



MacArthur Foundation to Invest \$25 Million in New Research on the Impact of Housing

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation will invest \$25 million in new research that builds and deepens our knowledge about the ways that housing matters to children, families, and communities.

“A greater national commitment to affordable housing requires a greater understanding of the impact of housing on the well-being of children, families, and communities,” MacArthur President Jonathan Fanton, speaking at New York University’s Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, said recently. “This new research will produce a deep, empirical evidence base to show how housing affects children’s cognitive, emotional, and behavioral development and how housing choices shape the economic, emotional, and physical well-being of adults.”

MacArthur will create an interdisciplinary research network, bringing together housing scholars, policymakers, and practitioners with leading experts in health-related disciplines, child development, education policy, and labor markets. The new research network will seek to understand the range of ways that housing intersects with the lives of individual children and families, and with the factors that determine the quality of life and conditions within particular communities.

Other MacArthur research net-

works have contributed greatly to their respective fields. MacArthur’s Research Network on Successful Aging produced a groundbreaking book that thoroughly debunked the myth that aging has to be a painful process of debilitation. MacArthur’s Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice provided research cited by the U.S. Supreme Court when it outlawed the death penalty for juvenile offenders.

MacArthur will also fund –

- * Demonstration projects and evaluation research to test the impact of different housing policies, such as the large-scale preservation of affordable rental housing;

- * Rigorous cost-benefit studies, including an assessment of the effects of relocation to low-poverty communities in the Moving-to-Opportunity program; and

- * Research to analyze the factors that affect the supply and cost of affordable housing, including variations among local markets.

In each of these areas, the Foundation will pay special attention to opportunities to cultivate the next generation of scholars.

“We expect this research to suggest ways to make U.S. housing policy more effective and efficient,” said Fanton. “We want it to push our

country’s vision beyond incremental policy reform. We want it to provoke more far-reaching, new ideas about the importance of housing and how the net benefits of our investments can best be realized and understood.”

The need for affordable housing in the United States is growing. Fourteen million American households spend more than half of their income on housing or live in substandard conditions. In approximately 70 percent of the country’s 200 metropolitan areas, nurses, teachers, janitors, retail clerks, and police officers do not earn enough to keep pace with the rising cost of buying a modest home. The nation lost two million affordable rental homes over the past decade as markets soared, federal subsidies waned, owners divested, and aging properties deteriorated beyond repair. For every new low-cost unit built, two are razed, abandoned,

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Bits and Pieces...

Federal Budget Passed

On Thursday, February 15th, President Bush signed the Fiscal Year 2007 federal budget, four and a half months after the start of the fiscal year. The FY07 spending levels for all microenterprise related programs will be at the same levels as in the FY06 budget.

Final FY07 appropriations:

Microloan Program:	\$20 million for lending; \$13 million for technical assistance
PRIME:	\$ 2 million
Women's Business Centers:	\$12.5 million
CDFI Fund:	\$54.45 million
CDBG:	\$ 3.7 billion
Rural Business Opportunity Grants:	\$2.97 million
Rural Business Enterprise Grants:	\$39.6 million
Intermediary Relending Program:	\$33.87 million
Rural Community Development Initiative:	\$6.287 million
Assets for Independence:	\$24.452 million
Community Economic Development (OCS):	\$27 million
Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals:	\$ 5.382 million

Coalition To Hold Peer-To-Peer Meetings

The Rural Housing Coalition will sponsor regional Peer-to-Peer trainings again this Spring for Rural Preservation Company staff and their partners to discuss issues of regional import, and explore how the recently announced program review and reform may impact the program in the future. The training sessions are expected to begin in late April.

Registration materials for these sessions are expected to be mailed in March, so watch your mail for more information on these important meetings.

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.

