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Department of Education: The Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program provides financial assistance for projects that provide basic or advanced training leading to an academic degree in areas of personnel shortages, provide a specified series of courses or program of study leading to award of a certificate in areas of personnel shortages, and provide support for medical residents enrolled in residency training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation. Eligibility: State and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education. Deadline: October 29, 2007. For further information contact: Marilyn Fountain, U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5029, PCP, Washington, DC 20202-2800. Telephone: (202) 245- 7346.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services: Announces the availability of funds under the Museums for America program. Museums for America is the Institute's largest grant program for museums, supporting projects and ongoing activities that build museums' capacity to serve their communities. Museums for America grants strengthen a museum's ability to serve the public more effectively by supporting high-priority activities that advance the institution's mission and strategic goals. Museums for America grants are designed to be flexible: funds that can be used for a wide variety of projects, including: ongoing museum work, research and other behind-the-scenes activities, planning, new programs, purchase of equipment or services, and activities that will support the efforts of museums to upgrade and integrate new technologies. All types of museums, large and small, are eligible for funding. Eligible museums include aquariums, arboretums and botanical gardens, art museums, youth museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, among others. Deadline: November 1, 2007. For further information contact: Steven Shwartzman, Senior Program Officer Phone: 202/653-4641, e-mail: sshwartzman@imls.gov or Sandra Narva, Senior Program Officer Phone: 202/653-4634, e-mail: snarva@imls.gov or visit: <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/forAmerica.shtm>

Department of Health Resources and Service Administration: Announces the availability of funds under the Advanced Education Nursing Grants. The grants support Grants are awarded to eligible institutions for projects that support the enhancement of advanced nursing education and practice. For the purpose of this section, advanced education nurses means individuals trained in advanced degree programs. Eligible applicants are collegiate schools of nursing, academic health centers, and other private or public nonprofit entities accredited by a recognized body or bodies or State agency, approved for the purpose of nursing education by the Secretary of Education. Deadline: December 14, 2007. For further information contact: Irene Sandvold

(301) 443-6333, email isandvold@hrsa.gov or visit: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=630251B8-C169-4C2F-B427-AF544B2101B8>

Department of Treasury: Announces the availability of funds under the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Program. The CDFI program provides funds for: (i) Financial Assistance (FA) awards to CDFIs that have Comprehensive Business Plans for creating demonstrable community development impact through the deployment of credit, capital, and financial services within their respective Target Markets, and (ii) Technical Assistance (TA) grants to CDFIs and entities proposing to become CDFIs in order to build their capacity to better address the community development and capital access needs of their particular Target Markets, to expand into new Investment Areas, Low-Income Targeted Populations, or Other Targeted Populations, and/or to become certified CDFIs. Eligibility: Applicants must be certified as a Community Development Financial Institution. Deadline: October 31, 2007. For further information contact visit the CDFI website at: [http://www.cdfifund.gov/what we do/programs_id.asp?programID=7](http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7)

New York State Department of Education: Announces the availability of funds under the Teacher Resource and Computer Training Centers (Teacher Centers). The program provides staff development programs for teachers and other members of the school community. There are currently 131 Teacher Centers operating across New York State. Eligibility: School districts, BOCES. Deadline: October 8. For further information contact: Michael Moon at: mmoon@mail.nysed.gov.

New York State - Division of Housing and Community Renewal: Announces the availability of funds to address the problems caused by the continuing presence of drugs and violent crimes in State-aided low-income public housing projects. At this time, \$400,000 is available to be awarded for capital items. Under the program, the Housing Trust Fund Board is authorized to make grants to public housing authorities for use in eliminating drug-related crime in low-income public housing projects. The application must include a resolution by the housing authority certifying that there are no funds available from any other source, except as indicated on the application, to carry out the proposed Public Housing Modernization Drug Elimination Program. Eligibility: Housing authorities. Deadline: October 3, 2007. For further information contact: Ms. Alston-Payne at 212-480-7390.

Department of Labor: Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces the availability of approximately \$125 million in funds for Community-Based Job Training Grants. The Community-Based Job Training Grants will be awarded through a competitive process to support workforce training for high-growth/high-demand industries through the national system of community and technical colleges. Deadline: October 10, 2007. For more information visit the Department of Labor website at <http://www.doleta.gov/sga/sga.cfm>.

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/>

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: A 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: Contact <http://www.dec.ny.gov> or call 518-402-9711.

Citizens Committee for New York City: Citizens Committee wants to hear your ideas about how to improve your community, and help you turn those ideas into successful projects. Community groups are invited to apply for grants through the New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods (NYBN) program. NYBN supports hundreds of established and new grassroots volunteer groups across New York City. The grants are given to groups to work on projects that creatively address community issues, as well as stimulate community involvement, community building, and community improvement. Eligibility: Small volunteer-based community groups.

Funding: Between \$500 and \$3,000. Deadline: September 30, 2007. For further information contact: Arif Ullah at: grants@citizensnyc.org.