



Federal Budget Passed

Congress passed the FY 2006 federal budget in late November, and the impact on housing programs is not wonderful. Many federal housing programs took a hit, with the HOME program at HUD reduced by \$150 million from 2005 levels, and the CDBG budget is reduced \$491 million from FY '05.

The Section 8 Voucher line actually increased in the approved budget, to \$15,573,000,000, an increase of \$808 million over the prior year. Despite this increase, the news in New York is not good. According to an analysis conducted by the Supportive Housing Network of NY, based on 2004 costs, the Section 8 funding formula will result in a net loss of 27,889 Section 8 vouchers nationally. A total of 4,545 of those lost vouchers are expected to come from New York, or 1 in 6 of the total lost vouchers.

Three programs were saved by Congress from the Presidential budget axe. CDBG, RHED, and Youthbuild were all zeroed out in the President's proposed '06 budget. Congress reinstated funding for these programs, but at levels below the 2005 appropriations.

Congress also restored funding slashed by the President for the Section 811 Program, the 515 Program, HOPWA, and the CDFI Fund. The President had proposed quadrupling the American Dream Downpayment Initiative to \$200 million, but Congress end-

Program	2005 Funding	Presidential Proposal '06	Approved '06 Budget
Section 8			
Vouchers	\$14,765,000,000	15,845,000,000	\$15,573,000,000
HOME	1,900,000,000	1,741,000,000	1,750,000,000
ADDI	50,000,000	200,000,000	25,000,000
Housing			
Counseling	42,000,000	42,000,000	42,000,000
CDBG	4,722,000,000	0	4,220,000,000
RHED	24,000,000	0	17,000,000
Youthbuild	62,000,000	0	50,000,000
Neighborhood			
Reinvestment Corp.	115,000,000	118,000,000	118,000,000
McKinney/Vento Grants	1,241,000,000	1,440,000,000	1,340,000,000
HOPWA	282,000,000	268,000,000	289,000,000
Sect. 811	240,000,000	120,000,000	239,000,000
Sect. 202	742,000,000	742,000,000	742,000,000
Sect. 502 Dir.	1,140,800,000	1,000,000,000	1,140,800,000
Sect. 502 Guar	3,309,000,000	3,474,000,000	3,681,000,000
Sect. 504 Loan	35,000,000	36,000,000	35,000,000
Sect. 504 Grants	31,000,000	30,000,000	31,000,000
Sect. 515	100,000,000	27,000,000	100,000,000
CDFI Fund	55,200,000	8,000,000	55,000,000

Sources: National Rural Housing Coalition, Supportive Housing Network of NY.

ed up halving the program budget from FY '05 levels. Several programs, including HOPWA, the McKinney Vento homeless programs, and USDA's Section 502 Guarantee Program actually received increased funding, as did the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.

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Bits and Pieces...

Quality Communities Applications Due

December 5th is the deadline for the next round of Quality Communities applications. Funding is available for planning activities that include intermunicipal growth, community growth, community open space, mountain communities, or community centers. Municipalities, not for profits, and public benefit corporations are eligible to apply. For more information, visit the Department of State website at www.qualitycommunities.org.

Your Opinion Counts!

The Rural Housing Coalition will be conducting a survey of our membership very soon. This survey will help the Coalition to develop a new marketing plan to guide future outreach efforts.

The survey will be available for you to complete online, and will only require a few short minutes of your time to complete. We are excited to be using this new technology to collect and tabulate our survey results.

An email announcing the availability of the survey, along with links to the survey website, will be sent to all members shortly. We greatly appreciate the cooperation of the membership in completing the survey and giving us some much-needed feedback that will be used to plan future activities at the Rural Housing Coalition.

Chase Provides Contact For Housing Counselors

Chase maintains a toll-free hotline number to its Homeownership Preservation Office for use by non-profit housing counselors. This number provides access to Chase Mortgage staff to resolve issues related to existing Chase mortgages. This number is not a direct line for borrowers- it is intended specifically for housing counseling agency use. To reach the Homeownership Preservation Office, call (866) 345-4676, toll-free.

Federal and U.S. military employees can support the Rural Housing Coalition through the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). If you are a federal government or military employee and would like to donate through the CFC, please enter CFC code #9614 on your pledge card during the next fund drive.

