

### **ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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June 8, 2020

Honorable Andrew Joyce Legislative Clerk's Office 112 State Street, Room 710 Albany, New York 12207

Dear Mr Joyce:

The attached correspondence is forwarded for presentation to the Albany County Legislature.

Legislative approval is required in order to allow the Albany County Sheriff's Office to apply for \$8,000.00 in grant funding from the New York State Canal Corporation as reimbursement for expenses related to patrolling the waterways within Albany County which are contiguous to the New York State Canal System. There is a 25% match to this grant.

The term of this contract will be April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

By utilizing this fund source we will be able to recuperate 75% of the funds spent on the normal patrolling of these waterways.

Should there be any questions, do not hesitate to call.

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Sheriff

Att.

Cc:

Hon. Daniel P. McCoy, County Executive

Hon. William Clay, Public Safety Chairman

Hon. Wanda Willingham, Audit & Finance Committee

Brandon Russell, Esq., Majority Counsel Arnis Zilgme, Esq., Minority Counsel

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# **NYS Canal Corporation**

2020 Marine Patrol Grant Program Request for Application (RFA)

Application Due Date: June 19, 2020 by 5:00 pm

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#### I. Introduction

In recognition of the fiscal challenges faced by county and local governments in prioritizing patrol services, and to allow for more locally-administered, efficient and responsive police and public safety coverage on New York's Canals and Canalway Trail, the New York State Canal Corporation administers a local Marine and Trail Patrol Grant Program available to local law enforcement agencies.

This grant program is designed to help facilitate new and existing marine and land patrol services for New York State Canal Corporation waterways and adjoining trailways for the following Counties:

Albany, Cayuga, Erie, Herkimer, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Orleans, Oswego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Seneca, Washington, Wayne.

#### II. Eligibility and Objectives

Matching grants, up to \$40,000, will be available for local agencies which establish, operate, or expand public safety patrols under the following criteria:

- a. Patrol services shall be provided during operational hours of the canals, and additional coverage during planned local events (many events have been cancelled this year, but we will do our best to keep you updated on events and activities as the season progresses). Standard hours of operation for the 2020 navigation season are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (exceptions to standard operating hours can be found on the "Hours of Operation" page on the Canal Corporation's website -- <a href="http://www.canals.ny.gov/boating/hours.html">http://www.canals.ny.gov/boating/hours.html</a>). We also recommend that you sign up for our Notices to Mariners, which will provide up-to-date information on progress we are making as we work toward a full reopening of the canals, as well as any other notices and alerts regarding water levels, construction or other conditions that will affect navigation
  - (http://www.canals.ny.gov/wwwapps/tas/tascanals/index.aspx).
- b. Marine Patrols must patrol waters on, or contiguous to, the current and historical alignments of the New York State Canal System, cover the entirety of their determined jurisdiction, and provide supporting documentation of doing so.
- c. All officers assigned to patrols of the Canal or Canalway Trail supported by Canal Corporation funding must have appropriate certifications and accreditations for the operation of equipment utilized in the course of their patrols.

- d. Local agencies must provide documentation of at least a 25% match of local funding to supplement that which is provided by the New York State Canal Corporation.
- e. All personnel must be familiar with, and have a working knowledge of, Canal Law and the Canal Corporation's Rules and Regulations.

#### III. Authorized Program Expenditures

Included below is a list of reimbursable expenses:

- a. Personnel costs, including straight time, overtime, and fringe benefits
- b. Fuel costs
- c. Docking Fees

Included below is a list of non-reimbursable expenses

- a. Patrol Uniforms and clothing
- b. Vessel repairs
- c. Equipment Purchases

#### IV. Submission Format and Content

a. Format: Letters of interest must be submitted to the NYS Canal Corporation by June 12, 2020, to include a completed Appendix A, "Budget Summary", to the attention of:

Brian U. Stratton, Director New York State Canal Corporation 30 South Pearl Albany, NY 12207

- b. Required Content: Letters of interest must include the following required content:
  - i. Name of the agency seeking funding applicants must provide identification of the law enforcement agency seeking assistance
  - ii. The jurisdiction served by such agency

- iii. An estimate of the expected patrol schedule, to include patrols during operational hours and planned events, on-call availability, and percentage of coverage on each active waterway and/or trail.
- iv. Proposed FY2020/2021 Budget Plan. Please provide a description and outline of your proposed expenditures within each of the allowable spending categories. Grant Program funding cannot exceed \$40,000. Total costs identified in your budget plan will be reviewed for reasonable and necessary expenses to ensure achievement of the targeted capabilities and the objective of the grant. Please see Appendix A, "Budget Summary", for IV.a.iv requirement
- c. Capability Advancement: Applicants must provide a brief description of their current patrol initiative, if any, along the Canalway and highlight how their proposed budget for the FY2020/2021 Marine Patrol Grant Program will address identified capability gaps and advance current patrols in their jurisdiction.

#### V. Approval and Notification of Award

The Director of The NYS Canal Corporation will notify all grant applicants in writing of the final grant award determinations. Any disbursement of an award is contingent upon the recipient entering into a contract with the NYS Canal Corporation, with reimbursement allowed only after date of award letter with the Corporation and proper submission of vouchers executed by an authorized officer of the agency accompanied by such receipts and documents verifying expenditures as may be required by the Corporation.

#### VI. Questions

Questions regarding the 2020/2021 Marine Patrol Grants may be directed to the following address: NYS Canal Corporation, 30 South Pearl Street, Albany NY 12207 or by phone at (518) 449-6006. Email inquires can be sent to John.Joyce@canals.ny.gov.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 271**

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE CANAL CORPORATION REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR MARINE PATROL SERVICES

Introduced: 7/8/19

By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has requested authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Canal Corporation regarding reimbursement for marine patrol services in the amount of \$8,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has indicated that this funding, which requires a County match of \$2,000, will be used to recuperate a portion of the funds spent on the patrolling of Albany County waterways which are contiguous to the New York State Canal System, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application to the New York State Canal Corporation regarding reimbursement for marine patrol in the amount of \$8,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said grant application as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 7/8/19 Mr. Frainier abstained