

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-3506

MUNICIPALITIES AND NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS  
LOCATED WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE  
HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY

## **2015 Hudson River Estuary Grants for Local Stewardship Planning Under the New York State Environmental Protection Fund**

Applications will be accepted through 2:00 pm June 15, 2015 for grant funding under the Hudson River Estuary Grant program. Anticipated grants funds from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (NYS EPF) for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014-2015 is approximately \$800,000. These are competitive grants programs and projects must implement priorities of the Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda identified in the application. The Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda can be viewed at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5104.html>. Projects eligible for state assistance must be located within the geographic boundaries of the Hudson River. State assistance may fund up to 85% of the total project cost. The matching share to be provided by the recipient is 15%.

Applications must be completed online and are available on the New York State Grants Gateway at <http://www.grantsreform.ny.gov>. The application ID Number is DEC01-HRE-14-2015. All applicants must register in the Gateway to be eligible to apply for any NYS grant opportunity. Not-for-profit applicants must also be "prequalified" in the Grants Gateway system prior to the application deadline to be considered eligible for a grant. Information regarding registration and prequalification can be found at: <http://www.grantsreform.ny.gov>. Information regarding the Hudson River Estuary grant applications can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5091.html> or you may contact Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Program at the above address or e-mail: [becky.thomas@dec.ny.gov](mailto:becky.thomas@dec.ny.gov)

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## **2015 Hudson River Estuary Grants for Tributary Restoration and Resiliency Under the New York State Environmental Protection Fund**

Applications will be accepted through 2:00 pm June 15, 2015 for grant funding under the Hudson River Estuary Grant program. Anticipated grants funds from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (NYS EPF), the Natural Resource Damages Fund (NRD), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Program, State Wildlife Grant for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014-2015 is approximately \$750,000. These are competitive grants programs and projects must implement priorities of the Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda identified in the application. The Hudson River Estuary Action

Agenda can be viewed at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5104.html>. Projects eligible for state assistance must be located within the geographic boundaries of the Hudson River. State assistance may fund up to 75% of the total project cost. The matching share to be provided by the recipient is 25%.

Applications must be completed online and are available on the New York State Grants Gateway at <http://www.grantsreform.ny.gov>. The application ID Number is DEC01-HRE-2015. All applicants must register in the Gateway to be eligible to apply for any NYS grant opportunity. Not-for-profit applicants must also be "prequalified" in the Grants Gateway system prior to the application deadline to be considered eligible for a grant. Information regarding registration and prequalification can be found at: <http://www.grantsreform.ny.gov>. Information regarding the Hudson River Estuary grant applications can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5091.html> or you may contact Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Program at the above address or e-mail: [becky.thomas@dec.ny.gov](mailto:becky.thomas@dec.ny.gov)

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## Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

1220 Washington Ave.  
State Campus, Bldg. 7A  
Albany, NY 12242

ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND/OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL

### **Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Recruitment and Retention Grant Program**

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Recruitment and Retention Grant Program seeks applications for up to \$25,000 in state funding made available by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for programs designed to promote the development of, or support existing, regional recruitment and retention efforts. All awards are subject to availability of funds, pursuant to the provisions of sections 209-G and 630-b of the New York State Tax Law. This Grant Program is intended to promote the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency services personnel through the following primary objectives: 1.) Support organizational leadership development through education and training; and, 2.) Develop and implement recruitment and retention programs and materials. Funds will be awarded competitively based on the submission of applications by eligible volunteer fire departments, volunteer emergency service organizations and statewide organizations that represent the interests of volunteer firefighters and/or volunteer emergency services personnel.

Applications will be accepted from April 14, 2015 through 11:59 p.m. on June 11, 2015 and must be submitted to DHSES's grants inbox: [grants@dhSES.ny.gov](mailto:grants@dhSES.ny.gov).

For the Request for Applications (RFA) please visit the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) website at <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/grants> or DHSES's Grant Hotline at (866) 837-9133.

