

NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10047



CESAR A. PERALES
Commissioner

November 27, 1985

Dear Ms. Koo:

I am pleased to advise you that Asian Americans For Equality, Inc. has been selected to participate in the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program. We have reserved a maximum of \$1,000,000 to carry out the Equality House project at 176 Eldridge Street, Manhattan proposed in your application. The approval of this award and the subsequent contract between Asian Americans For Equality, Inc. and the Department will be subject to final approval by the State Division of the Budget, the Office of the State Comptroller and the Office of the State Attorney General. Furthermore, the State may require that your project accept referrals from local shelters and other emergency housing sources.

This reservation of funds is binding until January 31, 1986 at which time it may be withdrawn if sufficient progress has not been made in the development of your project. In particular, the grant is contingent upon your providing the Department with the following:

- evidence of the commitment of funds from other sources necessary for the development of the project;
- a revised letter from the City of New York indicating their willingness to sell the one building, 176 Eldridge Street, for the development of your project.

You will receive a letter from Nancy Travers, Assistant Commissioner, with additional information regarding the contract process, as well as identifying the necessary additional documentation required before the contract can be processed.

As soon as all of these conditions have been met we will prepare the contract for a total not to exceed the reserved amount. After this contract has been executed by your authorized signator, we will complete the contract approval process.

I wish to extend my congratulations and reaffirm the commitment of this administration to work cooperatively with you toward a genuine solution to the problem of homelessness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cesar A. Perales".

Cesar A. Perales
Commissioner

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Governor Mario M. Cuomo today announced the award of \$17.5 million in grants for construction or rehabilitation of housing for the State's homeless, bringing the total funding of the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) to \$50 million.

In 1983, the Governor and the State Legislature announced agreement on a \$50 million, four-year program to assist the homeless. The program has since been accelerated and the entire appropriation has been committed in two-and-one-half years.

"The 45 grants being awarded today signify our continued commitment to meeting the challenge of providing low-cost housing and services for those who are homeless," Governor Cuomo said as he toured the site of a previously funded HHAP project in East Harlem.

The Governor also called on the State Legislature to act on his billion dollar "Housing New York" proposal, which would create 60,000 units of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle-income residents of the City.

"Clearly, the addition of 60,000 units of affordable housing in New York City will have a positive impact on our efforts to house the homeless," the Governor said. "Best of all, it does so without adding any burden to the taxpayers of the State. I urge the Legislature to act on this proposal as soon as it returns to the Capitol.

"New Yorkers can take pride that their State has done more than any other to help the homeless, while the Federal administration virtually ignores their existence."

Governor Cuomo said the 45 not-for-profit corporations, charitable organizations and municipalities receiving the grants will provide housing for over 1,700 homeless people. Approximately 65 percent of this housing will be produced in New York City, with funding totaling \$10.5 million.

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The Governor said when the new projects are completed, housing for some 5,900 homeless New Yorkers will have been provided through HHAP funding since 1983. The program, signed into law by the Governor in April 1983, has already distributed \$32.5 million to 70 projects.

Today's awards, subject to contract approval, have been granted to 20 applicants in New York City and 25 in the remainder of the State. The projects will offer a wide variety of housing programs, including emergency, transitional and permanent housing for the elderly, young persons, families, battered women and the mentally disabled. A number of the new projects are located in eight Upstate counties which have not previously received HHAP grants. As a condition of the grants, the successful applicants have agreed to operate the new housing facilities for a minimum of at least seven years.

The Governor was joined at the press conference by State Social Services Commissioner Cesar A. Perales, whose department administers the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program, and William B. Elmick, State Director of Housing.

Commissioner Perales said a total of 170 applications were submitted for the available \$17.5 million through the use of a competitive "Request for Proposal" process.

Editors: A list of the grants announced today is attached.

