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Environmental Protection Agency: announces the availability of funding to advance clean energy programming and policies through cost-effective strategies. The EPA through the Climate Protection Partnerships Division (CPPD) is committed to reducing greenhouse gases through energy-efficiency, clean energy and corporate greenhouse gas management by employing cost-effective partnerships with industries in all appropriate sectors of our economy. The outcomes for projects supported by this grant may be environmental, behavioral, health-related, or programmatic in nature, but must be quantitative. They may not necessarily be achievable within an assistance agreement funding period. Projects to be funded under this announcement are expected to support outcomes including a reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases by creating a lasting change in the market for energy efficient products, services, and/or best practices. Eligibility: State governments, county, city and/or township governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education. Deadline: August 8, 2008. For more information: Contact U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Attn: Kayla Roach, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; or call (202) 343-9186; or e-mail: roach.kayla@epa.gov.

The Corporation for National and Community Service: announces the availability of approximately \$3,500,000 for the first year of a three-year grant award to national nonprofit organizations that support youth development through planning, collaboration, and alliance building for youth-serving organizations at the local and regional level, as well as direct programming to help children and youth succeed in school. Eligible applicants are national nonprofit organizations (e.g. national intermediaries, associations, alliances, consortia, and networks) and national public charities, faith-based and other community organizations, and national private foundations. Deadline: July 29, 2008. For further information call (202) 606-7507 or email Special Initiatives Hotline youth@cns.gov

New York State Department of Health's AIDS Institute and The United Way of New York City: announce the release of a grant to award funds to enhance individual and family-centered case management and supportive services for HIV-infected women residing in the boroughs of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. Through this grant, the New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute and the United Way of New York City propose to support on-site case management services offered in coordination with supportive services to promote access to and retention in care for HIV-infected women. These services will include promoting greater access by HIV-infected women to a full range of clinical, mental health and social services to improve their well-being and the overall quality of life for themselves and their

families; enabling HIV-infected women to attend to their health and social service needs through the utilization of case management and a variety of supportive services; and supporting interventions and services that address the unique needs of HIV-infected women. Eligibility: Not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community-based human service organizations, drug treatment programs and/or Article 28 facilities serving the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens or Staten Island. Deadline: July 15, 2008. For more information: Contact Karen Bovell, Bureau of Special Populations, Division of HIV Prevention - AIDS Institute, 90 Church St., 13th Fl., New York, NY 10007; or call (212) 417-4707; or e-mail: kcb04@health.state.ny.us.

The Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation (HHAC) and the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA): recently announced the fiscal year 2008-09 grant for the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program. The Homeless Housing Assistance Corporation is authorized to provide grants and loans for acquisition, construction and rehabilitation in order to expand the supply of housing for low income persons who are, or would otherwise be, homeless. A homeless person is defined as an undomiciled person (whether alone or as a member of a family) who is unable to secure permanent and stable housing without special assistance, as determined by the OTDA Commissioner. Awards will be based upon a combination of demonstrated need, organizational capacity and experience, cost effectiveness and other criteria outlined by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Eligibility: New York City providers with demonstrated experience providing all of the following four services: crisis intervention, eviction prevention, mobile emergency feeding services and summer youth services. Deadline: July 14, 2008. For more information: Contact Ms. Colleen A. Salvagni, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Bureau of Housing and Shelter Services, 40 N. Pearl St., 10-B, Albany, NY 12243; or call (518) 473-2529; or e-mail: colleen.salvagni@otda.state.ny.us.

New York Department of Environmental Conservation: Funds are available to obtain independent technical assistance about State Superfund Program and Brownfield Cleanup Program sites that pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. A qualifying group must certify that its membership represents the interest of the community affected by the site, and that its members' health, economic well-being or enjoyment of the environment, are potentially threatened by the site. Portions of technical assistance work may be subcontracted based on unit price bids/quotes for professional services to subconsultants, subject to the guidance from and approval of the Department. The TAG recipient and its contractors must make good faith efforts to subcontract a portion of the contract amount to Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE). The percentage goals for MBE and WBE participation are 8.8% for equipment, supplies and services in the Upstate NYSDEC Regions 3-9. For New York City and Long Island NYSDEC Regions 1 & 2, MBE utilization goal percentages are 18.8% for equipment, supplies and services; for WBE these goal percentages are 20.5% for equipment, supplies and services. The TAG recipient and its contractors must make good faith efforts to employ 10% minority group members and 10% women for a portion of the workforce hours required to perform the work under this contract. Eligibility: Eligible community groups must be non-responsible parties incorporated as not-for-profit corporations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Deadline: Applications are continuously being accepted. For more information: Application and guidance for the TAG grants are downloadable from the Department's website at: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/guidance/tag/>

