

**Not Recommended: Exhibit "H"**

Applicant Name:	Alix Rice Peace Park Foundation Inc.	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Tourism/Infrastructure	County:	Erie
Industry:	Non-profit	Locality:	Amherst
Amount Requested:	\$100,000	Start Date:	07/1/2014
		Finish Date:	09/30/2014
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$450,000		
% of Project Cost Recommended:			
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	Not applicable.		
Number of Jobs Created:	Not applicable.		
Average Salary of Jobs:	Not applicable.		
Indirect Jobs Created	Not applicable.		
Other Impact			
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>The Alix Rice Peace Park Foundation is building a public concrete skate park. The park will range from 10,000-16,000sq.ft. The Amherst Master Plan of 2004 outlined the construction of three skate parks in Amherst. The applicant has followed the direct advice of the recreation department and have been working hand in hand with the Town of Amherst on the project. The park will be open to the public for use of all age and sport. The park will have spectator seating for competitions, beginner, intermediate and novice section to be able to accommodate all user abilities, and it will be located centrally in Amherst at Bassett Park for easy access.</p>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$0	NYPA:	\$0
IDA:	\$0	Other: Corporate Donations & Money Fundraised to date	\$55,500
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Although the proposed project is both noble and meritorious the intent of this fund is to induce projects that have the potential to yield high economic impact. Unfortunately the nature of this project only lends itself to minimal economic impact and for that reason it is not being recommended for award from this fund.

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Applicant Name:	CNC Technical Solutions, Inc Training Center	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Workforce Development	County:	Orleans
Industry:		Locality:	Medina
Amount Requested:	\$185,000	Start Date:	04/01/2014
		Finish Date:	10/01/2014
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$246,000		
% of Project Cost Recommended:	0%		
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	2		
Number of Jobs Created:	6		
Average Salary of Jobs:			
Indirect Jobs Created			
Other Impact			
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>Expand the scope and audience of our existing technical training programs which have historically focused on enhancing the technical skills of Engineers &amp; Technicians at Fortune 500 companies such as General Motors, Ford, American Axle and Globe Metallurgical to name a few. We also have plans to expand our offerings into basic machine shop training and CNC operator training. To that end, our plan is to become accredited and to take our highly focused industry proven training programs and adapt them into offerings to the general public. This is a natural and intuitive evolution for our company and the training expansion is a direct result of numerous discussions with our clients who at times are frustrated by the lack of skilled workers available to them within the Western New York/Finger Lakes Region. Of equal scale are the numerous inquiries we receive directly from the public requesting training in these sectors.</p>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$0	NYPA:	\$0
IDA:	\$0	Other:	\$0
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The completion of this project is dependent on the applicant's ability to execute an expansion project for which the applicant applied for assistance from this fund. This project will not be recommended for an award of fund benefits prior to successful completion of the aforementioned coinciding project.

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Applicant Name:	Flat #12 Mushrooms, LLC	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Agricultural Investment	County:	Erie
Industry:		Locality:	Buffalo
Amount Requested:	\$123,010	Start Date:	12/1/2013
		Finish Date:	5/30/2014
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$615,050		
% of Project Cost Recommended:	0%		
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	Undefined		
Number of Jobs Created:	Undefined		
Average Salary of Jobs:	Undefined		
Indirect Jobs Created	Undefined		
Other Impact			
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>Flat#12 Mushrooms has the following project goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Move to a larger location to develop and implement a carbon neutral production facility.</li> <li>- acquire the machinery needed to increase production and take advantage of clean energy sources (solar, geothermal &amp; Biodiesel)</li> <li>- Use new technologies to create a highly sanitary, energy efficient, optimum grow room for gourmet mushroom production.</li> <li>- develop new markets for mycelium based compost additives and "myco-filters" (used for waste water runoff filtration)</li> </ul>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$0	NYPA:	\$0
IDA:	\$0	Other:	\$
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

This applicant is a very early stage start-up company that is yet raise any other capital according to the information provided. Therefore this project is not recommended for award funding at this time.