Our Condolences

Former DHCR Commissioner Joe Lynch passed away on February 24th. Prior to taking the job as DHCR Commissioner, Mr. Lynch was the Director of the Buffalo Office of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. He was born in Hornell, N.Y. and a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. with a BS in architecture. One of his most notable accomplishments was being named a member of the Millennial Housing Commission. The Commission was authorized by Congress to develop legislative and regulatory recommendations to improve the delivery of housing services to our neediest Americans and expand affordable housing opportunities. He was most recently employed as senior vice president of Conifer Realty of Rochester working in property development. His most recent project was the Stone Ledge Community Apartments in Hyde Park, NY.

All of us at the Rural Housing Coalition wish to express our condolences to Mr. Lynch's family- wife Judy, son Christopher, daughter Kathy, grandchildren, friends and co-workers.

Need for Federal Housing Assistance Increases as Funding Declines

The Effects of the Federal Budget Squeeze on Low-Income Housing Assistance, a study released on February 1, 2007 by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP), found that while the number of low income families with severe housing affordability problems increased 33% between 2000 and 2005 to 8.8 million, funding for federal housing assistance in 2006 was \$3.3 billion (8%) less than in 2004, adjusted for inflation.

Budget cuts have led to an unprecedented loss of 150,000 Section 8 housing vouchers over the past two years. Funding for public housing declined 25% (adjusted for inflation) between 1999 and 2006 and the number of public housing units fell by 170,000 over the past 10 years. During the same time period, 300,000 units of privately owned housing supported by federal subsidies were lost to expiring contracts. Without an additional \$2 billion to renew long-term contracts, another 300,000 units will be lost over the next five years.

The authors predict that the budget squeeze on discretionary programs will tighten as deficits persist over the next 10 years, then grow because of increasing health care costs, the aging of the population and the effects of recent tax cuts. At the same time, demand for rental housing is expected to rise even as 200,000 units are lost every year.

The authors argue that the administration's tax cuts are the single largest source of the budget squeeze. When fully in effect, the annual tax cuts for only the wealthiest 1% of taxpayers will cost nearly twice as much as HUD's entire budget. Policy recommendations include reinstating pay-as-you-go rules in which the costs of entitlement increases and tax cuts must be offset and enacting deficit-reduction packages similar to those of 1990 and 1993 that combined spending reductions, tax increases and anti-poverty initiatives.

The report also includes state level breakdowns of subsidized units. The full report is available from www.cbpp.org/2-1-07hous2.pdf.

OSC Issues Small Cities NOFA

The Office for Small Cities (formerly known as GOSC) of the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) announces the availability of approximately \$40 million for the 2007 Competitive Round and the 2007 Economic Development Program. As of the date of issuance of this announcement, the exact amount of funds available for the 2007 Program Year is not known.

Applications for the Small Cities program were made available on the OSC website starting on January 5th. The 2007 application is also available from the Office for Small Cities, 4 Empire State Plaza, Suite 600, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1401. If you would like an application mailed

to you, please call (518) 474-2057. Applications are also available at the OSC website, www.nysmallcities.com. **Annual Competitive Round**

Applications for the Annual Competitive funding round are due to GOSC by April 9, 2007. If mailed, applications must be postmarked no later than April 9, 2007. If hand-delivered, it must be delivered on April 9, 2007, no later than 4:00 PM.

Open Round Grants

Funding under the 2007 Open Round may be used by municipalities for general economic development activities that create and/or retain permanent, private sector job opportunities principally for low- and moderate- in-

come persons, through the expansion and retention of business and industry in New York State. Interested applicants must first contact the OSC to complete the preliminary evaluation process in order to determine that the economic development project, as proposed, meets CDBG program and OSC selection requirements. Based upon the information provided during the preliminary evaluation process, the applicant may then be invited to submit an application for funding. For more information contact: Mr. Chris Hunsinger, Economic Development Program Administrator, 4 Empire State Plaza, Suite 600, Albany, New York 12223-1401, or by phone at (518) 474-2057.

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or turned into condos and high-end rentals.

The MacArthur Foundation is a leading funder in the field of affordable housing. The Foundation supports three efforts to improve access to stable and affordable housing: preserving and improving affordable rental housing across the country, transforming public housing in Chicago, and conducting research related to housing policy.