Wyoming CAA Opens Northridge Development



One of the Northridge Twinhomes

Officials from the Wyoming County Legislature, the Town and Village of Arcade, and state and federal government representatives gathered on a beautiful autumn day on October 28th to celebrate with Wyoming Community Action on the opening of the Northridge Homes rental project in Arcade, New York.

Northridge is a 24 unit family rental project consisting of 12 two story duplex buildings in a newly-created subdivision. The hillside location offers lovely views from each of the homes. The 3 and 4 bedroom twinhomes feature sliding glass doors to individual patios, oversized one car garages, and EnergyStar appliances. Tenants are responsible for their own yard maintenance and driveway snowplowing. Total project cost was \$4.7 million: \$3.2 in tax credits, \$1.5 in HOME and \$200,000 in Federal Home Loan Bank funds (these are rounded numbers). Six units were ready to be leased up in August and were occupied by the 3rd week of August. Sixteen

more units (including the 6 four bedroom units), became available in September and were occupied by the middle of September. The last 2 units were available by the end of October and were rented before November 1st. The three bedroom units are approximately 1,450 square feet in size and the 4 bedrooms are approximately 1,680 square feet. As a result of the full lease up there are 72 children in the new community. A community center completes the complex. Congratulations to Wyoming CAA Executive Director Marty Mucher and his staff for reaching this milestone!

Rural Advocates Convene in Cooperstown

Over forty rural advocates gathered on November 16th and 17th to discuss Community Development in the 21st Century and to plan for the upcoming New York State legislative session. The Annual Meeting of the New York State Rural Advocates was once again held at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown. The event featured the election of board members and officers and the development of the organization's annual Legislative Agenda.

Elected or reelected to the board of Rural Advocates were Charlie Kalthoff of the ACCORD Corp.; Marlene Papa, ROUSE RPC; Diane Chipman, Putnam County Housing Corp.; Stacy Crawford, Better Housing for Tompkins County; Bob Hildebrand, Tioga Op-

portunities; Barb Lamphere, Two Plus Four Construction; Keith Scholes, Rural Opportunities, Inc.; and Cheryl O'Neill, Snow Belt Housing Company.

The newly elected officers are: Charlie Kalthoff, President, Marlene Papa, Vice President and Kevin O'Neill, Secretary/Treasurer.

Once again this year, attendees expressed concern over funding levels for the Rural and Neighborhood Preservation programs. These key administrative programs have been subject to proposed cuts in the Executive Budget for a numbers of years and the proposals are thought to present a serious threat to the State's non-profit housing delivery system.

Other issues that received attention

from the Advocates included the need for consistent administrative fees across all State housing programs. It was also agreed that there is a need to establish several new and popular programs in statute and to provide them with regular appropriations.

The gathering reviewed a number of federal issues as well. The members were advised that Rural Advocates staff director Nancy Berkowitz was recently elected to the board of directors of the National Rural Housing Coalition. It is expected that Berkowitz's involvement with NRHC will step up Advocate's involvement in federal issues.

Rural Advocates set the dates for their annual Legislative Conference for February 12th - 14th in Albany.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
and our best wishes for a safe, healthy, and
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Letter to the Editor

November 18, 2005

Today, I joined Senators Mike DeWine, Barack Obama and Gordon Smith in introducing legislation providing a tax credit for safely removing lead-based paint hazards from homes and rental units. This bipartisan bill would provide needed incentives for property owners to ensure that homes are free of environmental hazards that can harm children. This bill will help to achieve the federal government's established goal of eliminating toxic blood levels in young children by 2010. Exposure in the home is the number one source of lead for young children. By providing financial incentives to remove lead hazards from the home, exposure will be minimized and this disease, which is known to have incredibly harmful effects on child development, behavior and intelligence, can be prevented. We need to continue to work to end childhood lead poisoning and to ensure safe and healthy environments for our children. This bill would change the IRS code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for 50% of the allowable costs paid by the taxpayer, up to a maximum of \$3000 for lead abatement and \$1000 for interim control measures, which could include window replacement, safe repainting and specialized renovation work practices to reduce lead hazards. These are cost-effective means of protecting the largest number of children in the near term. The credit is targeted to homes with children younger than six years of age, women of childbearing age, low-income residents, and buildings built before 1960, as these include more than 96% of all units where lead-based paint is prevalent. Lead is highly toxic and continues to be a major preventable environmental health threat especially to infants, children, and pregnant women in the United States. Lead poisoning can be deadly, and almost one

