

## **EMERGENCY AGRICULTURE FUND**

### **Program Summary**

The Emergency Agriculture Fund program provides emergency funding to farmers and agri-businesses in those communities in Upstate NY served by National Grid who have been impacted by the devastating effects of the 2011 storms and flooding. Application requests through this program may include, but are not limited to, funding to support the following needs related to farm structures and related equipment:

Repair and/or replacement of electric infrastructure

Costs associated with replacement of fixed equipment necessary for the operation of the farm or agri-business including pumps, lighting, ventilation, heating, and cooling

The goal of the program is to fill gaps in funding allocated to farms or agri-business through federal and state programs, insurance or other emergency sources.

**Minimum Program Requirements:** *Please review the program requirements and guidelines below, prior to completing an application for funding.*

To be eligible for this program, the **applicant** must:

Be the owner of a farm or agri-business

**Have a service address** within the National Grid **electric** franchise area, **and**

Be located in a county in Upstate NY declared as a "State of Emergency" disaster area or in a county with an "agricultural disaster declaration", as identified by New York State and/or the Federal government, **and**

Be current in payments with National Grid or have executed a deferred payment agreement with the Company, unless the arrears are directly related to the storm, **and**

Wherever possible pursue opportunities through National Grid's Energy Efficiency programs for replacement of equipment, **and**

Show evidence of monetary need based on a financial gap that will exist after receipt of funds from other identified sources.

To be eligible for this program, the **project** must be:

Identified on the Farm Service Agency (FSA) list of storm impacted agricultural operations or have a letter of support from FSA, New York State Agriculture and Markets or other agricultural agency.

## **Funding and Eligibility Guidelines**

Grant amounts will be established based on documented financial need with individual grant awards not to exceed \$25,000.

Documents submitted with the application must include evidence of those funds applied for or received from state, federal disaster aid, insurance or other emergency sources.

All applications for the Emergency Programs must be received by September 1, 2012, in order to be considered for funding.

### **How to Apply**

To apply for the Emergency Agriculture Fund program please:

Complete and sign the program application;

\_ Attach the required documentation as noted at the end of the application;  
and,

\_ Submit all of the above to:

Karen Mousaw

Economic Development Program Coordinator

National Grid

300 Erie Boulevard West

Syracuse, NY 13202

## **EMERGENCY MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION**

### **Program Summary**

The Emergency Main Street Revitalization program provides emergency funding to help offset the costs of revitalizing buildings in critical mainstreet/commercial corridors that were impacted by the devastating effects of the 2011 storms and floods.

Projects must be located in a central business district or other commercial area. The building itself must be temporarily vacant due to the impacts of storm damage.

Funds can be used for energy infrastructure repair and/or replacement, site preparation, construction, renovation and rehabilitation of commercial, industrial or mixed-use buildings under 100,000 square feet.

**Minimum Program Requirements:** To be eligible for this program, the **applicant** must be:

A municipality and/or its authorized development corporation

To be eligible for this program, the **project** must:

**Have a service address** within the National Grid **electric** franchise area, **and**

Be located in a county in Upstate NY declared a "State of Emergency" disaster area, by New York State and/or the Federal government, **and**

Be current in payments to National Grid or have executed a deferred payment agreement with the Company, unless the arrears are directly related to the storm, **and**

Be in an area effected by flooding during the recent storms **and**

Wherever possible pursue opportunities through National Grid's Energy Efficiency programs, **and**

Show evidence of monetary need based on a funding gap upon receipt of funds from other identified sources.

**Funding and Eligibility Guidelines**

Grant amounts will be established based on documented financial need with individual grant awards can not exceed \$25,000. Documents submitted with the application must include evidence of those funds applied for or received from state, federal disaster aid, insurance or other emergency sources.

Funding consideration will be based on overall financial need and impact to the community.

**Application Deadline:** September 2012

**How to Apply**

To apply for the Emergency Main Street Revitalization please:

- Complete and sign the program application;
- \_ Attach the required documentation as noted at the end of the application; and,
  
- \_ Submit to Schoharie County Planning and Development  
PO Box 396  
Schoharie, NY 12157