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... On the State Level

Refugee Health Program

Department of Health

The 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.

FUNDING: The total allocation for budget year March 31, 2008 to March 30, 2009 is expected to be \$672,899.

DEADLINE: Contracts can be awarded to approved 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

Subprime Foreclosure Prevention Services

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.

FUNDING: A total of \$20 million is expected to be made available for this grant.

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.

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Program

Department of Agriculture and Markets

A grant is being offered, for financial assistance in the form of matching funds, to support the implementation of agricultural and farmland protection plans developed by counties and other municipalities. Eligible projects must, at a minimum, be consistent with the activities, programs and strategies found in the applicant's agricultural and farmland protection plan. Proposals from municipalities must be endorsed for funding by the agricultural farmland protection board for the county in which the municipality is located. Priority consideration will be given to proposals that preserve viable agricultural lands which are located in areas facing significant development pressure and which serve as a buffer to a significant natural public resource containing important ecosystem or habitat characteristics.

ELIGIBILITY: County agricultural and farmland protection boards and municipalities.

FUNDING: Awards shall not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the proposal. Applicants are required to provide at least a 25 percent match, which may not include other state funds.

DEADLINE: September 15, 2008.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact David Behm at david.behm@agmkt.state.ny.us or call (518) 457-2713, or visit the Department of Agriculture and Markets' Web site at www.agmkt.state.ny.us.

Career and Technical Education Improvement

Education Department

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.

FUNDING: Approximately \$5 million is available to fund grants in the 2008-09 school year.

DEADLINE: July 28, 2008.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact the Career and Technical Education Team at (518) 486-1547.

... On the Federal Level

Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Energy Efficiency, Clean Energy, and Corporate Greenhouse Gas Management

Environmental Protection Agency

This grant program, offered by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is intended 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.

FUNDING: The total estimated funding for this competitive opportunity is approximately \$6,000,000. The EPA anticipates awarding 1-10 grants, ranging in annual value from \$40,000 to \$90,000. Additionally, the EPA anticipates awarding 4-10 cooperative agreements, ranging in annual value from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

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.

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...Grant Writing

Grantsmanship Center

The Grantsmanship Training Program is coming to New York: **Oriskany, November 3-7, 2008**, hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County. Another Grantsmanship Training Program will be offered in: **Newark, NJ, September 15-19**, hosted by the Salvation Army.

The classes will be conducted by The Grantsmanship Center and are kept at a maximum of 30 participants. The cost is \$875, which includes one-year enrollment in the TGCI Membership Program. A limited number of half-tuition scholarships are available to agencies with annual budgets of less than \$300,000.

To register, or to apply for a scholarship, contact TGCI at (800) 421-9512 or visit www.tgci.com.

The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training opportunities during July 2008:

Grantseeking Basics:

July 9, and 16

Attendees will learn how the Center's resources can help make them more effective grantseekers. For beginners, this introduction to the library provides instruction in foundation research and identification of potential funders. A tour of the library will follow.

Proposal Writing Basics:

July 10

Attendees will learn about the basics of writing a proposal for their nonprofit organizations.

Introduction to the Foundation Directory Online:

July 9 and 22

This session provides a hands-on introduction to the Center's comprehensive Web subscription database.

How to Approach a Foundation:

July 11

Attendees will learn how to initiate contact with potential funders; plan calls and meetings; and build partnerships with donors. This class is intended for fundraisers with some experience, though not necessarily with foundations.

Classes are held at The Foundation Center, New York Library, 79 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor in New York City. Space is limited and you can register online at www.fdncenter.org, in person, or by calling (212) 620-4230. You may also visit the Web site for information on other training opportunities available through the Center.