



# Governor's Office of Storm Recovery



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**Governor's Office of Storm Recovery**

**Request for Expressions of Interest**

**for**

**Resiliency Workforce Development Program**

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## I. General Information

### Program Overview

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program, invites responses to a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) for the development, implementation, and administration of a Resiliency Workforce Development Program, in the Rockaway East NYRCR Community (Community), bounded by Beach 74<sup>th</sup> Street to the west, Jamaica Bay to the north, the Nassau County line to the east, and the Atlantic Ocean to the south. For more information regarding GOSR's work in the Community, the Rockaway East NYRCR final plan is available online at:

[http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/sites/default/files/crp/community/documents/rockawayeast\\_nyrcr\\_plan\\_17mb.pdf](http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/sites/default/files/crp/community/documents/rockawayeast_nyrcr_plan_17mb.pdf)

There has been a persistent need for training for high-skilled jobs in the Rockaway East Community, which has an unemployment rate of 11% and lower than average median incomes. The Community recognizes the opportunity to improve the preparedness of the local workforce to address the new needs presented by Superstorm Sandy and other long term stresses brought on by climate change and ongoing urban growth. One example is the emerging industry related to increasing the resiliency of buildings and infrastructure. By offering related job training and certification opportunities, this Program will increase opportunities for the local workforce while helping the Community recover from the devastating effects of Superstorm Sandy. To support these goals, the NYRCR Rockaway East Planning Committee allotted \$500,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding to (1) expand workforce training; and, (2) connect residents to employment opportunities in a range of resiliency-related industries.

The intent of the Resiliency Workforce Development Program is to target workforce development opportunities related to resiliency projects in Rockaway East, building on existing programs where appropriate and feasible, and providing a curriculum tailored to the specific skills required for upcoming publically-funded projects. Skills taught by this program will include the technical skills needed for planned resiliency projects or for commercial and residential building resiliency retrofits.

The primary purpose of this RFEI is to invite interested nonprofits currently implementing workforce training programs to apply for consideration to design, implement, and administer the Resiliency Workforce Development Program in Rockaway East.

GOSR intends to enter into subrecipient agreement(s) with selected organization(s), to provide the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding required in the delivery of the Resiliency Workforce Development Program. Subrecipients are expected to comply with all applicable regulations. GOSR reserves the right to cancel this RFEI for any reason at any time, including after selection.

## II. Submission Requirements

Information that any interested party wishes to submit will be done so voluntarily and with the understanding that this RFEI is for information gathering purposes only – it is not an offer. No contractual relationship will be formed between the respondent and GOSR by responding to this request alone.

Responses to this RFEI should include a narrative description that includes the following:

- Cover letter which includes the name of the eligible nonprofit and the location of the organization within the Rockaway East NYRCR Community;
- Description of nonprofit’s history and years in operation;
- Description of the population served by the nonprofit. Data may include the number of individuals and average median income of those served by the nonprofit;
- Description of the workforce development and training services provided by the nonprofit, with emphasis on services provided to the Rockaway East Community, including current capabilities, workforce development services provided with success rates, and other relevant areas of expertise;
- Description of existing and proposed community collaboration partners, elaborating on roles and responsibilities, as well as how the partnership supports/will support workforce programs; and
- A description of how the organization will design, implement, and administer the Resiliency Workforce Development Program in Rockaway East, with the available \$500,000 CDBG-DR funds, including:
  - Type of training to be provided;
  - Length and depth of training to be provided;
  - Amount and type of wrap-around support services provided;
  - Estimated participants; and
  - An organizational chart for the proposed program, noting new and existing positions.

### Potential Respondents:

Certified nonprofit organizations having IRS 501(c)(3) status are considered the only eligible participants to carry out the Resiliency Workforce Development Program.

Potential respondents to this RFEI should serve vulnerable populations, which include but are not limited to: individuals with physical or mental disabilities, limited mobility, or limited or no English proficiency; individuals who are homeless or near homeless; households with young children or elderly residents; and households of very low, low, or moderate income.

### Submission Instructions:

Responses to the RFEI must be filed electronically in Portable Document Format (.pdf), compatible with Adobe Reader XI, version 11.0.4, and must be delivered by email no later than Friday, June 24, 2016 at 5:00 pm (EST). The respondent is responsible for ensuring that emails and attachments are delivered on time and in a legible format. The specific requirements for submitting a response to this RFEI are contained in Section II, Submission Requirements.

Response to this RFEI are to be submitted by e-mail to [Xavier.Williams@stormrecovery.ny.gov](mailto:Xavier.Williams@stormrecovery.ny.gov) no later than **Friday, June 24, 2016 at 5:00 p. m., (EST)**.

E-mail Subject Title: ***Resiliency Workforce Development Program — Submission of Request for Expression of Interest***

Any inquiries and requests for additional information regarding this RFEI are to be submitted by e-mail to [Xavier.Williams@stormrecovery.ny.gov](mailto:Xavier.Williams@stormrecovery.ny.gov).