

FOR CONSIDERATION

August 19, 2009

TO: The Directors
FROM: Dennis M. Mullen
SUBJECT: Discretionary Projects Consent Calendar
REQUEST FOR: Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Sections of the Act; Authorization to Make Grants and to Take Related Actions

Attached are summaries of discretionary projects requesting ESDC assistance of \$100,000 and under in the following categories:

Empire State Economic Development Fund

	Project Name	Proj #	Grantee	Assistance up to
	General Development Financing			
A.	Cooper & Clement Capital	W179	Cooper & Clement, Inc.	\$55,000
			TOTAL	\$55,000

Urban Community Development Program

	Project Name	Proj #	Grantee	Assistance up to
	Urban Community Development Program			
B.	Buffalo Niagara Intermodal Freight Terminal Volume Feasibility Study	V921	Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council	\$50,000
			TOTAL	\$50,000

The provision of ESD* financial assistance is contingent upon the availability of funds and the approval of the State Division of the Budget.

*The New York State Urban Development Corporation doing business as the Empire State Development Corporation ("ESD" or the "Corporation")

Environmental Review

Unless otherwise noted on a project summary, ESD staff has determined that the projects constitute Type II actions as defined by the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the implementing regulations for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. No further environmental review is required in connection with the projects.

Affirmative Action

ESD's Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action policy will apply to the projects. In the case of training, global export market service and productivity improvement projects, the grantees and/or the beneficiary companies, as applicable, are encouraged to provide for the meaningful participation of minorities and women in any job or training opportunities created by the projects and to solicit and utilize Minority and Women-owned Businesses for any contractual opportunities generated in connection with the projects.

For all other projects, unless otherwise noted on a project summary, grantees agree to use their best efforts to include minorities and women in any job opportunities created by the projects and to solicit and utilize Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises for any contractual opportunities generated in connection with the projects.

Reallocation of Funds

ESD may reallocate each project's funds to another form of assistance, at an amount no greater than the amount approved, for the same project if ESD determines that the reallocation of the assistance would better serve the needs of the recipient and the state of New York. In no event shall the total amount of any assistance to be so reallocated exceed the total amount of assistance approved by the Directors.

ESD Employment Enforcement Policy

Unless otherwise noted on a project summary, the ESD Employment Enforcement Policy will not apply because these projects do not directly create jobs.

Statutory Basis

A. Empire State Economic Development Fund

Please see individual project summaries for factual bases for items 1, 2 and 3.

1. Each proposed project would promote the economic health of New York State by facilitating the creation or retention of jobs or would increase activity within a municipality or region of the State or would enhance or help to maintain the economic viability of family farms.

2. Each proposed project would be unlikely to take place in New York State without the requested assistance.
3. Each proposed project is reasonably likely to accomplish its stated objectives and the likely benefits of the project exceed costs.
4. The requirements of Section 10(g) of the Act are satisfied.
No residential relocation is required in connection with any project involving the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or improvement of property because no families or individuals reside on the sites.

B. Other Funding Programs

Please see individual project summaries for statutory basis.

Attachments

Resolutions

Project Summaries

New York State Maps

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Empire State Economic Development Fund -- Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Sections 16-m and 10 (g) of the Act; Authorization to Make Grants and to Take Related Actions

RESOLVED, that on the basis of the materials presented to this meeting, a copy of which is hereby ordered filed with the records of the Corporation, relating to the Empire State Economic Development Fund Projects identified below (the "Projects"), the Corporation hereby determines pursuant to Section 16-m and 10 (g) of the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act of 1968, as amended (the "Act"), that

1. The Projects would promote the economic health of New York State by facilitating the creation or retention of jobs or would increase activity within a municipality or region of the State or would enhance or help to maintain the economic viability of family farms.
2. The Projects would be unlikely to take place in New York State without the requested assistance.
3. The Projects are reasonably likely to accomplish their stated objectives and the likely benefits of the project exceed costs.
4. There are no families or individuals to be displaced from the project area(s); and be it further

RESOLVED, that with respect to the Projects listed below, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer-Designate of the Corporation or his designee(s) be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to make grants to the parties and for the amounts listed below from the Empire State Economic Development Fund, for the purposes and substantially on the terms and conditions set forth in the materials presented to this meeting, with such changes as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer-Designate of the Corporation or his designee(s) may deem appropriate, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the State Division of the Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer-Designate of the Corporation or his designee(s) be, subsequent to the making of the grants, and each of them hereby is, authorized to take such actions and make such modifications to the terms of the grants as he or she may deem necessary or appropriate in the administration of the grants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the provision of ESD financial assistance is expressly contingent upon: (1) the approval of the Public Authorities Control Board, if applicable, and (2) receipt of all other necessary approvals;

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RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer-Designate of the Corporation or his designee(s) be, and each of them hereby is, authorized in the name and on behalf of the Corporation to execute and deliver any and all documents and to take all actions as he or she may in his or her sole discretion consider to be necessary or proper to effectuate the foregoing resolutions.

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Urban and Community Development Program -- Findings and Determinations Pursuant to Sections of the Act; Authorization to Make a Grant and to Take Related Actions

RESOLVED, that on the basis of the materials presented to this meeting, a copy of which is hereby ordered filed with the records of the Corporation, relating to the Urban and Community Development Program Project (the "Project"), the Corporation hereby determines pursuant to Section 10 (g) of the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act of 1968, as amended (the "Act"), that there are no families or individuals to be displaced from the project area(s); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer-Designate of the Corporation or his designee(s) be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to make a grant to the party and for the amount listed below from the Urban and Community Development Program, for the purposes, and substantially on the terms and conditions, set forth in the Materials, with such changes as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer-Designate of the Corporation or his designee(s) may deem appropriate, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the State Division of the Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer-Designate of the Corporation or his designee(s) be, subsequent to the making of the grant, and each of them hereby is, authorized to take such actions and make such modifications to the terms of the grant as he or she may deem necessary or appropriate in the administration of the grant; and be it further

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