

New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Agency: New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance
Agency Division: Center for Specialized Services
Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance
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Type of Recipient: Eligible applicants include public agencies, county or municipal governments, or any subdivision thereof; not-for-profit corporations, including charitable organizations incorporated, registered and in good standing with the Charities Bureau of the Attorney General in the State of New York; faith based organizations and educational institutions. Eligible applicants must meet additional criteria as outlined in the Request for Proposals (RFP).

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (BRIA) issues this Request for Proposals (RFP) to award two 60-month contracts to provide services for refugee youths and young adults ages 16-21 under the NYS Discretionary Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG) Program, *Making A Connection (MAC)*. BRIA intends to award two contracts; one in two of the following eligible counties: Bronx, Kings, Queens, New York, Richmond, Erie, Monroe, Onondaga, Oneida, or Albany.

The MAC program will consist of an employment preparatory Academy to address the serious and wide-ranging issues confronting newly arriving refugees ages 16 through 21. A curriculum, developed by another contractor that has the knowledge and experience of developing this material to youth and young adults as well as refugee populations and refugee service providers, will be provided to the awarded contractor resulting from the RFP. The curriculum features activities to connect refugee youth and young adults to the world of work. The MAC program will provide refugee youth and young adults with the skills and knowledge to make healthy choices which will result in socially and economically self sufficient refugee adults.

100% of funds for the programs are federal funds from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) program title, *Refugee and Entrant Assistance Discretionary Grants, Discretionary Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG)*.

Applications will be accepted through February 19, 2014, for the MAC Program. Contracts awarded through this procurement will result in a 60-month contract term. It is estimated that approximately \$300,000 in funds will be available for the first budget period, anticipated to begin June 1, 2014.

To obtain the RFP and application, please contact:

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