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Dear Colleague,

As part of Governor Cuomo's efforts to improve the state's economic development model, the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) was created to streamline and expedite the grant application process. The CFA serves as the single entry point for access to economic development and community sustainability resources. Information on the CFA application and regional workshops can be found at <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>.

The CFA application process for 2013 was opened Monday, June 17th and for the first time also includes the Department of State's Local Government Efficiency (LGE) grant. This year, \$4 million will be available under the LGE program to assist local leaders reduce municipal expenditures, limit the growth in property taxes and increase efficiencies in local service delivery. Projects can include local government reorganization, functional or service delivery consolidation, city or county charter revisions that include functional consolidation, cooperative service agreements, and establishment of regional service delivery mechanisms. Generally, local governments must apply cooperatively for an LGE grant. However, in certain instances the program can provide direct assistance to fiscally stressed local governments to implement internal reorganizations or service delivery modifications.

Other Local Government Efficiency programs, including the Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grant (CREG) and the Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program (LGPEP) will remain as applications directly to the Department of State. Local Government Efficiency program information will be available on the Department of State website at: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding/> or by calling 518-473-3355 or 1-800-367-8488

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cesar A. Perales".

Cesar A. Perales
Secretary of State