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Applicant Name:	Helios-NRG, LLC	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Innovation/Entrepreneur Development	County:	Erie
Industry:		Locality:	Amherst
Amount Requested:	\$150,000	Start Date:	01/01/2014
		Finish Date:	12/31/2015
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$200,000		
% of Project Cost Recommended:			
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	0		
Number of Jobs Created:	29		
Average Salary of Jobs:	Not specified.		
Indirect Jobs Created	0		
Other Impact	NA		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>The requested funds for a project in the area of biotechnology is aimed at confirming the feasibility of growing algae on waste streams to create value-added products and services thereby enabling pollution reduction and biofuel production. The technology being developed by Helios-NRG will establish synergies with entities that currently release waste streams such as CO<sub>2</sub>, high nutrient water (nitrogen and phosphate), and heat into the environment by utilizing these as inputs to grow algae. The platform to grow algae on these waste streams will be commercialized for pollution remediation services and products such as biofuels, animal feed, and fertilizer. The types of businesses that can benefit from the proposed technology include farms, producers of renewable energy including anaerobic digesters, food processing companies and aquaculture. The benefits to these businesses are enhanced because in addition to cost reduction for pollution control, they currently utilize or sell products that could be derived from algae.</p>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$0	NYPA:	\$0
IDA:	\$0	Other:	\$0
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The company is an energy startup in its very early stages of development, presently working to determine the feasibility of their technology. No funds have been secured for the products pilot project. The applicant requested 75% of the total project costs, and to date, the only project funding in place is \$50,000 of the applicants own equity.

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Applicant Name:	Hull House Foundation	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Tourism/Marketing	County:	Erie
Industry:		Locality:	Lancaster
Amount Requested:	\$234,600	Start Date:	01/01/2014
		Finish Date:	12/31/2015
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$350,000		
% of Project Cost Recommended:	-		
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	Not applicable.		
Number of Jobs Created:	Not applicable.		
Average Salary of Jobs:	Not applicable.		
Indirect Jobs Created	Not applicable.		
Other Impact			
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>The Hull Family Home and Farmstead Heritage Tourism Project, which is listed on both the National and State Register of Historic Sites, will complete the critical next stage of restoration and establish a visitor-ready attraction that will draw tourists to the Buffalo-Niagara region to its site in Lancaster. The c. 1810 Warren Hull House – believed to be the oldest stone dwelling in Western New York – is a rare surviving example of Federal-style architecture in the region. The Hull House harbors the story of the multifaceted cultural heritage of the Niagara Frontier.</p> <p>Specifically, WNYPPAB funding will enable the Hull House Foundation to complete the interior and exterior restoration of the original home, establish an interim visitor center/gift shop, move the existing barn to serve as a community events/educational center and expand the garage for storage. The project also includes an archaeological study, a cultural site plan and a marketing plan to promote the site throughout the region and beyond.</p>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$	NYPA:	\$
IDA:	\$	Other:	\$
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
ESD Grant	\$250,000	Completed	

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

This applicant has received other forms of State funding and is asking for more than 65% of the total project. This project is not recommended for funding at this time.

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Applicant Name:	Justice Lifeline, Inc.	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Workforce Development	County:	Erie
Industry:	Non-profit	Locality:	Buffalo
Amount Requested:	\$367,000	Start Date:	01/01/2014
		Finish Date:	04/01/2014
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$517,000		
% of Project Cost Recommended:	\$0		
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	0		
Number of Jobs Created:	undefined		
Average Salary of Jobs:	Training Only		
Indirect Jobs Created			
Other Impact			
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>This project is designed to renovate a two story 5,200 sq ft. brick structure located 2201 Fillmore Ave. to a Transitional Services Center. This structure includes classrooms, computer lab and office space for the Justice Life Line Transitional Services Center. The Workforce Development Program will provide outreach, mentoring, GED, literacy, Job readiness, soft skills training, assessment and referrals of 200 unemployed clients ages 16-25 including ex-offenders in zip code 14214 and 14215 to industry specific training in manufacturing, construction and hospitality.</p>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$0	NYPA:	\$0
IDA:	\$0	Other:	\$0
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

While the intended services for ex-offenders to enable them to successfully enter the job market is commendable, there are existing programs through NYS DOL to support this type of activity. Applicant is seeking 100% of project costs from Fund, except for \$150,000 of in kind support from training partners. This is a start up workforce program and it is unclear how it will be sustainable.

