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March 17, 2022

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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

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

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

The term of this contract will be April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

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

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Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc:

Hon. Daniel 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 Christian Barnes, Minority Conference

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JUSTIN E. DRISCOLL Interim President and Chief Executive Officer BRIAN U. STRATTON
Director, Canal Corporation

February 8, 2022

Hon. Craig D. Apple Albany County Sheriff Albany County Courthouse Albany, NY 12207

Re: 2022 Marine Patrol Grant - Albany County

Dear Sheriff Apple:

The Canal Corporation is pleased to announce the availability of funding for 2022 for matching grants to support new and existing local patrols on the Canal and Canalway Trail. Matching grants of up to \$40,000 will be available for local agencies which establish, operate, or expand public safety patrols under the following criteria:

- Patrol services shall be provided during operational hours of the canals, and additional coverage during planned local events. Standard hours of operation for the 2022 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 (<a href="http://www.canals.ny.gov/wwwapps/tas/tascanals/index.aspx">http://www.canals.ny.gov/wwwapps/tas/tascanals/index.aspx</a>).
- 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.
- Patrols on the Canalway Trail must be conducted primarily on the trail proper, at trailheads, access
  points or rest areas along or contiguous to the Canalway Trail. Road patrols checking the trail from
  public roadways offering direct views of the trail should not be considered trail patrols for purposes of
  this grant.
- 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 public safety patrols.
- Local agencies must provide documentation of at least a 25 percent match of local funding to supplement that which is provided by the New York State Canal Corporation.
- All personnel must be familiar with, and have a working knowledge of Canal Law and the Canal Corporation's Rules and Regulations.

If your agency is interested in applying for this funding for 2022, please send a letter of interest detailing the type and cost of patrol you will establish, operate, or expand with Canal Corporation funding, along with an amount of funding requested, by COB March 31, 2022 to my attention at:

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

Applications may also be submitted electronically by sending to: <u>Ted.Westerling@canals.ny.gov</u>.

I hope you will not hesitate to contact my office with any questions regarding this opportunity to enhance the safety and overall experience of the users of our Canal System and Canalway Trail. Thank you.

Brian U. Stratton

Director

Sincerely

cc: T. Westerling



KATHY HOCHUL Governor JOHN R. KOELMEL Chairman JUSTIN E. DRISCOLL
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer.

BRIAN U. STRATTON
Director, Canal Corporation

# **NYS Canal Corporation**

Fiscal Year of 2022/2023 Marine Patrol Grant Program

Request for Application (RFA)

Application Due Date: March 31, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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#### I. Introduction

The New York State Canal system stretches 524 linear miles, wholly contained within New York State and intersecting 18 upstate counties. Recognizing the challenges presented in providing public safety and law enforcement services over such a long ribbon of recreationway, and recognizing the fiscal challenges facing local governments throughout our state, the New York State Canal Corporation makes grants for police and public safety coverage on our Canals and Canalway Trail available to the 18 County Sheriffs' offices with jurisdiction on the Canal and Canalway Trail, as well as those law enforcement agencies whose jurisdiction also cover parts of the Canal system.

This grant program is designed to help facilitate new and existing local canal public safety patrols for agencies patrolling both the Canal's waterway and trail system.

## II. Eligibility and Objectives

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

- a. Marine Patrols must patrol waters on, or contiguous to, the current and historical alignments of the New York State Canal System; and land-based patrols must patrol the Canalway Trail system or trails contiguous to it; and provide supporting documentation of doing so.
- 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.
- Participating agencies must provide documentation of at least 25% match of local funding to supplement that which is provided by the New York State Canal Corporation.

## 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 ((as a percentage of the time boats are used on the Canal, as opposed to other bodies of water)
- d. (define "donations" in terms of what is allowable under the grant)

Included below is a list of non-reimbursable expenses:

- a. Patrol Uniforms and clothing
- b. Vessel/equipment repairs (and maintenance?)
- c. Equipment Purchases
- d. Equipment valuation and/or depreciation
- e. Licensing/registration/insurance costs
- f. Mileage (as calculated in determination of standard mileage reimbursement rates)

## IV. Submission Format and Content

Letters of interest must be submitted to the NYS Canal Corporation by March 31, 2022, and should include the following:

- a. Description of Jurisdiction applicants must provide identification of the law enforcement agency seeking assistance
- b. An estimate of the anticipated amount of time spent patrolling the Canal and Canalway Trail
- c. An estimate of the anticipated percentage of time spent, respectively, on waterway and trail patrol roles
- d. Proposed FY2022/2023 budget plan for each detail, waterway and/or trailway, please provide a description and outline of your proposed expenditures within each of the allowable spending categories. Although we encourage submission on both details, 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.

#### V. Approval and Notification of Award

The Director of The NYS Canal Corporation will notify all grant applicants in writing as to 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 the effective date indicated in the award letter issued by 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 2022/2023 Marine Patrol Grants may be directed to the following address: NYS Canal Corporation 200 Southern Blvd. Albany NY 12209 or by phone at (518) 449-6024. Email inquiries can be sent to ted.westerling@canals.ny.gov.