

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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Transit Research & Accessibility Center Grant (TRAC)

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 \$200,000 (\$100,000 per year for a two year period) for the creation of the Transit Research & Accessibility Center (TRAC). TRAC will develop and pilot a transit accessibility evaluation program that utilizes a stakeholder informed and developed curriculum, create and maintain a user-generated online regional transit rating database, and inform transit agencies of steps to improve accessibility.

The year 2015 marked the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Since its passage, virtually every facet of life has become more accessible and inclusive for individuals with disabilities. Nevertheless, individuals with disabilities continue to face persistent barriers to reliable and accessible community public transportation. For many individuals with disabilities, this reality poses formidable, sometimes insurmountable barriers, to their desire to live independent, integrated lives within the community.

In the past, initiatives to improve transportation services have traditionally been focused on the provider and systems level. Though there is certainly a need for such approaches, they often come at the expense of individual or grassroots generated initiatives. While transit providers can point to physical and programmatic accommodations of their services as evidence of accessibility, data on the individual user experience is lacking or non-existent. There has been a need for rider and advocate generated solutions to the challenges individuals with disabilities continue to face as they utilize public forms of transit.

Through this initiative, the DDPC intends to develop, populate, evaluate, and recommend local and regional accessible transit services through a user generated database. Utilizing a curriculum and evaluation criteria developed by individuals with disabilities, this tool will contribute to the development of a geo-crowdsourced regional transit rating database. This online database can serve as a tool for advocates to voice issues with accessibility, increase awareness, and foster productive dialogues with transit agencies.

Approach

The DDPC seeks to create TRAC, which will develop and pilot a transit accessibility evaluation program in a region where transit agencies serve urban, suburban, and rural populations. The program will utilize a stakeholder informed and developed curriculum to train evaluators and populate and maintain a user-generated online regional transit rating database that will inform transit agencies of steps to improve accessibility.

The grantee will work within at least one OPWDD region of the

State (Attachment A) comprised of rural, suburban, and urban areas to:

- Review applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations impacting transportation needs of individuals with disabilities;
- Create a racially and ethnically diverse advisory committee to advise and review all phases of development. The committee will also engage with transit providers to offer feedback on physical and programmatic improvements. This committee will consist of:

- o individuals with ID/DD
- o individuals with limited mobility
- o regional transit professionals
- o individuals from metropolitan planning organizations (MPO)
- o advocacy associations
- o additional stakeholders from rural, suburban, and urban regions;

- Conduct a Regional State of Transit assessment that reflects the transit needs, opinions of and barriers to individuals with disabilities, including individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse populations, in the selected OPWDD region;

- Utilizing this Regional State of Transit, a Transit Research & Accessibility Center (TRAC) will develop a culturally and linguistically competent curriculum and implement a training that evaluates the accessibility of transit providers for individuals with disabilities;

- Utilizing this curriculum, TRAC will train Evaluation Teams consisting of individuals with disabilities, advisory committee members, community-based organizations, students and other key stakeholders to conduct Regional Accessibility Transit Evaluations (RATE);

- Train additional Evaluators in in-person and online settings;
- In conjunction with the advisory committee members, engage with transit providers to offer feedback on physical and programmatic improvements based upon RATE findings;

- Develop and maintain a searchable web-based database in both English and Spanish; and

The full RFP can be downloaded from http://ddpc.ny.gov/council_funding_announcements_responsive. All interested applicants are required to submit a one page letter of intent by September 21, 2016 to Robin.Hickey@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 September 29, 2016 at http://ddpc.ny.gov/council_funding_announcements_responsive. No other notifications will be given.

All final grant applications should be sent to the address listed below and to the attention of Sheila Carey, Executive Director, and must be delivered to the DDPC office by 3:00 pm on October 20, 2016. No applications will be accepted after this deadline.

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UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN TARGETED COUNTIES

Fiscal Year 2016 Critical Infrastructure Grant Program

Fiscal Year 2016 Critical Infrastructure Grant Program seeks applications for up to \$50,000 in federal State Homeland Security Program funding made available by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for critical infrastructure protection. The FY 2016 Critical Infrastructure Grant Program (CIGP) advances a common understanding of risk management. Applicants select a critical infrastructure site or special event site and complete a risk assessment. First responders assess their capability to prevent and protect against attacks on the site. Grant funding is then applied to mitigate vulnerabilities identified in the risk assessment or enhance first responder's capabilities.

