

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

New York State Homes and Community Renewal

Housing Trust Fund Corporation

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Funding Availability

The Housing Trust Fund Corporation invites eligible applicants to apply for funding for New York Main Street Technical Assistance (NYMS-TA) Projects. This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) describes the available funds, and the method used to accept and evaluate applications for funding.

HTFC expects to make up to \$200,000 in funds available to eligible applicants under this NOFA. Eligible applicants are invited to submit applications for funding requests of up to \$20,000. NYMS-TA funds are available in the form of matching, reimbursement-based grants. NYMS-TA funds may reimburse up to 95% of the project cost, not to exceed \$20,000. The remaining 5% must be provided as a cash match. Project activities may not commence prior to award and execution of a grant agreement.

New York Main Street Technical Assistance Activity Description

New York Main Street Technical Assistance (NYMS-TA) projects are intended to improve a community's readiness to administer a future NYMS building renovation program. Two essential elements in successful administration of a New York Main Street renovation program are a clear understanding of the needs of the project community, and interest from mixed-use property owners. NYMS-TA funds are available to encourage communities to evaluate neighborhood building conditions, and housing opportunities to prepare for future NYMS projects. Part of this evaluation may include identifying priority target areas, and developing a phased approach to downtown revitalization.

NYMS-TA funds cannot be used for general planning activities or administrative expenses. Priority is given to proposals for NYMS-TA projects that have a broader application in assisting other communities, or can be readily adapted for use by other communities, e.g., template

guidelines or technical primers, as such projects maximize the NYMS-TA investment. Please contact the Office of Community Renewal to discuss project eligibility.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for NYMS Program applications are Units of Local Government or organizations incorporated under the NYS Not-for-Profit Corporation Law that have been providing relevant service to the community for at least one year prior to application.

Application Process

Beginning April 6, 2016, NYMS-TA applications will be available through an open round process in the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal: <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/>. An applicant must complete the full application in the CFA portal within 90 days. Open round applications may be submitted throughout the year. The application will remain open until all available funding has been allocated.

This Notice provides a summary description of the New York Main Street Technical Assistance project funds, and procedures for applying for assistance thereunder. A detailed Request for Proposals (RFP) outlining project and application requirements is expected to be available on April 6, 2016 online, here: <http://www.nyshcr.org/Funding/>.

Applicants are advised that this NOFA is applicable to New York Main Street Technical Assistance projects only. Funding for traditional New York Main Street (NYMS) renovation projects will be offered in the annual Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process.

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