



Community Services - CSBG Update

May 8, 2017

Additional Amendments to Nonprofit Revitalization Act Signed Into Law

On November 28, 2016, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 466 of the Laws of New York of 2016 (Assembly Bill 10365B) (the "2016 Amendment"). The 2016 Amendment is intended to "improve and make clarifying amendments to the Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013" (the "NPRA")

1. in order to "correct certain inconsistencies, and make the statute operate more smoothly and efficiently,"
2. most notably to the "related party" provisions and the prohibition in the NPRA against employees serving as the chair of the board of a corporation organized under the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law ("NPCL"). The 2016 Amendment amends certain provisions of the NPCL and corresponding provisions of the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law.
3. The changes go into effect on May 27, 2017, 180 days after the Governor signed the law, except for the amendment to NPCL § 713(f), described below, relating to the chair of the board, which is effective on January 1, 2017.

For more information, go to the NYCON website:

<http://www.nycon.org/who-we-help/nonprofits/technical-assistance/nonprofit-revitalization-act-resources/>

2018 Contracts and 2017 Amendments – Still waiting for an allocation!

On May 2nd we received word that Congress negotiated a budget bill to continue funding the government until September 30th. In the budget bill, CSBG funding holds steady at \$715 million however we need to consider the overall reduction to states for the carve-outs for various information systems. Therefore, we continue to wait for the final allocation to states. This allocation will form the basis for the FFY 2018 contracts and 2017 amendments (if the amount to the State changes). In spite of the delay, we remain very optimistic.

SAVE THE DATE:

Webinar on changes to 2018 Work Plan to address ROMA and Annual Report for FFY 2018

On April 5th, DCS distributed the 2018 work plan forms so you may begin the planning process. During recent training at the national level, ROMA reporting requirements and changes for FFY 2018 were finalized. These changes are now requiring us to make minor modification to the 2018 work plan workbook. To assist DOS in delivering training to grantees, NASCSP has agreed to conduct a webinar for NYS grantees. **The webinar has been set for Tuesday, May 23rd from 2:00pm-3:30pm ET.** Jackie Orr and Katy Kujawski will be presenting information concerning each of the new report modules associated with the 2018 annual report. In order to complete this APR correctly, we will have to modify the 2018 CSBG work plan. During this webinar, we will review modules 2, 3 and 4 of the Annual Report, focusing specifically on Modules 3 and 4. The new reporting modules can be found on the NASCSP website:

Reporting Modules: <http://www.nascsp.org/ROMA/919/ROMA-Next-Generation.aspx?iHt=17>.

Webinar Link: <https://nascsp.webex.com/nascsp/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5d2d7cb7fb8afe69081817b823e7008c>

GRANTS AND FUNDING:

NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Risk Reduction Civil Legal Assistance Program

The NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Risk Reduction Civil Legal Assistance Program is accepting proposals to provide holistic legal services to victims of domestic violence who have been identified as having a high risk of physical danger or homicide. Eligible applicants for this Request for Proposals are NYS domestic violence programs that are licensed and/or approved by the Office of Children and Family Services, in partnership with a civil legal assistance provider with experience and expertise in providing civil legal assistance to victims of domestic violence. Applicants must participate in a multi-disciplinary high risk response team, as later defined, or operate in a community utilizing a lethality or danger assessment tool with a protocol for response. Legal matters may include orders of protection, custody and visitation, child or spousal support, divorces, consumer credit and finances, landlord/tenant, child protective proceedings, or other areas of law identified as a need for particular clients. Recognizing that legal assistance can be most effective when legal needs are promptly identified and addressed, this program will aim to have an attorney involved with victims identified as high risk as soon as possible, to spot the legal issues that may be present, and to work with the victim to provide legal assistance and intervention as quickly and comprehensively as possible.



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GRANTS AND FUNDING Continued: New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)

Through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), a single application for multiple sources of state funding, New York State is soliciting applications for funding to advance the priorities of the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC). Funding will be available for the following projects:

Direct Assistance to Businesses and Other Organizations, Community Development, Waterfront Revitalization, Energy, Environmental Improvements, Sustainability Planning and Implementation, Education/Workforce Development, Low Cost Financing

This announcement is meant to provide a general overview of the programs included in this year's REDC/CFA competition and does not contain all program requirements and guidelines. Full solicitations, application materials, and **details for CFA workshops are available online at www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov**. The funding solicitation opens on Monday, May 1, 2017 and applications will be accepted through the CFA until 4:00 pm on Friday, July 28, 2017.

This year, there are over 30 programs available through 12 state agencies, including: Empire State Development; NYS Canal Corporation; NYS Energy Research and Development Authority; Environmental Facilities Corporation; Homes and Community Renewal; Department of Labor; New York Power Authority; Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Department of State; Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Agriculture & Markets, and Council on the Arts. In an effort to provide the most appropriate state resources through this process, participating agencies will be able to review and potentially provide funding to a project that did not specifically apply to that program, if the materials submitted at time of application satisfy the requirements for that program and allow for fair review under the circumstances. In addition, all programs contained in this document will use regional distribution standards to ensure projects are funded throughout the state. For more information or questions regarding the CFA, please contact the appropriate Regional Council covering the project area.

SPOTLIGHT NYSCAA Regional Meetings

Thank you to NYSCAA and all attendees. Thanks to all the Executive Directors and CAA staff who participated in the recent NYSCAA Regional Meetings. We received several excellent suggestions to consider as we prepare the draft CSBG State Plan for FFY 2018 and 2019. If you were not able to attend one of the regional meetings you can still offer comments when the draft plan is completed. DOS expects to have a draft plan ready for review and comment by early June, with a tentative date for the public hearing on Tuesday, July 18th.

The other focus of the Regional Meetings was directed to CAA staff who have a role in the development of the CSBG work plan. Veronica Cruz, Annette Marchese, and DCS Program Analysts discussed the intended content of each section of the work plan workbook, common errors, and ways to improve your work plan. Please plan to attend the follow up webinar on changes to the 2018 work plan and annual report on Tuesday, May 23rd at 2:00 pm.



Ulster Meeting; Pictured: Annette Marchese; left. Francesca Sommer; right



Saratoga Regional Meeting



Ulster Meeting; Pictured: Veronica Cruz; right. Greg Howard; left



Pictured (from left to right): Lilian McCarthy, Veronica Cruz, Jo Anne Hume