

NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S

Focus on Local Government

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Dear Local Official,

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is responsible for administering the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

NYSERDA will soon be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) through which \$24 million of New York's allocation of ARRA EECBG funds will be awarded for eligible energy conservation projects on a competitive basis through one selection round. This program is targeted at small municipal governments that did *not* receive a direct EECBG allocation from the Department of Energy.

The RFP will provide up to 100% funding for the implementation of energy conservation measures including (i) energy efficiency, (ii) renewable energy, (iii) efficient transportation systems, (iv) material conservation, and (v) energy conservation personnel. For more information, visit the NYSERDA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant webpage (<http://www.nyserda.org/economicrecovery/blockgrants.asp>).

What You Will Need to Get Started

- Resources to hire a qualified firm or self-conduct an analysis for an energy efficiency, renewable energy, efficient transportation system, material conservation, or energy conservation personnel project; *or*
- A previously completed energy study ready for implementation

Don't delay! If you need to complete an energy study in preparation for application to this upcoming RFP, you may consider using one of the following:

- NYSERDA Energy Audit Program (<http://www.nyserda.org/programs/energyaudit.asp>)
- NYSERDA FlexTech Program (<http://www.nyserda.org/programs/flextech.asp>)
- NYSERDA Technical Assistance Program http://www.nyserda.org/programs/Technical_Assistance/default.asp

You may discuss which program may be of best use for your municipality with your regional Point of Contact (POC) or local Energy Smart Community Coordinator.

Regional POCs:

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Additional Outreach and Application Support Services

NYSERDA will be hosting a series of free information sessions on the RFP at various locations around the state in early January. Notice of session dates and locations will be disseminated within the next week.

Once the RFP has been issued, you may contact NYSERDA's contracted outreach team for application support services. This service is provided at no cost to the municipality. The outreach team can assist you with reviewing and providing feedback on your Project Descriptions, verifying (or performing) required conversions using the conversion factors as supplied in the RFP, and addressing general questions on the application.

**Please note that the outreach team will not be able to assist with performing any technical analysis or energy studies on behalf of the applicants. Applicants may conduct such analysis themselves or contract with other qualified engineering or energy firms under this RFP.*

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