BY NEW YORK STATE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY ("HFA")

New York Rising Rental Buildings Recovery Program Multi-Family/Affordable Housing Fund (AHF)

AHF utilizes federal Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds provided to New York State and administered through the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC). New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) and the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) anticipate an appropriation of approximately \$50,000,000 for State Fiscal Year 2013-14, which will be awarded pursuant to applications submitted under this Notice.

Applications will be accepted through December 1, 2014 for allocations totaling up to \$7,000,000 for projects located in counties other than Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester, and \$9,000,000 for projects located in Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties. However, AHF resources in excess of these amounts may be awarded if such additional funding is deemed necessary to meet exceptional needs related to recovery from one or more of the Covered Storms. Housing Projects within the five Boroughs of New York City will not be considered for funding as New York City received its own allocation of CDBG-DR. Applications will be accepted for projects located in the following counties: with housing damaged by one or more of the Covered Storms: Albany, Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Nassau, Oneida, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Suffolk, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, Ulster, Warren, Washington, and Westchester.

Applications requesting AHF may be submitted at any time between July 16, 2014 and December 1, 2014. Applications requesting AHF may be submitted at any time between July 16, 2014 and December 1, 2014, or until all allocations of AHF are committed. Complete and eligible AHF applications will be reviewed and considered in three rounds of funding consideration as follows:

ROUND 1 – Applications submitted on or before August 15, 2014

ROUND 2 – Applications submitted on or before September 30, 2014

ROUND 3 – Applications submitted on or before December 1, 2014

Eligible applications not awarded funding in prior rounds may be considered for awards in later rounds.

Notwithstanding resource availability, applications must be received by HCR by 5:00 pm EST, on December 1, 2014. The application deadline is firm as to date and hour. Applications received after the specified dates and time will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered for funding.

This Notice of Credit and Funding Availability (“Notice”) describes the programmatic and submission requirements for the program.

Applicants may only apply under this Notice for awards for new construction, or substantial rehabilitation of site-specific multi-family rental housing Projects that will also have first mortgages financed by tax-exempt Private Activity Bonds (“Bonds”) issued by the New York State Housing Finance Agency (“HFA). Any awards made under this Notice will be contingent on the Project receiving an award of Bond volume cap authority sufficient to fund the Project’s first mortgage.

This Notice explains the process by which HCR and GOSR will accept and evaluate applications requesting AHF resources. Prospective Applicants may request technical assistance in preparing an application at any time.

HCR and GOSR reserve the right to award all, a portion of, or none of the AHF program funds based upon funding availability, readiness, feasibility of the Projects, the Applicant’s ability to meet HCR and GOSR criteria for funding, and the Applicant’s ability to advance the State’s housing goals. HCR also reserves the right to review applications requesting AHF as applications for funding under other programs for which the Project may be eligible through HCR, and to change or disallow aspects of the applications received. HCR reserves the right to make any such changes as an express condition of its award commitment for the Project.

HCR will seek to award these limited AHF resources so as to promote a geographic distribution of such financing, and GOSR may seek to promote a geographic distribution of areas most severely impacted by the Covered Storms. Therefore, awards for proposed

Projects may be denied in areas of the State that have recently been awarded HCR capital financing. Funding may also be denied to Projects where market studies or other analyses indicate low-income housing saturation.

AHF Program

AHF is a housing development program that provides financing assistance for acquisition, capital costs and related soft costs associated with the new construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing developments to address unmet housing need in area damaged by one or more Covered Storms.

Under this AHF RFP, more than 50% of the project costs must be financed by PABs issued by HFA and allocated from the State’s PAB volume cap. The bond financing provided by HFA qualifies the project for an allowance of 4% Low-Income Housing Credits (often termed “as-of-right” tax credits).

AHF financing may only be utilized to finance the development of residential properties where the majority of units are affordable to households with incomes up to 80% of area median income (AMI), as adjusted for family size. However, for applications under this notice of funding availability, up to 30% of the Project’s units may be affordable to tenants with incomes above 60% of AMI, provided that those units are deemed to be necessary for the financial viability of a mixed-income project. Projects must also be compliant with relevant income thresholds under HFA tax exempt bond financing program and low income house tax credit requirements. Applicants should be aware that federal law and regulations require that GOSR contracts providing CDBG-DR assistance contain certain provisions. All Proposals must comply with all Federal, State and local laws, including rules and regulations specific to CDBG-DR. CDBG-DR rules and regulations include labor, environmental, green building standards, accessibility, and equal employment opportunity. Davis-Bacon wage rates and compliance requirements will apply to all developments with 8 or more units where CDBG-DR funds are used to finance construction. The maximum amount of AHF financing that may be requested per project is \$7,000,000 to any Project located outside of Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties, or \$9,000,000 within Nassau, Suffolk, or Westchester Counties.