million children nationwide have toxic lead levels in their blood that can impair their growth and the function of vital organs and motor skills. The most common source of lead exposure for children today is lead paint in older housing and the contaminated lead dust it generates. Despite a ban on lead paint in 1978, there are still millions of housing units in the United States that contain lead-paint, especially in older homes. In New York State, about five percent of children screened for lead poisoning at age two were found to have elevated blood lead levels, more than twice the national average. New York counties where children are especially at risk include: Onondaga, Fulton, Monroe, Erie, and Oneida. Approximately 10,000 cases of childhood lead poisoning in New York are found each year. Minority and poor children are disproportionately at risk. For example, in New York City, about 95% of children with elevated blood levels were African-American, Hispanic or Asian. As Senator, I have worked with my colleagues on several environmental health issues. Earlier this year, Senator DeWine and I introduced the Family Asthma Act, which seeks to increase research into the links between environmental pollutants and the growing epidemic of asthma. Yesterday, Senator Obama and I introduced the Healthy Communities Act, which would establish Health Action Zones to address environmental health concerns in our nation's most affected communities. I have also introduced the bipartisan Coordinated Environmental Health Network Act to strengthen the environmental health tracking program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Please check my website at <http://clinton.senate.gov> for updates on this and other issues I am working on in the Senate. *Hillary Rodham Clinton*

DHCR Seeks Training Hosts

The Division of Housing and Community Renewal is looking for local housing agencies around the state to host trainings on lead-safe work practices. Many housing agencies still have difficulty trying to find renovation contractors that have been certified in lead-safe work practices to bid on rehab jobs that are funded with HOME grants. The DHCR-sponsored trainings will provide this certification in your community to make it convenient for your contractors to attend. If you are interested in hosting such a training, please contact Ernie Benoit at DHCR at (518) 473-6888.

Calling All Housing Counselors!

The Rural Housing Coalition is preparing its schedule for trainings for 2006. We need to hear from you if you have specific training topic needs in the area of Housing Counseling. The two most requested topics will be recommended for our training program. You can respond by calling Anne Patnode at (518) 458-8696 ext. 15, or by email anne@ruralhousing.org.

Pew Nominations Sought

Nominations for the 2006 Pew Civic Change Award are now being accepted. Since 1997, the Pew Partnership has given its Civic Change Award to an individual, organization, or community that has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to improving civic life. The award carries with it a cash prize to a nonprofit organization of the awardee's choice, a crystal momento, and an award event. Applications are due December 31, 2005. For information, visit: www.pewpartnership.org/whatsnew.html.

The New York State Rural Housing Coalition is happy to be able to provide help wanted advertising opportunities for our members and non-profit community development agencies. Ad copy must be provided in Microsoft Word format, and may be transmitted by email to rhc@ruralhousing.org. Ad copy must comply with federal and state equal opportunity requirements to be published, and must be received by the 25th of the month to ensure placement in the succeeding issue of *Rural Delivery*. Ads provided in this fashion will also be posted in the Career Opportunities page of the Coalition's website, unless a request is specifically made not to place the advertisement on-line.

Executive Director

CAPCO, Cortland County's Community Action agency is seeking an Executive Director. Master's degree in Human Services, Business or Government Administration or related field preferred. Bachelor's degree required. Personnel and fiscal management required with demonstrated ability to conceive, plan, execute and manage outcome based programs to meet various socio-economic needs. Excellent verbal and written communication skills required, experience in grant writing helpful. Must be proficient in the use of current computer technology. Valid NYS driver's license and acceptable driving record necessary. Salary range \$58,000 to \$70,000, commensurate with education and experience. All resumes must be received no later than November 15, 2005. Please send resumes to the attention of: Search Committee, CAPCO, 32 North Main Street, Cortland, NY 13045. AA/EOE

Program Director

The Enterprise Foundation seeks a Program Director for the Rochester office to market loan products of Enterprise Housing Financial Services to non-profit developers in upstate New York, and manage lending activities of regional office. The Position requires a Bachelors degree and 6 years experience in project management, real estate finance, and loan/grant underwriting. Experience working with non-profit groups and community development corporations preferred. Master's degree in planning, business, or real estate may substitute for 3 years of experience. To apply, contact: David Erickson-Pearson, Rochester Search, 8008 S. Madison Way, Centennial, CO 80122 or email epdavid@earthlink.net. EOE