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is a private, independent grantmaking institution dedicated to helping groups and individuals foster lasting improvement in the human condition. With assets of more than \$6 billion, the Foundation makes approximately \$225 million in grants annually. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.macfound.org.

Legislative Conference Scheduled

The New York State Rural Advocates will hold their annual Legislative Conference in Albany on March 4th, 5th, and 6th. The event will begin with the Advocates Board Meeting on March 4th at 5:00 PM at the Hampton Inn. The Conference activities will continue the next day at the Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room 7 on the Concourse. Visits with legislators will follow the panel presentations.

Inevitably, much of the discussion this year will focus on new program initiatives, as well as the review/reform requirements for the Rural Preservation Program funding inserted in the state Executive Budget proposal. It is important that all rural community development professionals take part in these discussions. For more information, contact Nancy Berkowitz at nbek@frontiernet.net.

Consolidated Annual Performance Report Available for Public Comment

In accordance with the provisions of the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, the State of New York is making its Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) for 2006 available for public comment.

The CAPER analyzes the State's progress in implementing its HUD-approved Annual Action Plan for 2006. In addition, an appendix to the CAPER specifies changes that are being made to the State's HUD-approved five-year Consolidated Plan for 2006 - 2010 to make that document consistent with recently implemented HUD standards for performance measurement reporting. These changes do not constitute a substantial amendment to the five-year plan.

The public is invited to review the CAPER and to offer comments on the document. It will be available beginning Thursday, March 02, 2007 and ending close of business Friday, March 16, 2007. Written comments must be post-marked by March 16, 2007. E-mail comments must be sent by this date.

To locate the nearest copy of the Performance Report for inspection or to receive a CD or hard copy of the draft report by mail, call 1-866-ASK DHCRC (275-3247) or e-mail DHCRCConPln@dhcrc.state.ny.us. The draft report itself, and a list of the locations where it can be inspected, will be available via the Division of Housing and Community Renewal's web page at www.dhcrc.state.ny.us.

Upcoming Trainings

The Rural Housing Coalition is pleased to announce the schedule of upcoming trainings for Rural and Neighborhood Preservation Company staff. The Coalition has developed a training program based on needs that have been identified for many local housing agencies.

On May 2nd and 3rd, the Coalition will co-sponsor a two-day training in Albany on Managing Your NonProfit For Results. This course is designed for those with a serious interest in managing both financial and human resources with a clear focus on results.

On May 8th, the Coalition will sponsor an orientation training for new, and relatively new, Executive Directors. By our count, there may be as many as a dozen new Executive Directors hired in

the RPC community over the past 2 years. This training will help clear up confusion about agency activities, Board roles and responsibilities, funders, and reporting requirements.

In June, the Coalition will sponsor a series of regional trainings on website development. This training will cover issues related to agencies that need to create a presence on the internet, as well as information on new software that can dramatically increase your ability to maintain and update your existing website using in-house staff capacity.

Registration forms for these trainings will be mailed in the beginning of April. Check the Coalition's website after that time for programming updates by visiting www.ruralhousing.org, and clicking on 'training'.

Oops!

In last month's *Rural Delivery*, we welcomed 8 new Executive Directors who have joined the RPC network in recent months. We inadvertently over-

looked including John Spence of Better Housing of Tompkins County on the list. John can be reached at (607) 273-1630.

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.

Career Opportunities

Loan Officer

Originate, underwrite and process loan applications from eligible borrowers for real estate and economic development initiatives; manage the portfolio of current loans. Duties of the position include: Loan Origination; Underwriting; Portfolio Management; and Provision of technical assistance to borrowers. Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree, relevant Master's degree preferred, strong computer skills and strong oral and written communication skills. Experience or knowledge in the following areas preferred:

- Commercial lending experience;
- Real estate development experience;
- Underwriting experience;
- Finance or accounting experience;

– Knowledge of community-based organizations and community development funding resources.