HCR and GOSR will allocate resources made available through this Notice using the following criteria: fundamentals, leverage, outcomes, and relationship of the Project to damage caused by Superstorm Sandy, Tropical Storm Lee, or Hurricane Irene. This framework accommodates programmatic preferences and housing goals currently utilized by HCR and GOSR. HCR priorities include:

- Regional Economic Development Council Projects;
- Transit Oriented Development;
- Mitchell-Lama Preservation;
- Housing Opportunity Projects;
- Mixed Income/Mixed Use Revitalization Projects;
- Supportive Housing Projects;

Programmatic preferences and housing goals utilized by GOSR include:

Repair of existing buildings that have documented damage from one of the Covered Storms

New Construction on-site of replacement rental housing for units placed out of service by one of the Covered Storms

Sites located in or proximate to Community Reconstruction Program areas

Marketing preference for rental households who were displaced by one of the Covered Storms

Resiliency measures that exceed basic standards

Supportive Housing Projects

AHF Pre-application Requirements

Prospective Applicants will be required to schedule and coordinate a pre-application meeting with development team members, HCR and GOSR staff. The pre-application meeting will enable HCR and GOSR to jointly assess Project readiness and determine whether it is appropriate for the Applicant to proceed with submission of any AHF

application. Should an Applicant submit an AHF application to HCR without previously conducting such a meeting, HCR reserves the right, in its full discretion, to terminate the application without further review.

This Notice provides a summary description of the AHF programs and procedures for applying for assistance thereunder. Additional information about these programs, including a fuller version of this Notice, is available on the HCR website, at: <http://www.nyshcr.org>

For an application, contact: Mark Flescher, Vice President, Special Projects, New York State Homes and Community Renewal, 641 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10022, (212) 872-0493, e-mail: mark.flescher@nyshcr.org

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PERSONS/FIRMS THAT SPONSOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REHABILITATION OF RENTAL HOUSING FOR LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS/ HOUSEHOLDS

Tax Credit Available Under the Low-Income Housing Credit Program (LIHC)

DESCRIPTION:

New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) announces the availability of tax credit under the Low-Income Housing Credit Program (LIHC), administered by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR), which is authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.

A Request For Proposals (RFP) for Unified Funding 2014 site-specific multi-family applications seeking tax credits under the LIHC Program is expected to be available on August 15, 2014.

These Applications will be submitted using the Community Development Online (CDOL) Application System, located on HCR's website at: <http://www.nyshcr.org/Apps/CDOnline/>. Printable instructions and screen shots of the CDOL Exhibits for the Unified Funding 2014 CDOL application will be available on the HCR Website at: <http://www.nyshcr.org/Funding/UnifiedFundingMaterials/2014/>.

APPLICATION DEADLINES & FEES:

This year's funding round will have two application deadlines. The first deadline will be for Early Award Projects, which meet criteria that will be set forth in the RFP. The second deadline will be for all other capital applications.

Applications for Early Award Projects must be completed and submitted by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. All other Unified Funding 2014 Capital Applications must be completed and submitted by 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 4, 2014.

A \$3,000 application fee is required for each LIHC Capital Application with the following exception: not-for-profit applicants (or their wholly-owned subsidiaries) which will be the sole general partner of the partnership/project owner or the sole managing member of the limited liability company/project owner may request a deferral of payment until the time of credit allocation.

UNIFIED FUNDING 2014 LIHC AVAILABLE:

DHCR expects to have approximately \$25 million available for LIHC reservations.

APPLICATION WORKSHOPS:

UF 2014 Capital Application Workshops will include a presentation and discussion of project application requirements and the Unified Funding process.