New York Homes and Community Renewal  
Office of Finance and Development  
641 Lexington Ave.  
New York, NY 10022

DEVELOPERS SEEKING FINANCING FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OR SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION OF SITE-SPECIFIC, AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY SUPPORTIVE RENTAL HOUSING (“PROJECTS”) THAT WILL INCREASE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH NEED AND HIGH COST MEDICAID RECIPIENTS IN NEW YORK STATE AND/OR FURTHER THE STATE’S COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP INTEGRATED SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAID REDESIGN TEAM

**MRT Housing Capital Program**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE MRT HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAM**

As part of the effort to reduce Medicaid spending in the State of New York, Governor Cuomo’s Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) has set aside \$34,000,000 in Capital funding for Fiscal Year 2015-16, to be administered through the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (“HTFC”) to provide funding for capital and related soft costs associated with the construction and substantial rehabilitation of Projects. Successful applicants and their service providers will be expected to collect and submit relevant Medicaid patient data to the State Department of Health or another state agency to track Medicaid cost savings.

A Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for applications seeking funding through the MRT Housing Capital Loan Program is expected to be available on the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (“HCR”) website on May 1, 2015. MRT Housing Capital Loan applications will be reviewed as received and funding determinations will be made throughout the year. Notwithstanding resource availability, applications must be received by HCR by 5pm EST on January 31, 2016. The application deadline is firm as to date and hour. In the interest of fairness to all competing Applicants, applications received after the specified date and time will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered for funding.

**PROCESS**

The RFP will explain the process by which HCR will accept and evaluate applications requesting a MRT Housing Capital loan. The New York State Housing Finance Agency (“HFA”) in its capacity as HCR’s tax-exempt bond issuing agency and allocator of 4% LIHTC will retain the lead role in all facets of the project application review process. All applications will be reviewed for completeness and compliance with program requirements and competitively evaluated based on criteria outlined in the upcoming RFP. HCR reserves the right to award all, a portion of, or none of the funding, based on the feasibility of the project, the applicant’s ability to meet HCR criteria for funding, and the applicant’s ability to advance the State’s MRT goals. Applicants applying under this RFP for MRT Capital financing are expected to have projects that will also have first mortgages financed by tax-exempt Private Activity Bonds issued by the New York State Housing Finance Agency. Please note however, that HCR may also make a portion of this funding available as part of the upcoming Unified Funding Competitive Round for projects seeking allocations of 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (“LIHTC”).

HCR also reserves the right to: (i) amend, modify or withdraw the RFP; (ii) revise any requirements of the RFP; (iii) require supplemental statements or information from any responding party; (iv) accept or reject any or all proposals/responses hereto; (v) extend the deadline for submission of proposals/responses hereto; (vi) negotiate or hold discussions with any proposed Respondent/firm and to correct deficient proposals/responses which do not completely conform to the instructions contained in the RFP; and (vii) cancel or reissue the RFP in whole or part, if HCR deems it in its best interest to do so.

**REQUIREMENTS**

This Notice of Funding Availability (“Notice”) describes the programmatic and submission requirements for the MRT Housing Capital Program. HCR is seeking proposals from applicants to develop site specific multifamily supportive rental housing either through the new construction or gut rehabilitation of vacant buildings.

HCR is seeking proposals from development teams that include service providers who have awards funded through the MRT Supportive Housing Allocation Plan, the NY/NY III and/or NY/NY IV Agreement, or from other federal, state and municipal funding streams that provide social service funding for high need and high cost Medicaid recipients, to develop multifamily supportive rental housing projects either through new construction, or the gut rehabilitation of vacant buildings.

This RFP seeks to increase the number of integrated supportive housing developments whereby a portion of the tenants are receiving services, and the remainder are affordable or market rate housing residents who are not in need of services. There will be a cap of \$200,000 per supportive housing unit on awards. Applicants are required to show evidence of a service award as part of the submission. HCR anticipates making approximately \$34,000,000 in MRT funds available as part of the State’s commitment to increase the number of supportive housing opportunities for its residents.

It is strongly recommended that all prospective applicants schedule and coordinate a pre-application meeting with development team members and HCR staff prior to submitting an application. The pre-application meeting will enable HCR staff to assess project readiness and determine whether it is appropriate for the prospective applicant to proceed with a submission of an application.

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

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