

**NYS Department of State**  
**Division of Local Government Services**  
**Local Government Efficiency Grant**  
**Request for Applications # 15-LGE-2**

**Questions & Answers**

*The responses to questions included herein are the official responses by the State to questions submitted by potential applicants and are hereby incorporated into RFA # 15-LGE-2 issued on May 1, 2015. In the event of any conflict between the RFA and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.*

**Q1: Is the \$1 million threshold, per grant, or cumulative? For instance, would an existing project be eligible for any further funding, if we've already exceeded \$1 million with two prior grants?**

A1: The \$1million threshold is for the individual grant and not cumulative per local government.

**Q2: If we are eligible, and there are four entities involved, the maximum would be \$200,000 per municipality or \$800,000 for implementation, correct?**

A2: With 4 eligible local governments as part of an application – a maximum of \$800,000 would be available as grant funding.

**Q3: Is construction an eligible expense under implementation?**

A3: Capital improvements or construction is an eligible expense when it is integral to implementation of a consolidation or functional consolidation.

**Q4: Can one of the applicants provide considerable match toward the Total Project Cost that is in the \$2-4 million range?**

A4: Yes, as long as the match provided is from local funds and the LGE program criteria of 10% is met.

**Q5: Is the County allowed to put multiple applications in during the same funding round? Or are we competing with ourselves?**

A5: There are no restrictions on either the number of applications submitted or on the number of projects. Awards will be made based on rank order of the final average score.

**Q6: Would this grant allow a county to ask for funding on behalf of all county municipalities to hire a consultant to study the status of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the entire county?**

A6: As the coordinator of EMS services, the county could be the lead for this grant.

**Q7: Are School Districts considered “Eligible Entities” in this round?**

A7: Yes

**Q8: Will the CFA cover county owned or litigation buildings that the County is taking ownership of due to back taxes?**

A8: Capital improvements that are integral to implementation of a functional consolidation are eligible expenses.

**Q9: Is a community college eligible for the funding?**

A9: No, a community college is not eligible for a Local Government Efficiency grant.

**Q10: How do you address the MWBE requirement if you don’t know who you are hiring?**

A10: MWBE requirements are described in attachments to the LGE RFA. Other than the certification question in the application, the requirements do not need to be met as part of the application process, but relate to requirements for successful applicants who enter into a contract with the State.

**Q11: Are there municipal resolution requirements?**

A11: No. Municipal resolutions are not required for a Local Government Efficiency grant application.

**Q12: Can a 501C3 apply?**

A12: Eligible applicants for the LGE program are counties, cities, towns, villages, special improvement districts, fire districts, public libraries, association libraries, public library systems, water authorities, sewer authorities, regional planning and development boards, school districts, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

**Q13: If a County applies can the 10 towns in the County apply jointly?**

A13: Yes, all of the local government entities involved in the project would be eligible applicants.