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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY STATE FUNDS

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NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS THAT CONSTRUCT AND/OR REHABILITATE HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS/HOUSEHOLDS

Funding for not-for-profit community-based organizations and charitable organizations under the Rural Area Revitalization Projects (RARP) Program and the Urban Initiatives (UI) Program.

DESCRIPTION: Application packages for both programs are available at NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) Regional Offices and from the DHCR web site.

Rural Area Revitalization Projects Program and Urban Initiatives Program applications will be accepted only at the following address:

NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal
Hampton Plaza - 6th Floor
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207

Individuals who hand deliver applications must have picture identification and a transmittal letter, on organization letterhead, stating their name and authorizing that person to deliver the application. Applications delivered by commercial carrier must have a complete and legible return address. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in an application not being accepted.

AVAILABLE FUNDS: Applications for funding will be accepted **on a continuous basis contingent on funding availability.**

- The Urban Initiatives Program expects to have approximately \$3,500,000 available. Urban Initiative funds are awarded for a specific work or series of works for the revitalization and improvement of housing and local commercial and service facilities in a geographically defined neighborhood.
- The Rural Area Revitalization Projects Program expects to have approximately \$6,000,000 available. Rural Area Revitalization Project funds are awarded for a specific work or series of work for the revitalization and improvement of housing and local commercial and service facilities, and for related community renewal activities in a geographically defined neighborhood.

Web Site: www.nysdhcr.gov
Email address: dhcrinfo@nysdhcr.gov

The Housing Trust Fund Corporation reserves the right to award all, a portion of, or none of the program funds based upon funding availability, the feasibility of the applications received and the applicant's ability to meet Housing Trust Fund Corporation criteria for funding.

Applications are selected for funding based upon an evaluation process which includes completeness, eligibility, rating and feasibility reviews. Awards will be made to projects in compliance with all pertinent statutory requirements.

UI awards will not exceed \$100,000 and will only be made to projects located in cities with populations of 53,000 or more as determined by the 2000 U.S. Census, subject to the availability of appropriations.

RARP awards will not exceed \$200,000 and will only be made to projects located in cities, towns and villages with populations of 25,000 or less as determined by the 2000 U.S. Census, subject to availability of appropriations. For all RARP projects in which over \$100,000 is requested for construction costs, HTFC requires contractors and awardees, in accordance with Section 312 of Article 15 A of the Executive Law, to make affirmative efforts to ensure that New York State certified Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises have opportunities for meaningful participation on projects awarded funds.

REGIONAL OFFICES:

For a paper copy of the application and/or technical assistance for all application preparation, contact one of the Regional Offices listed below:

Capital District Regional Office

Hampton Plaza, 2nd Floor
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
Telephone: (518) 486-5012
Lynn Kopka, Regional Director

Buffalo Regional Office

535 Washington Street
Suite 105
Buffalo, NY 14203
Telephone: (716) 847-7955
Thomas H. Van Nortwick, Regional Director

Syracuse Regional Office

620 Erie Boulevard West, Suite 312
Syracuse, NY 13204
Telephone: (315) 478-7179, ext. 200
Daniel Buyer, Regional Director

New York City Regional Office

25 Beaver St., 7th Floor
New York, NY 10004
Telephone: (212) 480-4543
Gregory Watson, Regional Director