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Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Working Group

With the release of **New York's Consolidated Funding Application**, Governor Cuomo's economic development strategies are being implemented. Municipalities, businesses and not-for-profit organizations are faced with the task of submitting important application materials by **October 31, 2011**. While this undertaking can seem daunting, with the right assistance this new structure can become an opportunity for an organization. With many funding programs brought together under one umbrella and a coordinated method of evaluation, businesses, municipalities and not-for-profits have the opportunity to obtain needed funding for their projects and programs.

Green & Seifter's CFA Working Group can help organizations with this process. With our experience, skills and relationships in the areas of economic development, project finance, project development, not-for-profit organizations, municipal law and tax, we are uniquely situated to help an organization define goals, identify funding opportunities, apply for funding, advocate for funding applications, and implement project awards.

In the new CFA process, an organization will need to work with both the applicable Regional Council in crafting regional plans and objectives and with state administrative agency personnel who administer the programs. Our experience can assist an organization in the presentation of its projects and programs to both regional and state decision-makers, helping to demonstrate the impact such projects and programs will have on a local, regional and state basis.

Services:

- Presenting projects, programs and objectives for consideration by a Regional Council
- Helping devise regional plans that include the organization's projects/programs/objectives
- Project/program/objectives advocacy at the local, regional and state level
- Identifying available sources of funding, both within the CFA process and other
- Assembling an application presenting the project/program/objective
- Application advocacy
- Compliance with program requirements and funding requirements
- Advising with respect to tax impacts of funding

Assisting with respect to underlying program requirements, including the federal empowerment zones, New York's Excelsior Program, Brownfield Cleanup Program and Economic Transformation and Facility Redevelopment Program, federal and state low-income housing programs, federal state historic rehabilitation programs, and federal and state energy and "green" programs.

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