A high degree of self-motivation, initiative, dedication and a commitment to the community development mission of the Leviticus Fund required. Full-time position available immediately. Work performed at Leviticus Fund office, Elmsford, NY. Driver's license and automobile required for field work, expenses reimbursed. Salary based on experience. Benefits package available.

Mail, fax or e-mail resume to: Leviticus Alternative Fund, 33 West Main Street, Room 205, Elmsford, NY 10523. (914) 606-9006 (fax). info@leviticusfund.org. EOE

Director of HomeOwnership Center

RUPCO seeks individual to manage personnel assigned to the HomeOwnership Center including recruitment, training, scheduling, evaluation and supervision; develop & implement best practices for fulfilling RUPCO's HomeOwnership Center strategy; write Center's operating plan on an annual basis; develop and maintain working relationships with bankers, real estate professionals, attorneys and other professionals involved in the homeownership transaction; research grant opportunities; write and prepare applications for funding; provide certified housing counseling, conduct educational training and employ NeighborWorks "full cycle lending" practices; provide input to the annual

budget process and manage fiscal compliance; manage and provide all required reports; market the HomeOwnership Center through public appearances, employer outreach, networking and other means; maintain compliance with all federal, state and local regulations and other mandated guidelines and policies relevant to the HomeOwnership Center's operations including safety and quality assurance.

A Bachelor's Degree and a minimum of 5 years experience in housing, real estate or banking or a high school diploma and a minimum of 7 years experience in housing, real estate, banking or related field is required. Desired background and experience include familiarity with grant writing, real estate

transactions, mortgage banking, housing rehab, client counseling, educational process, public speaking, government funding and work with non-profit organizations. Desired skill sets include grant writing, organization, financial and analytical skills, mortgage underwriting, staff management, and outstanding oral and written communications.

Send resume and cover letter with salary history to:

Kevin O'Connor, Executive Director, Rural Ulster Preservation Company, 289 Fair Street, Kingston, New York 12401. email to: koconnor@rupco.org. Resumes must be received by Friday March 2, 2007. RUPCO is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Book Now!

The Rural Housing Coalition staff is now booking appointments for Board training sessions during the summer season. Training modules are available on General Board Roles and Responsibilities; Strategic Planning; and Succession Planning. If you are interested in accessing training for your Board of Directors, please contact Anne Patnode at the Coalition at (518) 458-8696, ext 15 as soon as possible. The calendar is filling fast.

3rd Annual Upstate NY Faith-Based and Community Symposium and Human Service Conference

HUD will sponsor the Third Annual Faith Based Conference in Liverpool, NY on March 27th and 28th. Workshop highlights include: Housing, Youth, Prison Re-entry, Women's Issues, HIV/AIDS, Advanced Clinical Tracks, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Grassroots Fundraising, Residential Safety, Producing Timely & Quality Documentation, Homeless Issues, Bullying & Teasing, Role of Faith-based organizations in delivering social services to the poor, Overview of State and Federal Funders and much more. Registration forms can now be obtained under the announcement section of www.flcasas.com. For more information contact Sara Taylor at (585) 654-9083 or @ sarataylor@aol.com.

Save The Date!

The NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal will be sponsoring a one-day conference on Main Street Program implementation in Corning, NY on June 5th. Hold this date on your calendar for valuable training opportunities on jump-starting your community's Main Street revitalization program.

The DHCR Main Street Program conference will include workshops on implementing a Main Street grant award from DHCR once it is funded, strategies for Main Street revitalization, and workshops on strategies for ensuring that new Main Street funding proposals are successful. Plan on being in Corning in June if you are contemplating undertaking a Main Street project.

