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Dear Colleague:

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) is pleased to announce the availability of funding through the Adult Care Facility (ACF) Resident Air Conditioning Initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to provide for the installation, operation and maintenance of air conditioning in Adult Home and Enriched Housing Program resident rooms. A total of \$2.0 million has been made available to eligible participants, awarded through a competitive process, for awards up to \$75,000. This funding opportunity is available through DOH Request for Applications (RFA) #0802011005.

This RFA differs slightly from the previous years' RFA in two significant ways. The Department has collaborated with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to enhance the efficient use of funds awarded. To that end, those facilities which have a NYSEERDA energy audit conducted will receive additional scoring points. Therefore the Department encourages applicants to apply for a NYSEERDA audit as soon as possible. Facilities receiving a grant will be given up to an additional \$1,000 (over the \$75,000 cap) to pay for the cost of the NYSEERDA program energy audit. If the cost of the audit exceeds \$1,000, the additional costs can be included in the grant budget. Additionally, facilities will be required to use either NYSEERDA pre-qualified equipment or Energy Star certified equipment; those facilities installing NYSEERDA pre-qualified equipment may be eligible for incentives through NYSEERDA.

The ACF Resident Air Conditioning Initiative RFA is available on the DOH website at www.health.state.ny.us. Alternatively you may request the RFA in a PDF file by e-mailing a request to ACFair@health.state.ny.us or by calling (518) 408-1600 for a hard copy which will be mailed to you.

Thank you for your interest in the ACF Resident Air Conditioning Initiative and in joining the Department of Health in support of programs to improve the quality of life for residents.

Sincerely,

Mark Kissinger
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