The responses to questions included herein are the official responses by the State to questions submitted by potential applicants and are hereby incorporated into RFA # 22-LGE-8 issued on March 31, 2022. In the event of any conflict between the RFA and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.

Questions

Q1: Projects submitted in a 2021 CWSSI plan can be claimed under the regular CWSSI match process?

A1: Projects submitted in a 2021 CWSSI plan are not eligible for implementation under this grant.

Q2: What are next steps?

A2: Interested applicants should review the RFA to determine eligibility and then submit an application by the due date. Eligible applications will be scored based on the criteria in the RFA and ranked. Funding will be awarded to the highest scoring applications until funds are exhausted. If an application is awarded, the lead local government and the Department of State will enter a state contract to implement the project.

Q3:
- Where did the notification of the projects come from?
- Where was the list of projects sent?

A3: The Division of Local Government Services sent an email notification to all lead contacts for counties with submitted plans for 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Q4: If a project is not eligible for this program, will it still be eligible for the regular LGE program?

A4: Potential applicants should review the Application Information in the 2022-23 LGE RFA (the current RFA can be found at https://dos.ny.gov/2022-2023-local-government-efficiency-grant-program), particularly the Eligible Applicants and Eligible Projects sections, to determine if the project is eligible for the LGE program.

Q5: Can we open participation and items in a new plan to new municipalities, not originally included?

A5: Yes, if a project was submitted in a 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 plan, new municipalities can be added as long as new municipalities are located in part or in whole in the county that submitted the plan.

Q6: What is the web address for the RFA?
Q7: Is there a place where we can go see the list of projects, or do we have to rely on the email?

A7: Projects are listed in the plan that was submitted by each county. All previously submitted plans can be viewed here: https://dos.ny.gov/county-wide-shared-services-initiative-0

Q8: Applications must be for a project from a previous plan, but can only receive funding reimbursement for implementation expenses starting after January 1, 2022?

A8: Correct, if an application is awarded funding, the local government can request reimbursement for eligible expenses back to January 1, 2022.

Q9: Are the reimbursement funds for the new project based on the cost to implement, or the savings that will be achieved by the project?

A9: The reimbursement of costs for this grant are based upon implementation costs, not savings generated.

Q10: What would the project start, and end dates be?

A10: Each approved contract will have a five-year term, starting no earlier than January 1, 2022.