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Applicant Name:	MergerShark, Inc.	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	TBD	County:	Erie
Industry:		Locality:	Buffalo
Amount Requested:	\$225,000	Start Date:	TBD
		Finish Date:	2yrs after start
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$275,000		
% of Project Cost Recommended:	Not applicable.		
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	Not stated in the application.		
Number of Jobs Created:	Not stated in the application.		
Average Salary of Jobs:	Not stated in the application.		
Indirect Jobs Created	Not stated in the application.		
Other Impact			
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>The project involves the programming, testing and completion of a database to allow small business owners to determine the value of their businesses. The MergerShark.com database currently has over 7,000 merger and acquisition transactions and related details that will provide the base of information used for the valuation process. The company needs to complete the database programming and testing, finalize a marketing plan and develop a customer support team. With over 27 million small businesses in the United States, the market opportunity for the Company is very large. The company and all its jobs would be maintained in WNY.</p>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$0	NYPA:	\$0
IDA:	\$0	Other:	\$0
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

This is a very early stage company that has intentionally avoided outside investors looking for an equity stake in the company. It is recommended that this fund close gaps in financing for projects challenged with remaining shortfalls and not for applicants that choose not to accept outside investment.

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Applicant Name:	Niagara Arts & Cultural Center, Inc.	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Tourism/Marketing	County:	Niagara
Industry:		Locality:	Niagara Falls
Amount Requested:	\$50,000	Start Date:	01/03/2014
		Finish Date:	05/31/2015
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$2,398,000		
% of Project Cost Recommended:	0%		
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	N/A		
Number of Jobs Created:	N/A		
Average Salary of Jobs:	N/A		
Indirect Jobs Created			
Other Impact			
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>The Niagara Arts &amp; Cultural Center (NACC) is a historically significant local landmark located within minutes of the city's tourist district. Built in 1924, the building was home to Niagara Falls High School until 2000 when it was slated for demolition when the school relocated. The building was saved and repurposed to serve as an arts and cultural center. Due to many years of neglect the NACC sustained extensive water damage from a leaky roof resulting in unsafe electrical connections, cracked and falling plaster laden with asbestos and deteriorated wood flooring in the auditorium of the former Niagara Falls High School. The roof has already been replaced and the NACC now proposes to restore the auditorium to be used as its Grand Theater for performing arts. Work to be performed includes hazardous materials abatement, repairing and painting flat and decorative plaster on the walls and ceiling, replacement of historic light fixtures and theater lighting and refinishing the existing wood floor. Upon completion of this project, the NACC will provide a world-class venue for intellectual and artistic entertainment for residents and visitors, thereby contributing to the economic and cultural revitalization of Niagara Falls.</p>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$0	NYPA:	\$0
IDA:	\$	Other:	\$0
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Fulfillment of this request will not advance this project to completion and the applicant is seeking most of the remaining project costs from other State resources via the CFA.

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Applicant Name:	Precision Scientific Instruments (PSi <sup>SM</sup> )	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Innovation/Entrepreneur Development	County:	Erie
Industry:		Locality:	Buffalo
Amount Requested:	\$100,000	Start Date:	01/01/2014
		Finish Date:	12/31/2014
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$350,000		
% of Project Cost Recommended:	0%		
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	0		
Number of Jobs Created:	5-10		
Average Salary of Jobs:			
Indirect Jobs Created			
Other Impact			
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>PSi<sup>SM</sup> is a high tech manufacturing startup that has the exclusive licensing agreement with SUNY at Buffalo to produce a US Patented Sub-Nano Metrology System which is capable of studying materials at the single atom level and will enable the radical miniaturization of devices. The \$100,000 request for this project will be used toward the completion of the commercial prototype for production in NYS. We believe this funding will open the door to raise the additional funds needed through private investment and/or other sources. No additional research is needed for the commercial prototype.</p>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$0	NYPA:	\$0
IDA:	\$0	Other:	\$0
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

This project is in a very early stage as the applicant is seeking funding to build a prototype of a patented technology and has not secured any other significant funding at this time. For the aforementioned reasons this project is not recommended at this time.