Career Opportunities

Director of Development & Communication

The Supportive Housing Network of NY seeks Director of Development & Communications to work to enhance The Network's public profile through developing and implementing the organization's marketing and media strategy in partnership with the Executive Director and other staff working on policy and advocacy efforts. The Director of Development & Communications plays a critical role in organizing public events, including an annual fundraising benefit and statewide conference. The Director of Communications must have a strong commitment to The Network's mission. Qualifications: 5 to 7 years experience in field of fundraising/development, communications, media and/or public relations. Experience in government and/or a nonprofit policy/advocacy organization a plus. Ability to organize and imple-

ment strategic fundraising plans. Knowledge of strategic communications and marketing concepts, methods and techniques. Exceptional writing and strong editing skills, Excellent interpersonal and verbal communication skills. Strong computer skills especially with Microsoft Word, Access and PowerPoint. Strong skills in website design and maintenance highly desirable. Understanding of the public policy arena. Knowledge of homelessness, supportive and/or affordable housing issues in New York City highly desirable. Submit resume to: Paula Griffiths, Director of Operations, The Supportive Housing Network, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 250, New York, NY 10115 212.870.3303 x4 or email to pgriffiths@shnny.org. EOE

Construction Coordinator

Better Housing of Tompkins County seeks full time (35 hrs/wk) Construction Coordinator. Working closely with the Construction Manager, duties include inspection, work write-ups, and oversight of housing rehabilitation projects. Also performs inspection of houses for first time home buyers, and may in the future include new construction oversight. Organize and/or lead occasional classes in home maintenance, and assist with first-time homebuyer workshops. Must have knowledge of building techniques and NYS Residential Building Code, experience in cost estimating, good people skills, and proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel. Certification in Lead-Safe Paint Work Practices a plus. Salary range DOE. Please mail cover letter, resume and reference list to: CC Position, Better Housing for Tompkins County, Inc., 905 Danby Road Suite 102, Ithaca, NY 14850. Please, no phone calls or Faxes. EOE

Head Start Family Worker

Groton Head Start/UPK; Non-exempt; 17.5 hours; 47 weeks; responsible for the social and health services for enrolled Head Start families of center-based children in accordance with federal Head Start Performance Standards and guidelines. Minimum education/experience qualifications: Associates degree in relevant field and minimum of two years appropriate work experience. Minimum hire rate is \$10.42 per hour. All positions in the Early Childhood Department have the following additional minimum qualifications: valid driver's license that meets agency insurability criteria, access to reliable transportation, must clear NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (fingerprinting) and NYS Central Register of Child Abuse and maltreatment. Mail, fax, or email updated resume with cover letter and 3 references to: Early Childhood Department Director Tompkins Community Action, 701 Spencer Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. EOE

Community Facilities Specialist

The St. Lawrence County Housing Council seeks a Community Facilities Specialist, for our Canton, NY office. Primary functions are grant-writing, project management, extensive client/partner relationship management, as well as research to support successful grant generation. The ideal candidate will possess a BA Degree in a related discipline (Associates considered) and 2-3 years writing experience and project man-

agement. Exceptional interpersonal, writing and presentation skills and PC proficiency required. We offer a competitive salary and comprehensive benefit package. Please send letter of interest, resume, salary requirements, and four professional references to: SLCHC Community Facilities Spec. Search Coord, P.O. Box 301, Canton, NY 13617 or email to twp@slc.com. Deadline for application is December 12th, 2005. EEO/AA

More Career Opportunities

Senior Community Development Manager

HSBC seeks professional to manage and/or participate in community development activities within Rochester region to ensure the Company meets Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) goals in meeting the unique credit needs of low to moderate income communities.

