

NEW YORK STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES LOAN PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING - APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 15, 2009 -

The New York State Emergency Services Loan Program was established pursuant to section 97-pp of the State Finance Law to help offset the cost of providing fire protection and emergency medical services by providing low-interest (2.5%) loans to eligible jurisdictions in the State.

Cities, villages, fire districts, not-for profit fire companies, and not-for profit ambulance companies are eligible to apply for loans. Counties and towns may also be eligible in certain instances.

Loans may be utilized for the purchase, repair, or rehabilitation of fire apparatus, ambulances and rescue vehicles, the purchase of personal protective equipment, communications equipment or accessory equipment and the construction, renovation, rehabilitation and repair of facilities that house firefighting equipment, ambulances, rescue vehicles and related equipment. There are limitations on the amount of a loan and requirements for a local cost share depending on what a loan is to be used for.

Applicants whose membership is comprised exclusively of volunteers and whose budget for the preceding fiscal year did not exceed \$100,000 are identified in the law for particular attention and submission of applications by these organizations is encouraged.

Applications for the current period must be received by the Office of Fire Prevention and Control by October 15, 2009.

Instructions and application forms are available at: <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/fire/loan.htm>

Telephone inquiries may be directed to the Office of Fire Prevention and Control's Loan Unit at (518) 474-6746.



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