

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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New York State Sibling Network Development

Organizations whose staff was involved in the development of this Request for Proposal are not eligible to directly apply or be included as a sub-contractor for another applicant.

*Note: the lead applicant cannot be a for-profit organization; however, for-profit organizations may serve as subcontractors to the lead applicant.

To fund one grantee up to \$50,000 per year for two years, to develop an effective and responsive network for siblings of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities(IDD). Work will include creation of a website portal, ongoing outreach and cataloging capacity, development of a baseline of trainings, resources and tools for siblings of individuals with IDD and training for service providers on culture and practice around sibling involvement.

Over the last decade, increased attention has been given to siblings of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Besides the importance of maintaining their familial relations, the increased life expectancy of individuals with IDD creates opportunities for siblings to fill support and advocacy needs once filled by parents.

In 2007, a national organization was formed by and for siblings of people IDD called the Siblings Leadership Network (SLN). The mission of SLN was to provide information, support, and tools to assist brothers and sisters of people with IDD and to promote the issues important to them and their entire families. The organization has grown perennially and today has chapters in almost 20 states including New York (Sibs-NY). NYSDDPC staff have attended meetings held by both SLN and Sibs-NY with great interest and understand the need to continue to support the role of siblings in the lives of their brothers and sisters with IDD.

In 2011, the DDPC awarded a grant to Cornell University to identify issues experienced by siblings of individuals with IDD in New York State. In addition, the project evaluated the supports offered by the service delivery system in New York State to facilitate their ongoing participation. In 2013, Cornell University issued their report with 20 recommendations of areas of work that the DDPC could undertake. Cornell's report also contained a database of over 400 siblings interested in DDPC siblings-related efforts. The DDPC assembled a workgroup (comprised predominantly of siblings) to review the report and develop a systematic approach to implementing the recommendations in New York State. The approach is outlined in the following section.

Approach:

DDPC will select one grantee to develop and/or enhance a user-friendly website portal dedicated to issues concerning siblings of individuals with IDD. The website shall contain navigation links, links to lists and pages including but not limited to:

- Updated information about the current service delivery system in New York State; a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) section containing resources and descriptions of changing systems for adult siblings, system access and delivery structure basics; annotated links to available trainings;

- Opportunities for online training and events posting of relevant activities, trainings and other opportunities;

- Bookmarking tools that will enable users to view, save, categorize and share online resources (e.g. websites);

- The grantee will complete testing of the site to ensure that the website meets the State requirements for accessibility.

The website will include an opportunity for siblings to sign up for the siblings' database and receive additional resources and announcements.

The existing siblings' database will be forwarded by the NYSD-DPC to the grant recipient and serve as the base of a new database.

In Year one, the grantee is expected to produce one (1) online training opportunity for siblings on sibling-related issues and one (1) training for service providers on culture and practice change around sibling involvement. The grantee should also attend 3 events (i.e. Statewide conference) designed to increase participation of siblings in the work of the service delivery system.

Planned Activities for Year 2: Activities will include development of trainings, tools and resources for siblings of individuals with IDD as well as a training for service providers on culture and practice change around sibling involvement. The selected Grantee will be expected to develop a customer satisfaction and site analysis tool which includes tracking and analytics such as web-hits, user satisfaction, most-used features, demographics usage, and other factors which will enhance the sustainability of the developed web portal.

Sustainability: The grantee is expected to sustain the website portal, including hosting and providing updates of content, conducting ongoing outreach and cataloging capacity. An expected deliverable should be a sustainability plan including developing a plan for hosting, monitoring and maintaining the website.

The full RFP can be downloaded from http://www.ddpc.ny.gov/ddpc_funding_support. All interested applicants are required to submit a one page letter of intent by December 2, 2015 to James.Hublen@ddpc.ny.gov Letters of intent are required for applications to be accepted for this RFP.

It is the applicant's responsibility to check the DDPC website periodically for any amendments to the RFP. All changes will be posted by December 15, 2015 at http://www.ddpc.ny.gov/ddpc_funding_support. No other notifications will be given.

All final grant applications should be sent to the address listed above and to the attention of Sheila Carey, Executive Director, and must be delivered to the DDPC office by 3:00 pm on December 22, 2015. No applications will be accepted after this deadline.

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BEGINNING FARMERS WHO HAVE CHOSEN FARMING AS A CAREER AND WHO MATERIALLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY

PARTICIPATE IN THE PRODUCTION OF AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT WITHIN A REGION OF THE STATE

New York State New Farmers Grant Fund

The NYS Urban Development Corporation, doing business as Empire State Development, in consultation with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, is soliciting applications for the New York State New Farmers Grant Fund in an effort to support beginning farmers who have chosen farming as a career and who materially and substantially participate in the production of an agricultural product within a region of the state. Supporting beginning farmers will result in the growth of agribusiness and the concomitant tax revenues within the state.

New York State has allocated \$1 million to be used to provide grants between \$15,000 and \$50,000 for up to 50% of project costs for beginning farmers who will materially and substantially participate in the production of an agricultural product within a region of the state. Projects are expected to be completed within a two-year contract term.

Program Goals: Improve farm profitability through one or more of the following goals:

- Expanding agricultural production, diversifying agricultural production and/or extending the agricultural season;
- Advancing innovative agricultural techniques that increase sustainable practices such as organic farming, food safety, reduction of farm waste and/or water use; or
- Creating or expanding partnerships with other entities such as farm operations, institutions or regional food-hubs for processing, selling and/or distributing agricultural products.

Eligibility: All of the following criteria must be met in order to be eligible to apply for funding:

- A farm operation of one hundred fifty acres or less located wholly within New York State which produces an agricultural product as defined by the Program Guidelines;
- The farm operation must have a minimum of \$10,000 in sales from products grown or derived from the applicant's farm operation as reflected in either personal or business 2014 or 2015 tax returns;
- All owners must be New York State residents of at least 18 years of age;
- As of April 1, 2015, all owners must be in the first ten years of having an ownership interest in any farm operation; and
- All owners must materially and substantially participate in the day-to-day production of an agricultural product grown or raised on the farm operation.

Eligible project costs include the purchase of new or used machinery and equipment, supplies, and/or construction or improvement of physical structures used exclusively for agricultural purposes. All project costs must be directly related to achieving Program Goals.

Applications must be postmarked by January 22, 2016. Applicants can access the application form, guidelines, any amendments to the guidelines and additional information about the program on the ESD website: <http://esd.ny.gov/BusinessPrograms/NewFarmersGrantFund.html>

Additional information can be obtained by writing to nyfarmfund@esd.ny.gov.

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GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES 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 3:00 pm December 16, 2015 for grant funding under the Hudson River Estuary Grant Program.

Anticipated grant funds from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (NYS EPF) is approximately \$1,200,000. This is a competitive grant program 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 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 <https://www.grantsgateway.ny.gov>. The application ID Number is DEC01-HRER16-2015. 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: susan.pepe@dec.ny.gov.

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