

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the New York State Urban Development Corporation, doing business as Empire State Development (“ESD” or the “Corporation”), pursuant to Section 16(2) of the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act (Chapter 174, Section 1, Laws of 1968, as amended) (the “Act”), has adopted a General Project Plan (the “Plan”) with respect to the New York State New Farmers Grant Fund (the “Fund”) pursuant to the Directors' meeting on October 15, 2015. Copies of the Plan are available without charge to any person who shall make a request for the same at the office of the Corporation. The Corporation will file such Plan in each of the County clerk’s office for Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Columbia, Erie, Essex, Genesee, Monroe, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Orleans, Otsego, Seneca, Schuyler, Steuben, Suffolk, Tompkins, Ulster, and Wyoming Counties. A copy of the Plan is also on file at the principal office of the Corporation, 633 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017, and is available for inspection by the general public Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. In addition, a copy of the Plan is posted at [www.esd.ny.gov/PublicMeetings\\_Notices.html](http://www.esd.ny.gov/PublicMeetings_Notices.html).

The Fund includes up to \$1 million enacted in the 2016-2017 New York State budget and an additional \$79,759 available from prior appropriations for the program, to be used to provide local assistance grants between \$15,000 and \$50,000 for up to 50% of project costs to assist beginning farmers who have chosen farming as a career. Eligible project costs include the purchase of new or used machinery and equipment, supplies, and/or construction or improvement of physical structures used exclusively for agricultural purposes. Individual applicants located in the Capital District, Finger Lakes, Long Island, Mid-Hudson, Mohawk Valley, North Country, Southern Tier and Western New York regions that are eligible for assistance are listed in the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that, in accordance with Section 16(2) of the Act, a public hearing, open to all persons, will be held by the Corporation at Empire State Development’s Albany offices, Meeting Room 129A, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12245 on September 14, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., to consider the Plan. In addition, ESD will accept written statements and comments about the Project submitted by 4:30 p.m. on September 14, 2017 sent to [PublicCommentNFGF@esd.ny.gov](mailto:PublicCommentNFGF@esd.ny.gov).

**LEGAL NOTICE DATED:**

September 1, 2017

New York, New York

New York State Urban Development Corporation

By: Eileen McEvoy, Corporate Secretary