UF 2014 Capital Application Workshops will be conducted at the following times and locations:

NEW YORK CITY:

Friday, September 5, 2014 at 10:30 AM
25 Beaver St., Room 510
New York, NY

ALBANY:

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 10:00 AM
Hampton Plaza Ballroom
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY

ROCHESTER:

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 10:00 AM
Rochester City Council Chambers
City Hall – Room 302
30 Church St.
Rochester, NY

New York Homes and Community Renewal
New York State Division of Housing and Community
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Tax Credit Available Under the New York State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (SLIHC)

DESCRIPTION:

New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) announces the availability of tax credit under the New York State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (SLIHC), administered by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR), which is authorized under Article 2-A of the Public Housing Law.

A Request For Proposals (RFP) for Unified Funding 2014 site-specific multi-family project applications seeking tax credits under the SLIHC Program is expected to be available on August 15, 2014.

Applications will be submitted using the Community Development Online (CDOL) Application System, located on HCR's website at: <http://www.nyshcr.org/Apps/CDOnline/>. Printable instructions and screen shots of the CDOL Exhibits for the Unified Funding 2014 CDOL application will be available on the HCR Website at: <http://www.nyshcr.org/Funding/UnifiedFundingMaterials/2014/>.

APPLICATION DEADLINES & FEES:

This year's funding round will have two application deadlines. The first deadline will be for Early Award Projects, which meet criteria which will be set forth in the RFP. The second deadline will be for all other capital applications.

Applications for Early Award Projects must be completed and submitted by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. All other Unified Funding 2014 Capital Applications must be completed and submitted by 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 4, 2014.

A \$3,000 application fee is required for each SLIHC Application with the following exception: not-for-profit applicants (or their wholly-owned subsidiaries) which will be the sole general partner of the partnership/project owner or the sole managing member of the limited liability company/project owner may request a deferral of payment until the time of credit allocation.

UNIFIED FUNDING 2014 SLIHC AVAILABLE:

DHCR expects to have approximately \$4 million available for SLIHC reservations.

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PERSONS/FIRMS THAT SPONSOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REHABILITATION OF HOUSING FOR LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS/HOUSEHOLDS

Low-Income Housing Trust Fund Program; New York State HOME Program; Rural Area Revitalization Projects Program; Urban Initiatives Program; Community Investment Fund; Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program; Medicaid Redesign Team Housing Capital Program; Mitchell-Lama Program

DESCRIPTION:

A Request For Proposals (RFP) for Unified Funding 2014 site-specific multi-family project applications (Capital Applications) seeking funding under the Low-Income Housing Trust Fund Program (HTF), the New York State HOME Program (NYS HOME), the Rural Area Revitalization Projects Program (RARP), the Urban Initiatives Program (UI), the Community Investment Fund (CIF), the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program, the Medicaid Redesign Team Housing Capital Program, and the Mitchell-Lama Program, is expected to be available by August 15, 2014. NYS HOME Program applicants should be aware that this NOFA is applicable to site-specific capital projects only. A separate NOFA will be issued for HOME Local Program Administrator (LPA) Applications.

Applications for capital project funding will be submitted using the Community Development Online (CDOL) Application System, located on HCR's website at: <http://www.nyshcr.org/Apps/CDOnline/>. Printable instructions and screen shots of the CDOL Exhibits for the Unified Funding 2014 CDOL application will be available on the HCR Website at: <http://www.nyshcr.org/Funding/UnifiedFundingMaterials/2014/>.

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UNIFIED FUNDING 2014 FUNDS AVAILABLE:

Approximately \$40 million in HTF funds, \$500,000 in RARP funds, \$50,000 in UI funds, and \$6.7 million in CIF funds are expected to be available, subject to the availability of appropriations. CIF, UI and RARP funds may only be requested in combination with one or more of the following Unified Funding Programs (HTF, NYS HOME, Low-Income Housing Credit Program (LIHC), and State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (SLIHC)). Approximately \$7.0 million in New York State HOME Program funds is expected to be available, subject to the availability of appropriations. It should be noted that a minimum of 15 percent of available NYS HOME funds is required to be reserved for projects developed, owned, or sponsored by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). In addition to the 15% of funds reserved for CHDOs, a minimum of 80% of the remaining available NYS HOME Program funds must be allocated to projects located in non-participating jurisdictions. Approximately \$50 million in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program funds, up to \$25 million in Medicaid Redesign Team Housing Capital Program funds, and up to \$32 million in Mitchell-Lama Program funds are expected to be available, subject to the availability of appropriations.

Project based Section 8 Voucher assistance may be available for Capital Applications that request funding pursuant to this NOFA. Such applications will be considered within the overall review of project funding requests.

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