1. Work with management to develop and implement a local community development strategy including loan and investment origination, relationship management, portfolio management and community outreach within an assigned region. Develop new programs, products and/or delivery systems to meet community credit needs as required to meet CRA goals.
2. Establish and maintain relationships with community groups to assess community credit needs and provide superior customer service to community groups.
3. Support the growth of the community development loan and investment portfolio by sourcing and underwriting lending and investment portfolios.
4. Develop and promote lending opportunities and banking services through end-mortgages, economic development activities and construction financing.
5. Assist community groups in obtaining loans and/or investments for community development activities from third party resources.
6. Represent the Company at community-sponsored meetings and events including advisory and planning committees, board and loan committees and fundraising events.
7. Ensure compliance monitoring is in place, including processes for management of operational risk. Minimum of six years proven and progressive community development and/or credit experience or equivalent. Bachelors degree in business, finance, public administration, related field or equivalent experience. Strong communications, presentation, negotiation, analytical, decision-making, planning, organizational and relationship management skills. Knowledge of community development industry and the Community Reinvestment Act. Ability to travel. If interested, please e-mail resume and cover letter to anthony.manna@us.hsbc.com. Please include job title in subject area. EOE

Housing Advocacy Director

Association for Neighborhood & Housing Development Housing Advocacy Director-ANHD The Association for Neighborhood & Housing Development seeks a capable, self-directed, highly productive person to oversee advocacy campaigns for progressive housing policies and programs serving NYC neighborhoods. ANHD is a member organization of 90 NYC community-based housing organizations. Director works with member committees to craft and promote housing advocacy initiatives on community and citywide level. Successful candidate will have several years direct experience. Some background in affordable housing development and preservation required. Must be knowledgeable about NYC budget and legislative processes and NYC housing programs. Knowledge of NYC neighborhoods and neighborhood groups helpful. Extremely strong interpersonal skills, written and verbal communication skills, willing to work evenings. Salary up to \$55,000, great benefits. Women and persons of color encouraged to apply. Fax resume, cover letter, writing sample to Irene Baldwin (212) 747-1114 or irene.b@anhd.org. EOE

Community Development Professional/ Researcher

The successful candidate will work with Branch management to help shape and implement a strategy focused on the economic and community development needs of upstate New York with particular emphasis on low- and moderate-income (LMI) populations. The candidate will draw on his/her experience with LMI communities to successfully identify issues and draw valuable insights that are rigorously researched, balanced in perspectives, and of practical value to community development practitioners and policy makers. The research will be printed in Federal Reserve publications and presented at professional meetings and conferences. Strong writing and presentation skills are required. For immediate consideration, please contact or send resume to Reggie Melson, Buffalo Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 40 Fountain Plaza, Suite 650, Buffalo, NY 14202. EOE

HSBC Supports Education, Housing, and Community Enrichment

HSBC provides community support for non-profits serving the areas of education, housing, and community enrichment. Eligible applicants are non-profit organizations working in HSBC's operating communities.

Particular interest is given to programs that address the economic vitality and physical rehabilitation of the company's communities, including programs that make home ownership attainable for individuals and families. Programs may include financial and credit education, and down payment assistance to help individuals achieve homeownership, foreclosure prevention and loan rescue programs, and transitional housing initiatives that focus on self-sufficiency.

For more information on HSBC's corporate responsibility program, visit www.hsbcusa.com/corporate-responsibility/housing.html. Proposals to HSBC Bank should be mailed to Kristen Alvanson, VP Group Public Affairs, Corporate Contributions, HSBC Bank USA, 452 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018.

Tech Support For Nonprofits

Charity Advantage serves US-based nonprofit organizations of all sizes needing more advanced web-based solutions to properly market their organizations, fundraise, and manage donor relationships.

Charity Advantage offers both free and paid memberships. Free memberships offer assistance with free software, a fundraising resource center, technology news and technology consultation. For more information, visit: www.charityadvantage.com/.

NYSBA Offers OSHA Training

The NYS Builders Association will hold an intensive 4 day training on construction safety in late February in Albany. The program will explore OSHA's 1926 Construction Safety Standards, and the effects of injuries on Workers Compensation and liability insurance. The course instructors will be Jim Redmond of NYSBA; Ed Jerome of OSHA; Donna Shave of Dig Safely New York; Steve Dewey of All Lifts; and Emmitt McDevitt of the Federal Highway Administration.

The course will be offered from February 20th to the 23rd. OSHA 30 hour cards will be provided to attendees who complete the course. Course fees are \$575 for NYSBA members and \$675 for non-members. For more information, contact Barbara Carpenter at (518) 465-2492.

Report On Green Housing Affordability Issued

The Tellus Institute and New Ecology, Inc. have issued a new report, *Costs and Benefits of Green Affordable Housing*. A common perception is that green building costs more, and is therefore not suitable for affordable housing design. This 200 page report details 16 case studies of affordable housing projects around the country developed according to green housing principles. The report includes in-depth analysis of the long-term financial implications, and makes recommendations advancing the green agenda.