DHCR Offers Lead Safe Work Practices Series

DHCR will again offer Lead Safe Work Practices training around the state this Spring. The training is co-sponsored by the National Paint and Coatings Association and Atrium Environmental Health & Safety Services, LLC. The goal of this free program is to teach attendees lead safe work practices and strategies for implementing them. It is important that renovation, remodeling, and repair activities use methods that reduce and control dust and debris that may contain lead contaminants. The trainings will be held at:

March 20th: Western Catskills Community Development Council, at the CYR Center (BOCES), W. Main Street, Stamford, NY. Local Contact: Don Clarke, (607) 652-2823.

April 18th: Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty, at the Comfort Inn, 1 Canisteo Square, Hornell, NY. Local Contact: Evie Lamb, (607) 776-7664, ext. 229.

May 1st: H. Lee Dennison Building, Media Room, 1st Floor, 100 Veterans Memorial Hwy., Hauppauge, NY. Local Contact: Margaret Sukhram, (631) 853-8495.

May 3rd: Neighbors of Watertown, at The Marcy Building, 245 State Street, Watertown, NY. Local Contact: Reg Schweitzer, (315) 782-8497.

May 15th: Housing Assistance Program of Essex County, at the Town of Jay Community Center, 24 School Lane, AuSable Forks, NY. Local Contact: Bruce Misarski, (518) 873-6888.

Trainings will run from 7:45 AM to 4:00 PM, except in Hauppauge, where the training begins at 8:30 AM. For more information, contact Atrium at (866)689-9484, or visit www.lead safetraining.org.

Services for Ending Long Term Homelessness Act Reintroduced

On February 14, Senators Jack Reed (D-RI) and Richard Burr (R-NC) introduced S. 593, the Services for Ending Long Term Homelessness Act (SELHA). The bill would amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals.

The provisions authorized by SELHA would be administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the Department of Health and Human Services. SELHA authorizes the funding necessary for states, cities and towns to work toward their goals of ending chronic homelessness.

The bill would require the Secretary of HHS to design national strategies to provide services in supportive housing, collaborate with other federal programs and departments to implement programs addressing chronic homelessness and develop improved methods for serving individuals with mental or physical illness, disabilities, substance abuse issues or co-occurring disorders.

"Chronically homeless" is defined as "an individual or family who is currently homeless, has been homeless continuously for at least one year or has been homeless on at least four separate occasions in the last three years, and has a head of household with a disabling condition."

SELHA received strong bi-partisan support in the 109th Congress. Twenty Senators and 119 House members co-sponsored the bill. Despite this broad support, the bill was stalled in 2006 because of competing priorities. Advocates are hopeful that SELHA will be enacted in 2007.

McKinney-Vento Awards Announced

The 2006 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance awards have been released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is the largest single source of funding for supportive housing in New York and a key component in addressing homelessness. New York State received \$126 million, more than 10% of the total \$1.2 billion appropriation. New York's 2006 total is \$1.3 million less than the prior year. Fortunately, it appears that all existing programs previously funded through McKinney have been renewed.

The cost of renewing New York's existing programs rose again this year by \$5.3 million. Thus, there was \$6.5 million drop in funds available for new projects - a decrease of 19%. Still, the awards include funding for 36 new supportive housing projects statewide, 15 of which will provide homes for chronically homeless individuals. The majority of the awards are Shelter Plus Care rental assistance.

In mid-February, Congress appropriated a \$115 million increase in McKinney funding. That appropriation will be awarded in the next funding round, for which applications are ex-

pected to be released in March. Advocates are pushing for an additional \$300 million in McKinney-Vento funding for 2008.

McKinney-Vento funds are made available through the Continuum of Care planning process: local committees made up of providers, government officials, and program users. In this funding round, 32 CofC groups submitted applications. Of these, 19 received both new and renewal funding and seven received renewal funding only. There were six groups that completed the lengthy and complicated application process that were not funded, mostly small, rural areas: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Columbia/Greene, Franklin, Madison, and Rockland. There were four CofCs that chose not to submit applications: Chautauqua, Clinton, Oswego and Putnam. According to CofC participants in rural areas, the reasons given for not applying include the length and complexity of the application process and the relatively small amounts of funding available for rural communities. To view the awards list, visit www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/budget/2006/.

