



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

Date: January 9, 2014

To: Nonprofit Community-Based Provider Organizations
Provider Trade Associations

From: Terry Edelstein, Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

Re: Opportunities & Updates from the Office of the Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

Nonprofit Bonding Fact Sheet

Updated 1/9/14

A Quick Summary of Bonding Available to Nonprofit Organizations

Nonprofit Grant Program:

The NGP will provide Grants-in-aid to selected private, nonprofit health and human service organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3). The goal of the NGP is to enhance service delivery efficiency and effectiveness and address health, safety and accessibility issues with respect to health and human services provided by nonprofit providers, with applicants who are delivering such services under one or more contracts or agreements with and funding from one of more State agencies to receive priority.

- A total of \$20 million will be awarded via the Nonprofit Grant Program established during the 2013 legislative session
- The Office of Policy and Management issued a Request for Applications in August 2013
- Applications for funding were due October 18, 2013
- Applicants will be notified of the status of their applications by February 15, 2014
- There were 297 applicants, a list of which can be viewed [here](#).
- The State Bond Commission authorized a lump sum of \$20 M in funding for this program on January 9, 2014
- For future updates on the Nonprofit Grant Program, please visit its [web page](#).

Nonprofit Collaboration Incentive Grant Program:

The purpose of the NCIP is to provide grants for one-time infrastructure costs to implement consolidations of programs and services resulting from the collaboration of two or more nonprofit organizations. The goal of the NCIP is to improve efficiency and effectiveness of services through

consolidations and collaborations between and among nonprofit providers currently providing services in Connecticut.

- A total of \$5 million was authorized for funding during the 2009 legislative session
- Remaining funding available for the program: \$3.7 million
- The Office of Policy and Management issued a Request for Applications in December 2013
- Applications for funding are due February 14, 2014
- Applicants will be notified of the status of their applications by April 1, 2014
- Once successful applicants are selected, the State Bond Commission will be asked to approve the funding
- For more information, visit the Request for Proposal page on the Office of Policy and Management's [website](#) or view the Request for Proposal on the state's contracting portal, [BIZNET](#).

Other Sources of Bond Funds for Nonprofit Organizations

There are bonding dollars available through other state agencies including:

- Department of Economic and Community Development
- DDS
- DCF
- DMHAS
- DSS

Email Brittany Kaplan, Policy Intern for more information about the individual state agency bonding processes: OPM.Intern10@ct.gov

The Role of the State Bond Commission

The State Bond Commission, convened by the Governor on a monthly basis, approves the issuance of state bonds.

The January 9, 2014 State Bond Commission agenda includes a number of awards to nonprofit organizations. These grants are funded through DSS, DCF, DMHAS, DECD and other state agency bond pools.

None of these grants were funded through the Nonprofit Grant Program referred to earlier. However, the State Bond Commission approved the release of the total FY14 allotment for the Nonprofit Grant Program at this meeting (\$20 million). These funds will be disbursed once the Nonprofit Grant Program award process has been completed.

See the agenda for the January 9 meeting, including a full list of the bonding recipients [here](#).

**Connecticut Department of Housing Issues Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA)
for Special Priority Projects and Programs**

December 23, 2013: The NOFA is directed to applicants seeking either (a) to design and administer a program on behalf of DOH for the purpose of expanding affordable housing opportunities in Connecticut or (b) to construct a new residence or renovate an existing structure for the purpose of creating new affordable housing units. This NOFA is intended to support Programs and Projects that achieve one or more of the following goals:

1. Contribute to ending homelessness in Connecticut, including, without limitation, homelessness among veterans of one or more of the branches of the U.S. armed forces;
2. Affirmatively furthering fair housing in Connecticut; and/or
3. Create affordable housing opportunities in transit-oriented developments.

Prior to the submission deadline, applicants may contact Ed LaChance via email at Edward.lachance@ct.gov with any questions regarding this NOFA. All such questions received before 4:00 P.M. on February 17, 2014, will be answered on a rolling basis and the questions and answers will be posted on the DOH website.

Applications for funding under this NOFA will be accepted at the offices of DOH, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-7106 until Monday, March 3, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

The full Notice of Available Funding can be found [here](#). For more information, please visit the Department of Housing [website](#).

**Gov. Malloy Appoints Jonathan Slifka To Cabinet-Level Position Advocating
On Behalf Of The Disability Community**

January 8, 2014: Governor Dannel P. Malloy today announced that he is appointing Jonathan Slifka of West Hartford to a newly-created cabinet-level position within his administration, specifically advocating on behalf of the state's disability community.

In the role of Governor's Liaison to the Disability Community, Slifka will be responsible for increasing outreach on behalf of the Governor and executive branch agencies to people with disabilities in order to provide policy and practical recommendations for advocacy, employment, programs and services, as well as serving as an ombudsperson.

In addition to serving as a liaison between the state and residents with disabilities, he will evaluate and recommend improvements in the way the state provides information and access for people with disabilities. He will also develop, in consultation with the Governor and the Office of Policy and Management, an action plan with varying areas of focus.

While the Governor's Liaison to the Disability Community is a cabinet-level position, it will be administratively held within the state Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), where Slifka will work alongside the department's staff to improve services to Connecticut citizens with disabilities.

Slifka will begin the position on Friday, January 10, 2014.

Apply Now For The Nonprofit Collaboration Incentive Grant Program

December 11, 2013: The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is accepting applications for the Nonprofit Collaboration Incentive Grant Program (NCIP). The purpose of the NCIP is to provide grants for one-time infrastructure costs to implement consolidations of programs and services resulting from the collaboration of two or more nonprofit organizations. The goal of the NCIP is to improve efficiency and effectiveness of services through consolidations and collaborations between and among nonprofit providers currently providing services in Connecticut. The program will distribute grants to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for: the purchase of, or improvement to facilities; refinancing of facility loans; equipment purchases; energy conservation; transportation and technology projects; and relocation expenses related to physical consolidation of the collaboration. The NCIP is administered in accordance with Section 25 of Public Act 09-2, September Special Session. The State Bond Commission is authorized to issue up to \$5,000,000 to award one-time funding to support such collaborations. The current amount of available funding is \$3,743,591 for new projects. The minimum grant amount for a project is \$25,000.

The application deadline for consideration is February 14, 2014.

Additional details on the program, including application information, [can be found here](#).

New Insurance Web Page for Mental Health Coverage

December 24, 2013: – Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced that a new state webpage streamlines resources to help families with insurance coverage and reimbursement for behavioral health and substance abuse treatment.

The new site includes the Insurance Department's [Behavioral Health Took Kit](#), a step-by-step plain-language template that families and providers can use to submit to insurance companies for preauthorization of medically necessary behavioral health services.

The Insurance Department's "Mental Health Parity" website can be found [here](#).

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