The report can be downloaded for \$20 from the New Ecology website at www.newecology.org/cb%20description.htm. Hard copies of the report are available for \$49.00 (including postage and handling) by calling (617) 354-4099, ext. 25.

DHCR Issues NOCA for Unified Funding For FY 2006

NOTICE OF CREDIT AVAILABILITY (NOCA) Low-Income Housing Credit Program

On November 1st, the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) announced the availability of federal tax credit under the Low-Income Housing Credit Program (LIHC) which is authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. DHCR expects to have approximately \$20 million available for LIHC reservations. The maximum amount of the annual tax credit allocation per application that may be requested is \$1.0 million. Applicants requesting LIHC for projects in which 50% or more of the units will serve large families or special needs populations, and which will provide services to those special needs

populations, may request up to \$1.2 million. Of the \$20 million available, up to \$2 million may be made available for preservation projects as defined in DHCR's Low-Income Housing Credit Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). Additionally, an amount of up to \$2 million may be made available for redevelopment of public housing which has met the conditions for approvals required under the New York State Public Housing Law. Applications for LIHC must be delivered to DHCR by 5:00 p.m., February 27, 2006 at: NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal Low-Income Housing Credit Program Hampton Plaza - 6th Floor 38-40 State Street Albany, New York 12207. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE OR AT OTHER LOCATIONS.**

In a related matter.....

DHCR has also issued a NOCA for \$2 million in State Low Income Housing Tax Credits. For more information on the state credit, visit: www.dhcr.state.ny.us/ocd/nofas/noca04.htm.

Wachovia Foundation Funds Community Development

The charitable foundation of Wachovia Bank provides grant funding in support of community development activities, including affordable housing, to organizations serving markets that are home to Wachovia branches. In New York, those branches are located in the lower Hudson Valley, from Dutchess and Ulster Counties south.

Wachovia funding supports projects that benefit low and moderate income persons, and have significant support from Wachovia employees. The foundation's priorities include projects that:

- Create and sustain affordable housing

- Revitalize low- to moderate-income neighborhoods
- Facilitate job creation, work force development, and financial literacy/empowerment
- Provide economic development for minority and underserved groups and/or low- to moderate-income areas

Applications from New York (outside of New York City) should be submitted to Yvonne Lopez, 370 Scotch Road NJ 5762, Trenton, NJ 08628-5762. (609) 530-7347. email: yvonne.lopez@wachovia.com. For more info, visit: www.wachovia.com/inside/page/0,,139_414_430_434,00.html.

Unified Funding NOFA Issued

The NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal has issued the 2006 Unified Funding Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). All applications for locally administered programs must be submitted electronically, and are expected to be available on the DHCR website, www.dhcr.state.ny.us, in JANUARY 2006. Applications for *HOME*, *Housing Trust Fund*, *Homes for Working Families*, *Urban Initiatives and Rural Area Revitalization Program Site-Specific Project Funding* (except for seed money requests) must be received by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) by 5:00 PM, Monday, February 27, 2006. Applications for locally administered programs funded under *HOME*, *RE-STORE*, *New York Main Street*, or *Access to Home* must be received by

the Housing Trust Fund Corporation by 5:00 PM, Monday, March 20, 2006. Individuals who hand deliver site-specific applications must have picture identification and a transmittal letter, on organization letterhead, stating their name and authorizing that person to deliver the application. Applications delivered by commercial carrier must have a complete and legible return address. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in an application not being accepted.

HTFC applications will be accepted only at the following address: NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal, Hampton Plaza - 6th Floor, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207.

To review the latest Unified Funding NOFA, visit: www.dhcr.state.ny.us/ocd/nofas/nofa11.htm.

Barn Preservation Applications Due

The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will be accepting applications through December 16th for a total of \$2,000,000 in the 2005 Barn Restoration and Preservation Program. This program seeks to preserve historic barns listed on the National or State Registers of Historic Places in the rural landscape of New York State.

This program is a matching program, and owners must provide 10-50% of total project costs. Up to \$50,000 per barn is available.

For more information, visit: www.nysparks.com, or contact Phil Bair, Barns Program Coordinator, at (315) 492-1756 or email Phil.Bair@oprhp.state.ny.us.