New York Department of Environmental Conservation: This notice is to advertise the availability of State assistance funding to municipalities for Environmental Restoration Projects to investigate and/or remediate hazardous substances on property held in title by a municipality. A municipality may obtain “temporary incidents of ownership” during a tax foreclosure proceeding for a property in order to conduct such investigations. Portions of investigation and remediation activities may be subcontracted based on unit price bids/quotes for professional services to subconsultants, subject to guidance from and approval of the Department. The recipient and its contractors must make good faith efforts to subcontract a portion of the contract amount to Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE). The percentage goals for MBE and WBE participation are 8.8% for equipment, supplies and services, and 6% for construction in the Upstate NYSDEC Regions 3-9. For New York City and Long Island NYSDEC Regions 1 & 2, MBE utilization goal percentages are 18.8% for equipment, supplies and services and 21.5% for construction. WBE goal percentages are 20.5% for equipment, supplies and services, and 13.7% for construction for New York City and Long Island. The recipient and its contractors must make good faith efforts to employ 10% minority group members and 10% women for a portion of the workforce hours required to perform the work under this contract. Eligibility: local public authority or public benefit corporation, county, city, town, village, school district, supervisory district, district corporation, improvement district within a county, city, town or village, or Indian nation or tribe recognized by the State and the U.S. within a reservation wholly or partly within NY State boundaries, or any combination thereof. Deadline: Ongoing. For more information visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov> or call 18-402-9711.

New York State Affordable Housing Corporation: This private organization has two primary goals: to promote home ownership among families of low- and moderate-income and to stimulate the development, stabilization and preservation of New York communities. Grants are made available to government and non-government sponsors that develop affordable housing or assist homeowners in funding such endeavors. These agencies or organizations are then responsible for ensuring that the homebuyers or homeowners are income qualified and otherwise eligible recipients. The Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) ensures that grant funds are equitably distributed throughout the state, and among urban, suburban and rural communities. Eligibility: Municipalities, including municipal housing authorities and housing development fund companies, and not-for-profit corporations and charitable organizations that have affordable housing or home improvement as one of their primary purposes. Deadline: Contact the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation for more information. For more information: Contact the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation, 641 Lexington Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10022, or call (212) 688-4000.

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Refugee Health Program: announces the opportunity for qualified licensed health care providers/agencies located throughout New York State (exclusive of New York City) to provide refugee health assessments and initial adult vaccinations to new refugee arrivals. The refugee health assessment is designed to promptly identify refugees with health conditions of personal and public health concern; to introduce refugees into the U.S. health care system; to ensure refugees receive ongoing care and appropriate follow up for identified problems by referrals to primary and specialty care providers; and to initiate vaccines required for refugees to adjust their status for permanent residency. The refugee health assessment consists of a set of basic screening components

designed to identify health issues typically found in refugee populations. Applicants must be licensed health care providers who demonstrate clinical experience and the staffing capacity necessary to provide health screenings in accordance with established protocols. Applicants must also employ bilingual staff or provide interpreter services to overcome language barriers to care and must demonstrate established linkages to services, whether on-site or by referral, to primary care, specialty care and mental health services. Eligibility: Eligible applicants include licensed health care providers and agencies. Deadline: Contracts can be awarded to approve applicants at any time. For more information: Contact the Department of Health, Refugee Health Program, Bureau of Tuberculosis Control, Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Rm. 840, Albany, NY 12237-0669; or call (518) 474-4845; or e-mail: rhp@health.state.ny.us.

NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation: The 2008-09 New York State budget provided funding to the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) for the development and administration of a subprime foreclosure prevention services program. Under the program, the HTFC will be making grants to not-for-profit organizations to provide outreach and education, counseling, legal services and court-based services to New York homeowners who hold subprime or unconventional home loans who are at risk of foreclosure or default. Collaborative proposals by multiple not-for-profit organizations are strongly encouraged to ensure that all necessary services are offered throughout the state in an efficient manner that decreases duplication and maximizes the impact of public resources. Proposals may be submitted immediately. Eligibility: Not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) incorporation. Deadline: The application process is continuous and will operate until all program funds have been disbursed. For more information: Contact Caillin Furnari, Housing and Community Development Assistant, Community Services Bureau, Division of Housing and Community Renewal, (518) 473-8273, or contact Anna Oles, Homeownership Coordinator, Housing Trust Fund, (518) 474-6082.

New York Department of Education: The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 2006 is a federal law intended to provide an increased focus on the academic achievement of career and technical education students. Through it, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) will be providing grants offered to partnerships of secondary and postsecondary education institutions for the development and operation of programs consisting of the last two years of secondary education and at least two years of postsecondary career and technical education. The Perkins Title II grant program is intended to strengthen the connections between secondary and postsecondary education, and improve state and local accountability. Eligibility: Public school districts and boards of cooperative educational services. Deadline: July 28, 2008. For more information: Contact the Career and Technical Education Team at (518) 486-1547.