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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to announce that the Department of State is soliciting grant applications for the following programs:

- Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (Continuous open enrollment)
- Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (Deadline: September 16th)
- Lower Hudson Valley Smart Growth Grant Program - Reissued and amended (Deadline: September 16th)
- Shared Services and Local Government Efficiency Grant Program (Deadline: September 23rd)

These programs provide local governments and community organizations with the opportunity to make their communities better places and create efficiencies in local government. In applicable locations, DOS will also highlight funding opportunities for New York City Watershed and Appalachian New York communities.

I am inviting you to a series of regional workshops to be held in mid-July. These workshops will provide the opportunity to hear success stories from local communities who have benefitted from previous grant awards and information on how to apply for this round of grants.

The complete Request for Application packages and information on dates and times of the regional workshop nearest to you can be found on the Department of State's web site at www.dos.state.ny.us.

I look forward to your participation in these workshops.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorraine Cortés Vázquez".

Lorraine A. Cortés-Vázquez