IIAP ROUND III FUNDED PROJECTS: NEW YORK CITY

APPLICANT	COUNTY	SPECIAL POPULATION	FAMILIES OR SINGLES	IIAP AWARD
Women in Nood	Bronx	Parenting Teens	F	\$ 145,000
The Ark	Kings	Ex-Offenders	S	\$ 100,000
Seventh Day Adventists Charities, Inc.	Kings	Mentally Disabled	S	\$1,100,000
First Baptist Church of Crown Heights	Kings	Mentally Disabled	S	\$1,100,000
ARC Housing Corporation	New York	None	S	\$ 700,000
The Jericho Project	New York	None	S	\$1,000,000
St. Francis Friends of the Poor	New York	Mentally Disabled	S	\$ 500,000
West Side Federation for Senior Housing, Inc.	New York	Elderly	S	\$ 62,000
Asian Americans for Equality, Inc.	New York	Elderly	F&S	\$1,000,000
Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, Inc.	New York	None	S	\$ 200,000
Metropolitan Young Adult Training Program	New York	None	S	\$ 40,000
Lower East Side Catholic Area Conference I)	New York	None	F	\$ 120,000
Puerto Rican Assoc. for Community Affairs	New York	None	F&S	\$1,080,000
West Side Federation for Senior Housing, Inc. II	New York	Elderly	S	\$ 200,000
Harlem Heights Community Housing Dev. Corp.	New York	None	F&S	\$ 900,000
Assoc. for the Rehabilitation of the Mentally III	New York	Mentally Disabled	S	\$1,000,000
Covenant House/Under 21	New York	Youth	S	\$ 100,000
Lower East Side Service Center, Inc.	New York	Substance Abusers	S	\$ 320,000
La Nouva Raza Institute, Inc.	Queens	Youth	S	\$ 700,000
Martin De Porres Group Home	Queens	Youth	S	\$ 78,000
TOTALS	20 Projects			\$10,445,000

HHAP ROUND III FUNDED PROJECTS: REST OF STATE

APPLICANT	COUNTY	SPECIAL POPULATION	FAMILIES OR SINGLES	HHAP AWARD
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Project Strive, Inc.	Albany	Youth	S	\$ 250,000
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany II	Albany	None	F&S	\$ 400,000
Genesee Valley Improvement Corporation	Allegany	Domestic Violence	F&S	\$ 102,000
Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.	Cattaraugus	Parenting Teens	F	\$ 195,000
Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, Inc.	Chautauqua	None	F	\$ 514,000
Chubusco Senior Citizens Corporation	Clinton	Elderly	S	\$ 159,000
Offender Aid Restoration of Western NY	Erie	Ex-Offenders	F&S	\$ 750,000
North Country Home Services	Franklin	Elderly	S	\$ 96,000
Genesee Valley Rural Preservation Council	Livingston	None	F	\$ 229,000
Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.	Niagara	Substance Abusers	F&S	\$ 285,000
Fellowship House Foundation II	Niagara	Substance Abusers	S	\$ 100,000
St. Margaret's Corporation of Utica	Oneida	None	F	\$ 175,000
Salvation Army of Syracuse	Onondaga	None	F&S	\$ 366,000
Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry	Ontario	Migrant Workers	F	\$ 289,000
Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.	Oswego	Domestic Violence	F&S	\$ 133,000
Franklin Community Center, Inc.	Saratoga	None	S	\$ 405,000
Steuben Livingston Agricultural Project, Inc.	Steuben	None	F	\$ 200,000
Mercy Haven, Inc.	Suffolk	Mentally Disabled	F&S	\$1,000,000
Suffolk County D.S.S.	Suffolk	None	F	\$ 200,000
Tloga Opportunities Program, Inc.	Tloga	None	F	\$ 259,000
Tompkins County Housing Task Force	Tompkins	None	F&S	\$ 40,000
Mid Hudson Catskill Rural/Migrant Ministry, Inc.	Ulster	Migrant Workers	F&S	\$ 372,000
Rural N.Y. Farmworker Opportunities, Inc.	Wayne	Migrant Workers	F	\$ 161,000
Assoc. for Improvement in Mohegan, Inc.	Westchester	Elderly	S	\$ 75,000
The Northern Westchester Shelter, Inc.	Westchester	Domestic Violence	F&S	\$ 300,000
TOTALS	25 Projects			\$7,055,000