

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

STATE FUNDS

NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation

Hampton Plaza

38-40 State Street

Albany, NY 12207

PERSONS/FIRMS THAT CONSTRUCT AND/OR REHABILITATE HOUSING FOR LOW
INCOME PERSONS/HOUSEHOLDS

Funding for not-for-profit entities, for-profit entities and municipalities under the Housing Trust Fund Program, the Urban Initiatives Program and, the Rural Area Revitalization Projects Program.

DESCRIPTION: Request For Proposals (RFP)/Application packages for project applications will be available beginning August 15, 2008. Applications will be available at NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) Regional Offices and from the DHCR web site. **ALL APPLICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE ON THE DHCR WEBSITE, www.nysdher.gov , BY AUGUST 15, 2008. In order to expedite the processing of applications, applicants are encouraged to submit their applications electronically.** Application workshops will be held during the month of August 2008 in Syracuse and New York City.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications (paper or electronic) for Housing Trust Fund (HTF) project funding (except for Small Project Program applications accepted on a continuous basis) must be received by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) by 5:00 PM, Thursday, October 2, 2008.

Housing Trust Fund paper 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.

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

The Low-Income Housing Trust Fund Program expects to have approximately \$25 million available. Applications must be received by 5:00 PM, Thursday, October 2, 2008.

OPEN WINDOW FUNDS AVAILABLE: Applications Continuously Accepted

The Urban Initiatives Program has approximately \$3.5 million available. Applications may also be submitted requesting funding from this program in conjunction with the HTF program listed in this Notice of Funding Availability. Applications submitted in conjunction with requests for HTF program funding must be received by 5:00 PM, Thursday, October 2, 2008.

The Rural Area Revitalization Projects Program has approximately \$6 million available. Applications may also be submitted requesting funding from this program in conjunction with the HTF program listed in this Notice of Funding Availability. Applications submitted in conjunction with requests for HTF program funding must be received by 5:00 PM, Thursday, October 2, 2008.

NOTE: HTFC has developed a simplified application and review process for applicants requesting only Urban Initiatives Program funds, Rural Area Revitalization Projects funds, or Small Projects Program funds. Refer to the DHCR website (www.nysdhcr.gov) for further information.

GENERAL:

Project based Section 8 voucher assistance will be available state-wide for applications that request funding from HTF or Small Projects Program in this Notice of Funding Availability.

HTFC 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, the competitiveness of the applications and the applicant's ability to meet HTFC criteria for funding.

Applications are selected for funding based upon an evaluation process which includes completeness, eligibility, competitiveness, feasibility reviews and recommendations as detailed in the Request For Proposals (RFP)/application packet. Selections are also made in compliance with all pertinent statutory requirements and furtherance of the State's housing goals, including but not limited to: preservation of affordable housing; community revitalization; green building; energy efficiency; and collaboration with other governmental agencies and the development community.

The RFP to be issued is part of the application packet. Applicants should refer to the RFP to determine eligibility requirements for each program.

In accordance with Section 312 of Article 15 A of the Executive Law, HTFC requires contractors and awardees 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 funding by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation.

APPLICATION WORKSHOPS:

Application workshops will be conducted at the following times and locations:

Syracuse

Tuesday, August 12th at 10:30 AM

Central New York Developmental Services Office

3rd Floor Auditorium

800 South Wilbur Avenue

Syracuse, NY 13204

New York City

Thursday, August 14th at 10:30 AM

NYC Regional Office, Room 510

25 Beaver Street

New York, NY 10004

Application materials will be distributed starting one half-hour before each workshop. Materials will also be available on the DHCR web site (www.nysdhcr.gov) beginning on August 15, 2008.

The workshops will include a discussion of the RFP, application requirements, and the application review process. A workshop agenda is posted on the DHCR web site on the "Funding" page (www.nysdhcr.gov/Funding/). Interested parties should refer to the web site to familiarize themselves with the agenda items.

REGIONAL OFFICES:

For a paper copy of the application and/or technical assistance, contact the Regional Office with jurisdiction for the proposed project:

Capital District Regional Office

Hampton Plaza, 2nd Floor

38-40 State Street

Albany, NY 12207

Buffalo Regional Office

Electric Tower, Suite 105

535 Washington Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14203

Telephone: (518) 486-5012

Lynn Kopka, Regional Director

Syracuse Regional Office

620 Erie Boulevard West, Suite 312

Syracuse, NY 13204

Telephone: (315) 478-7179, ext. 200

Daniel Buyer, Regional Director

Telephone: (716) 847-7955

Thomas H. Van Nortwick, Regional Director

New York City Regional Office

25 Beaver St., 7th Floor

New York, NY 10004

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