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Applicant Name:	ROAR Logistics	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Workforce Development	County:	Erie
Industry:	Transportation	Locality:	Buffalo
Amount Requested:	\$14,625	Start Date:	03/31/2014
		Finish Date:	07/28/2014
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$14,625		
% of Project Cost Recommended:	0		
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	Not applicable.		
Number of Jobs Created:	Not applicable.		
Average Salary of Jobs:	Not applicable.		
Indirect Jobs Created	Not applicable.		
Other Impact			
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>ROAR Logistics intends to provide its operational staff the opportunity to become a Certified Transportation Brokers (CTB) through the Transportation Intermediaries Association (TIA). Certification begins with an intense 17-week study program followed by a 4-hour examination. Successful candidates gain marketing advantages, professional recognition and potential for career advancement.</p>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$	NYPA:	\$
IDA:	\$	Other:	\$
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>			
<p>This is a workforce development initiative that is better suited for funding from the NYS Department of Labor. Additionally, it is industry practice for companies to pay the full costs of the CTB Examination out of pocket without the receipt of state assistance, or for individuals to pay the modest fees themselves.</p>			

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Applicant Name:	Somerset Union Museum	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Tourism	County:	Niagara
Industry:	Non-profit	Locality:	Barker
Amount Requested:	\$100,000	Start Date:	01/01/2014
		Finish Date:	12/31/2014
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$340,000		
% of Project Cost Recommended:	Not applicable.		
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	Not applicable.		
Number of Jobs Created:	Not applicable.		
Average Salary of Jobs:	Not applicable.		
Indirect Jobs Created	Not applicable.		
Other Impact			
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>Conversion of the Somerset Methodist Church into a museum. The Board of Directors has approved a four phase plan to convert the abandoned church building into a modern cultural institution. Phase one, the stabilization of the building structure, is complete. The WNYPPAB and other public and private funding will provide for the second phase of the renovation plan, that is, the conversion of the building's interior from a dilapidated structure to a modern museum. The third phase of the reuse plan for the church building is to relocate the Dombrowski antique collection from its current location to the museum. This will also allow the Somerset Union Museum to access the artifacts for short (1-2 week) exhibits and fund raising events. The final phase of the museum transformation is the cataloging of the collection and the development of various public exhibits.</p>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$0	NYPA:	\$0
IDA:	\$0	Other:	\$0
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The needs of this project primarily center around upgrading the interior of the building with efficient products (HVAC, Lighting, Insulation etc.). Because of the nature of this project the applicant was referred and has begun working with NYSERDA who will likely support this project.

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Applicant Name:	TAM Ceramics Group of NY, LLC	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Business Investment	County:	Niagara
Industry:		Locality:	Niagara Falls
Amount Requested:	\$2,941,095	Start Date:	January 2014
		Finish Date:	December 2014
<b>RECOMMENDED OFFER</b>			
Recommended Total Award:	\$0		
Total Project Cost:	\$3,676,369		
% of Project Cost Recommended:	\$0		
<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS</b>			
Number of Jobs Retained:	N/A		
Number of Jobs Created:	30		
Average Salary of Jobs:			
Indirect Jobs Created			
Other Impact			
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>TAM Ceramics partnered with ReNew for the purpose of reclaiming valuable rare earth materials from components containing the rare earths, such as magnets, and selling the rare earth materials back into various markets. ReNew owns the technology to reclaim the rare earths and is responsible for developing the supply chain. ReNew's CEO is Alan Rae, also the director of Alfred University's incubator facilities in NYS. TAM owns the assets and know-how and will be doing all the processing on the components, also called post-consumer electronic waste, and converting them into usable and highly valuable rare earth materials. The potential customers are magnet alloy producers, phosphor producers, for catalyst products, polishing compounds, ceramics, batteries, and chemicals markets. TAM Ceramics is a 107 year old manufacturing company in Niagara Falls that has been doing advanced material, powder, and chemical processing for most of its history. ReNew has demonstrated to TAM that it has a strong business plan and strong business contacts, such as suppliers of electronic waste components and end product rare earth material customers, such as PIDC, Pacific Industrial Development Corporation.</p>			
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED</b>			
ESD:	\$0	NYPA:	\$0
IDA:	\$0	Other:	\$0
<b>PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED</b>			
<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	
ESD Grant	\$400,000	In Progress	

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

This project has been recommended as a Regional priority through the 2013 REDC award process. Due to this priority status this project will receive funding from NYS for this project and it is therefore not recommended for an award from this fund.