The priority focus for the FY 2016 CIGP is government owned critical infrastructure sites and special event sites. Examples of government owned sites include, but are not limited to, government office buildings (e.g. city/town halls), emergency services (emergency operations centers, 911 centers, police or fire stations), water systems (water treatment facilities, water distribution, wastewater treatments) and cyber security initiatives. Examples of special event sites include, but are not limited to, major community festivals, races, or other mass gathering events. These events must be reoccurring and located or held on government owned or leased property that have definable geographic boundaries; the event or location must pose special security concerns, such a population surges and other factors that require additional law enforcement or emergency resources.

Only units of local government within targeted counties are eligible to apply for the FY 2016 CIGP. Units of local governments include: counties, cities, towns, and/or villages. Applicants must be located in New York City or one of the following targeted counties: Albany, Broome, Dutchess, Erie, Herkimer, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Nassau, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Suffolk, Tioga, Wayne, Westchester, and Yates. The application must be coordinated with at least two (2) agencies with prevention and/or protection responsibilities at the selected site. These must be law enforcement, fire department, emergency management, information technology professionals, or public works agencies.

Applications will be accepted from August 16, 2016 through 11:59 p.m. on September 16, 2016 via DHSES' Electronic Grants Management System (E-Grants).

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/targeted.cfm> or DHSES's Grant Hotline at (866) 837-9133.

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LOCAL, COUNTY AND TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fiscal Year 2016 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program

Fiscal Year 2016 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program seeks applications for up to \$50,000 in federal State Homeland Security Program funding made available by the NYS Division of Home-

land Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for programs to develop and support explosive detection canine team capabilities. The six primary objectives of this grant are: 1.) The advancement of explosive detection canine team capabilities; 2.) The certification of explosive detection canine teams and compliance with annual recertification requirements; 3.) Participation in DHS's Office for Bombing Prevention's (DHS-OBP) Explosive Detection Canine Capability Analysis Program; 4.) Alignment to New York State's thirteen FBI Accredited bomb squads; 5.) Use of the Bomb Arson Tracking System (BATS); and, 6.) Promotion of regional partnerships in the development of mutual explosive detection canine team capabilities. Grants will be awarded to support local, county and Tribal law enforcement agencies with an active road patrol component of their law enforcement operations.

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Fiscal Year 2016 Tactical Team Grant Program

Fiscal Year 2016 Tactical Team Grant Program seeks applications for up to \$100,000 in federal State Homeland Security Program funding made available by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES). The focus of this grant opportunity is to improve a tactical team's capabilities and help to develop new response capabilities as it relates to high-risk incidents including active shooter events and other counter terrorism missions.

Grants will be awarded to local, county, and tribal law enforcement agencies with an active tactical team as part of their law enforcement operations that responds to calls for service outside of a correctional setting. The four primary objectives of this grant are to: 1) Advance tactical team capabilities through the attainment and sustainment of the minimum standards within this community; 2) Encourage and support training among law enforcement specialty teams to include bomb squads and explosive detection canine teams; 3) Promote regional partnerships in the development and build-out of mutual tactical team capabilities, and 4) Participate in DHS's Office for Bombing Prevention's (DHS-OBP) SWAT Capability Analysis Program.

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MUNICIPALITIES**Fiscal Year 2016 Technical Rescue and USAR Team Grant Program**

Fiscal Year 2016 Technical Rescue & USAR Team Grant Program seeks applications for up to \$150,000 in federal State Homeland Security Program funding made available by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES). The focus of this grant opportunity is to develop and support Technical Rescue & USAR team capabilities.

Grants will be awarded to municipalities on behalf of local emergency response teams that provide Technical Rescue & USAR services countywide or regionally. The three primary objectives of this grant are to: 1) Advance Technical Rescue & USAR capabilities statewide; 2) Encourage the development of Regional Response Partnerships to enhance multi-jurisdictional response capabilities; and 3) Increase the resource typing of Technical Rescue & USAR resources in New York State.

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