



Ten Things You Should Know About New York's Consolidated Funding Application Process

1. The Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) is the single entry point to apply for up to \$1 billion in economic development funding from nine state agencies, including the NYS Canal Corporation.
2. The CFA can be downloaded at <http://nyworks.ny.gov>. You can also download a guidebook on the CFA Application Process and information on Regional Economic Development Councils. Information alerts will be sent to those who register a project.
3. An applicant may apply for multiple sources of funding for their project by filling out one application.
4. CFAs must be submitted online by 4 pm on **October 31, 2011**. Required attachments must be received by 4 pm on November 4, 2011.
5. Applications are project-based.
6. A submitted CFA is sent electronically to the Regional Council(s) for the geographic area(s) in which the proposed project will take place.
7. Each Regional Council will review and rank applications based on a set of regional "endorsement standards" following a similar template and available on the Regional Council web pages. Endorsement standards must be adopted by each Council by September 15, 2011.
8. Each Regional Council will assign from 0 to 20 points to each CFA received. State Agencies will score the applications for the remaining 80 points.
9. Six of the ten regional Economic Development Councils are in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.
10. **Get Involved!** It is important that everyone, applicants and non-applicants alike, be involved in the planning process of their Regional Economic Development Councils to ensure that the economic impact of heritage development, including recreation/trails, historic preservation, and heritage tourism, is heard and incorporated into the five-year Strategic Plans and funding priorities of the regions. Access the "Regional Council Guidebook" and link to your Regional Economic Development Council webpage to get involved at <http://nyworks.ny.gov>.