2008 HUD Budget Proposal Released

On February 26th, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson unveiled the Bush Administration's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget request, which seeks to expand record home ownership rates, promote affordable housing and assist homeless individuals and families. The President requested \$35.2 billion for HUD, which represents a \$1.6 billion or 4.5 percent increase over his proposed spending plan for FY 2007.

Jackson said HUD's FY 2008 spending blueprint will support the Department's core missions, particularly expanding homeownership and caring for those most in need. The FY

2008 Budget seeks a record \$1.6 billion to support thousands of local programs that serve the homeless, as well as increases for rental assistance for low-income families. The proposal seeks 180,000 new rental vouchers.

The Administration is proposing \$2 billion for the HOME program in FY 2008, an increase of \$252 million from FY 2006.

The proposed Budget requests \$50 million, an \$8.4 million increase over 2006, to support hundreds of housing counseling programs across the country. These programs offer a wide array of counseling services to prepare families to buy their first home, to avoid

Census Funding

Secure

With Senate approval of the HJ Res. 20, The Continuing Appropriations Resolution, the Census appears assured of receiving \$694 million in FY 07, sufficient funding for the 2010 Census preparation and other activities in the Periodic Census and Programs account. Among other things, this funding will allow the Census Bureau to continue development of GPS-equipped hand held computers for use in the 2008 dress rehearsal and 2010 Census and to continue full implementation of the American Community Survey.

URA Recordkeeping Revisions Outlined

On February 8th, HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development issued Change 7 to the Uniform Relocation Act Handbook 1378, *Tenant Assistance Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Handbook*. The changes are necessitated by the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act.

Chapter 6, Recordkeeping and Reports, has been completely rewritten. Change 7 also adds a new Appendix 14a, which is a bilingual version of the existing form HUD 4058, "Claim for Rental Assistance or Downpayment Assistance". The change also adds Appendix 24, "Acquisition Checklist".

The changes can be found online at www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/library/relocation/policyandguidance/handbook1278.cfm.

predatory lending practices, and assist current homeowners facing default.

Housing advocates have taken a differing perspective on the proposed budget, and have noted that this budget actually reduces allocations from FY 07.

For more information, visit www.hud.gov/news/release.cfm?content=pr07-008.cfm.

“Right To Housing” Proposed

On February 13th, Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL) introduced H.J. Res. 32 that would amend the Constitution of the United States to give “all persons... a right to decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.” The proposed amendment was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. Current information on legislation being tracked by the National Low Income Housing Coalition is available through NLIHC’s legislative action center, at www.capwiz.com/nlihc/issues/bills/.



Unified Funding Submission Security Requirements Increased

The NOFA for the 2007 Unified Funding round of the Division of Housing and Community Renewal has received ongoing updates since its issuance. Applicants are encouraged to recheck the DHCR website to make sure that the latest information is being used in preparing your application. According to the most recent updates issued in mid-February, for applications due in March, all application exhibits and attachments submitted through the CDWAS must be electronically certified by an authorized representative of the applicant’s organization. The person who will certify the application must be set up in the CDWAS as a user for your organization. The Security Manager may add the certifier by logging into the CDWAS, clicking on User Maintenance, selecting your organization, adding or accessing the name of

the person who will certify, and clicking the box that says “Authorized to Sign Certification”. When the application exhibits are complete, validated and ready to be submitted, the certifier must log in to the CDWAS, complete the certification, and submit the application exhibits. Required application attachments must also be certified prior to submission. Applications for Access to Home and RESTORE program funding must be submitted to the CDWAS by 5:00 PM, EST, Monday, March 19, 2007. Applicants for HOME Local Program funding must be submitted to the CDWAS by 5:00 PM, EST, Thursday, March 22, 2007. Applications for New York Main Street program funding must be submitted to the CDWAS by 5:00 PM, March 26, 2007. Paper or OmniForm submission will not be accepted this funding round.

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