



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY

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Notice of Funding Availability

For

NY Rising Community Center Program

Combined Public Notice

February 10, 2015

Responses must be received by
5:00 p.m. (Eastern), March 11, 2015

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announces available funding to establish a network of NY Rising Community Centers in the following NY Rising Communities (Communities): Bergen Beach, Georgetown, Marine Park, Mill Basin, Mill Island; Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Manhattan Beach, Sea Gate; Canarsie; Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay; Howard Beach; Lower Manhattan; Red Hook; Rockaway East; Rockaway West; and Staten Island. Committees representing these Communities proposed the State's funding of these services in their respective NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Plans. NY Rising Community Centers (Center) will be selected based on the specific and unique needs of each of these participating Communities, as identified in the individual NYRCR Plans. Statements should reflect the Project Profiles found within a specific Community's NYRCR Plan. NYRCR Plans are available online at: <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/final-plans>.

The program is being funded through the State of New York's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program.

The overall purpose of the NY Rising Community Centers Program is to create a network of resilient facilities within the aforementioned Communities where organizations can provide critical recovery and social services in the disaster-affected areas, targeting the most vulnerable population sectors, which include but are not limited to residents (1) of low/moderate income; (2) possessing physical disabilities; and/or (3) having limited ability to control their environments. Seniors, persons with disabilities/home-bound persons, and those with limited English proficiency were particularly affected by the impacts of Superstorm Sandy.

A NY Rising Community Center will be a large community space with staff that will coordinate with other locations throughout the Community, borough, and City. This design will allow various organizations to offer particular expertise and resources through a comprehensive network of services.

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) has issued two (2) Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) in the implementation of the NY Rising Community Centers Program. The notices, which are running concurrently, are for the purposes of 1) seeking Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from owners/operators of existing buildings to be retrofit and designated as NY Rising Community Centers, and 2) seeking SOQs from nonprofit organizations to provide public services within the selected buildings.

SOQs submitted in response to these NOFAs must be filed electronically in a Portable Document Format (.pdf) file, compatible with Adobe Reader XI, version 11.0.4. Unless otherwise noted, respondents must complete and submit all forms, information, and other documentation listed herein as part of their electronic proposal submissions. Only complete SOQs will be evaluated. In all instances, GOSR's determination regarding the completeness of any SOQ shall be final. Coordination between Facility Site Selection and Public Services Program respondents is strongly encouraged. See accompanying Facility Site Selection and Public Services NOFAs for further clarification.

SOQ must be delivered by e-mail no later than: **5:00 p.m. (Eastern) March 11, 2015**. Any statement delivered after 5:00 p.m. (Eastern) will be returned. Delivery delays shall not excuse late bid submissions. The respondent is responsible for ensuring that e-mails and attachments are delivered on time in a legible format. Complete SOQ, including all multiple parts, must be received by the deadline in order for a SOQ to be considered submitted on time. Those submitting a SOQ assume all risks associated with delivery. The determination of whether any SOQ was received on time is at the sole discretion of GOSR.

A webinar is scheduled to discuss these NOFAs, accept questions, and provide preliminary responses. GOSR is in the process of finalizing webinar details and will post an update to the GOSR Procurement Opportunities webpage: <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/procurement-opportunities>. We strongly encourage interested respondents to check the Procurement Opportunities webpage frequently for updates and additional information pertaining to these NOFAs.

Respondents may also submit questions outside of the conference by e-mail to NYRisingNOFA@stormrecovery.ny.gov. Answers to all substantive questions, including any substantive questions arising from the respondents' webinar, will be posted on the GOSR Procurement Opportunities webpage listed above as soon as practical following the deadline for question submission. All questions and correspondence must be sent to NYRisingNOFA@stormrecovery.ny.gov. Any correspondence or questions sent to any other e-mail address regarding this NOFA will not be answered.

NY Rising Community Center NOFA Timeline:

Target Date	Event
February 10, 2015	Release of NOFAs
February 25, 2015	Anticipated Respondents' Webinar
February 27, 2015	Last Day to Submit Questions – 5:00 p.m. (Eastern)
March 4, 2015	Issuance of Answers to Questions
March 11, 2015	SOQ Submission Deadline – 5:00 p.m. (Eastern)
April 2015	Target for Tier 2 Evaluation Process

Please note that the NOFA timeline includes target dates and may change. It is the responsibility of respondents to periodically review the GOSR and HTFC websites for regular updates to the NOFA timeline and other important information, which may alter the terms or requirements of these NOFAs.

Statements of Qualifications shall be submitted by e-mail to:

Governor's Office of Storm Recovery

NYRisingNOFA@stormrecovery.ny.gov

E-mail Subject Title: NY Rising Community Center NOFA_(insert Community)_(insert NOFA)

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