

## LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the New York State Urban Development Corporation, doing business as Empire State Development (“ESD” or the “Corporation”), pursuant to Section 16(2) of the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act (Chapter 174, Section 1, Laws of 1968, as amended) (the “Act”), has adopted a General Project Plan (the “Plan”) with respect to the New York State Farmers Grant Fund (the “Fund”) pursuant to the Directors' meeting on October 15, 2015. Copies of the Plan are available without charge to any person who shall make a request for the same at the office of the Corporation. The Corporation will file such Plan in each of the County Clerk’s offices for Cattaraugus, Columbia, Cortland, Dutchess, Essex, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Monroe, Oswego, Otsego, Schuyler, Suffolk, Tompkins, Ulster, Washington, and Wayne Counties. A copy of the Plan is also on file at the principal office of the Corporation, 633 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017, and is available for inspection by the general public Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. In addition, a copy of the Plan is posted at [www.esd.ny.gov/PublicMeetings\\_Notices.html](http://www.esd.ny.gov/PublicMeetings_Notices.html).

The Fund includes up to \$1 million enacted in the 2015-2016 New York State budget to be used to provide local assistance grants between \$15,000 and \$50,000 for up to 50% of project costs to assist beginning farmers who have chosen farming as a career. Eligible project costs include the purchase of new or used machinery and equipment, supplies, and/or construction or improvement of physical structures used exclusively for agricultural purposes. Individual applicants located in the Capital District, Central New York, Finger Lakes, Long Island, Mid-Hudson, Mohawk Valley, North Country, Southern Tier and Western New York regions that are eligible for assistance are listed in the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that, in accordance with Section 16(2) of the Act, a public hearing, open to all persons, will be held by the Corporation at Empire State Development’s Albany offices, Meeting Room 129A, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12245 on August 11, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to consider the Plan. In addition, ESD will accept written statements and comments about the Project submitted by 11:00 a.m. on August 11, 2016 sent to [PublicCommentNFGF@esd.ny.gov](mailto:PublicCommentNFGF@esd.ny.gov).

DATED: Monday, August 1, 2016  
New York, New York  
New York State Urban Development Corporation

By: Eileen McEvoy, Corporate Secretary