



New York State

Military Base Retention Grant

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Purpose of Funding

The Military Base Retention Grant is intended to support and improve military facilities in New York State in order to strengthen their capacity as major contributors to economic and employment opportunities and prevent them from being deemed unnecessary by the Base Realignment and Closure (“BRAC”) Commission.

The economic benefits created by New York State's military installations continue to be threatened by federal budgetary constraints, modernization initiatives, and future rounds of the BRAC program. In previous BRAC rounds, base closings have imperiled vital missions and devastated communities throughout New York. This grant seeks to promote, enhance and protect New York's military bases.

Recipients may use the Grant to:

- i. communicate the importance of local bases and their missions to elected and government officials;
- ii. improve existing military facilities in order to enhance their competitiveness in future BRAC rounds;
- iii. promote additional missions for military units based in New York; and
- iv. conduct any other efforts to sustain and expand the presence of military bases in New York, with the exception that Grant funds may not be used to pay, retain, or hire registered lobbyists or lobbying firms.

Funding

The maximum award available to an individual recipient is \$300,000.

Successful applicants will receive Grant funds once their applications have been approved by the ESD Board of Directors. In the case of proposals involving capital grants for construction or renovation, awards must also be approved through a process that requires a public hearing (to be held and paid for by the Grantee), as well as approval of the Grant by the State Public Authorities Control Board, and may require review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. This process will add considerable time to the disbursement of Grant funds.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit organizations or municipalities with a demonstrated history of support for military bases and units in New York. All applicants must adhere to IRS guidelines in the use of grant funds. All applicants must disclose the names and affiliations of their executive staff and board members, none on whom may be registered lobbyists.

Award Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on their expected impact and by the applicant's experience as an advocate for military personnel and facilities in New York State.

Preference will be given to those applications that:

- i. commit to supporting the Governor's efforts to prevent base closures in NYS and to coordinate ***all*** activities with those designated by the Governor to conduct this effort in support of the military in New York;
- ii. have a track record of experience working with the State of New York in support of a military installation in their region/community;
- iii. have been endorsed by the applicant's Regional Economic Development Council and can demonstrate how the proposed use of funds is consistent with that Regional Economic Development Council's Strategic Plan;
- iv. can match State dollars with private or local funds; and
- v. propose to coordinate with other organizations working to prevent base closures in New York.

Application Instructions

All applications must include

- i. The legal name and address of the applicant organization,
- ii. The name, phone number, email, and mailing address of a contact person with the applicant organization,
- iii. A 750-word executive summary that details the applicant's plan and goals for the Grant award,
- iv. A budget that details how the Grant will be spent, and also shows other sources of funds, as applicable.

Applications should be submitted to ESD either via email to BRACgrant@esd.ny.gov or by mail sent to:

Empire State Development
Att'n, Andrew O'Shaughnessy
633 3rd Avenue, 37th Floor
New York, New York 10016-8109

Applications must be emailed or postmarked by August 23rd, 2012.

Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses

It is New York State and ESD policy to comply with all Federal, State and local laws, policies, orders, rules and regulations prohibiting unlawful discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability or marital status, and to take affirmative action in working with grantees to ensure that Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs), Minority Group Members and women share in the economic opportunities generated by ESD and its subsidiaries, and participate in projects or initiatives, and/or the use of their funds. ESD's non-discrimination and affirmative action policies will apply to this initiative. As such, the selected grantees shall be required to use best efforts to achieve a MWBE participation goal of 20% of the grant funds. To that end, a copy of each respondent's equal employment opportunity policy statement, staffing plan (of the anticipated workforce to be utilized), and schedule of minority and women business participation shall be included as part of the response to any RFP. The ESD Affirmative Action Unit (AAU) is available to assist respondents in identifying New York State certified MWBEs that can provide goods and services in connection with the grant. If you require MWBE listings, please call the AAU at (212) 803-3225.

Questions and Comments

Please direct all questions or comments to Andrew O'Shaughnessy at BRACgrant@esd.ny.gov or 212-803-3747.