

# AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS PROGRAM

## (Technical Assistance Program)

**Objective:** Agricultural districts are created by county legislative bodies pursuant to local landowner initiative. Participating landowners are eligible for a number of benefits intended to encourage the maintenance of land in active agricultural production including: agricultural assessment, limitations on improvement district assessments, right to farm support, protections against unwanted public acquisitions of farmland or advance of public funds for non-farm development within farm areas and limitation on local laws or regulations that would unreasonably restrict or regulate farm practices or structures.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

**Specific Program URL:** NA

**NYS Object Code:** NA

**Year Established:** 1971

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA

**Regulation:** NA

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**Eligibility:** Counties.

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Optional, but once chosen subject to mandated State requirements.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Non-competitive application for aid required.

**Description of Aid:**

Department staff assist counties in the formation of districts and the renewal of existing districts. They also assist all levels of local government in complying with those provisions of the Agricultural Districts Law (Article 25-AA) which may be applicable.

**Comments:**

Division staff provide technical assistance primarily to county planners and cooperative extension agents who have a significant role in the creation and review of agricultural districts. Technical assistance is primarily in the form of guidance on State statutory requirements. Assistance is provided by telephone or in person, as needed. Staff also are available to meet with county legislative bodies and county agricultural and farmland protection boards to discuss agricultural district issues.

# AGRICULTURAL NONPOINT SOURCE ABATEMENT AND CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM

**Objective:** Supports projects on watershed planning activities that will reduce, identify, and/or prevent nonpoint source contributions from agricultural activities.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee\*

**Specific Program URL:** NA

**NYS Object Code:** 56020

**Year Established:** 1994

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Soil & Water Conservation District Law, Section 11-b

**Regulation:** Guidelines have been written.

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**Eligibility:** County Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Funding may be used in watershed-based assessments of Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution problems and water quality management projects. Implementation projects must propose to use Best Management Practices as defined in Section 3 of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts Law.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Proposals for funding will be accepted from soil and water conservation districts, or a group of districts acting jointly.

**Description of Aid:**

**Flow of Funds:** State to Soil and Water Conservation Districts to agricultural landowners.

**Type of Aid:** Ongoing

**Formula:** No funding cap for projects.

**Matching Requirement:** State 75%, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, local agencies or landowners 25%. State will go to a maximum of 87.5 percent providing landowner contributes an equal share.

**Maintenance of Effort:** NA

**Amounts Appropriated:**

	<u>Capital (EPF)</u>	<u>Bond Act</u>
SFY 00-01	4,500,000	1,254,702
SFY 01-02	NA	NA
SFY 02-03	5,925,325	259,640

**Amounts Disbursed:**

	<u>Capital (EPF)</u>	<u>Bond Act</u>
SFY 00-01	1,325,971	26,000
SFY 01-02	NA	NA

\*The NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee is a State agency within the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

**ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM  
(SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM)  
(Technical Assistance Program)**

**Objective:** Provides oversight of the Pet Population Control Fund, determines veterinarian and shelter eligibility for participation, and provides vouchers to participants.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

**Specific Program URL:** [www.agmkt.state.ny.us/dai/apc.html](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/dai/apc.html)

**NYS Object Code:** NA

**Year Established:** 1996

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 7

**Regulation:** NA

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**Eligibility:** Counties, Cities, Towns, Villages and Private Non-Profit Groups.

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Optional, but once chosen subject to mandated State requirements.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Non-competitive application for aid required.

**Description of Aid:** Subsidized spay and neuter surgeries for animals adopted from participating shelters.

**Flow of Funds:** State to Veterinarians.

**Type of Aid:** Ongoing

**Formula:** Difference between reduced charge and approved fee schedule.

**Matching Requirement:** None

**Maintenance of Effort:** NA

**Comments:**

There are qualification criteria for shelters and veterinarians who participate in this program.

# COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM

**Objective:** Assist county governments in developing plans and recommends strategies which address their own specific agricultural and farmland protection needs.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets through county agricultural and farmland protection boards.

**Specific Program URL:** NA

**NYS Object Code:** 56020

**Year Established:** 1994

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AAA

**Regulation:** 1 NYCRR Part 372

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**Eligibility:** Counties. Funds are provided to counties subject to the submission of an approvable application from the county Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB).

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Optional, without any State or Federal mandated requirements. Monies are subject to the availability of funds. Matching grants are provided to counties who choose to apply for them. Such grants shall not exceed \$50,000 to each county, or \$100,000 to two counties applying jointly, and shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of preparation of the plan. County AFPB must be in place with elected chair prior to the submission of an application.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Non-competitive application for aid required. County AFPB must submit application for funding to Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets. Such application must meet requirements of program guidelines and/or regulations.

**Description of Aid:**

**Flow of Funds:** State to Local. Monies are provided partially as an advance and partially as a reimbursement.

**Type of Aid:** Ongoing

**Formula:** NA

**Matching Requirement:** Local funds (cash and in-kind must equal or exceed funds provided).

**Maintenance of Effort:** Planning grants activity must be new.

**Amounts Appropriated:**

	<u>Capital (EPF)</u>
SFY 00-01	300,000
SFY 01-02	250,000
SFY 02-03	250,000

**Amounts Disbursed:**

	<u>Capital (EPF)</u>
SFY 00-01	54,526
SFY 01-02	0

**DOG LICENSING (PROVISION OF MANDATED FORMS AND DOG CONTROL SHELTER INSPECTIONS)**  
**(Technical Assistance Program)**

**Objective:** Provides mandated dog licensing forms and conducts annual inspections of dog control facilities.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Animal Industry

**Specific Program URL:** [www.agmkt.state.ny.us/dai/doglic.html](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/dai/doglic.html)

**NYS Object Code:** NA

**Year Established:** 1980

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 7

**Regulation:** NA

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**Eligibility:** Counties, Towns and Villages. All dog licensing municipalities within NYS outside of New York City.

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Mandated, required by State law or regulation.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** No action required, automatic payment.

**Description of Aid:** Provide dog licensing forms and conduct annual inspections for mandated dog control officers and shelters.

**Comments:**

Although dog control and identification is primarily a local function, Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law empowers the Department of Agriculture and Markets to set standards for the humane care of seized dogs, inspect municipal shelters, and train and assist enforcement officers. Article 7 does not apply to New York City, which has a separate dog control law. Under Article 7, the Department of Agriculture and Markets provides the following technical assistance to the 1,043 municipalities which issue dog licenses in the State: (1) Inspection of municipal shelters and establishment of standards for the care of seized dogs; (2) Municipal compliance inspections for record-keeping, licensing enforcement, procedures for handling dangerous dogs, and procedures and methods of euthanasia; (3) Receipt and accounting for license fees and tag replacement fees, (4) Assisting and training municipal dog control officials; (5) Maintaining a central registry file of all identified dogs, and a computer listing of dog owners; (6) Mailing pre-printed dog license renewal application forms directly to all dog owners throughout the State (excluding New York City); and (7) Supplying town clerks and other local dog control officers with miscellaneous forms required for enforcement of Article 7.

**Amounts Appropriated:**

	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State General Funds</u>	<u>State Spec. Rev.</u>
SFY 00-01	NA	219,138	NA
SFY 01-02	NA	226,442	NA
SFY 02-03	NA	229,851	NA

**Amounts Disbursed:**

SFY 00-01	NA	195,995	20,253
SFY 01-02	NA	227,162	20,358

# FARMERS' MARKET GRANT PROGRAM

**Objective:** The purpose of this program is to encourage farmers' markets in New York by providing State assistance to municipalities and public and private agencies interested in development of new markets or expanding or reconstructing existing farmers' market operations.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Agricultural Protection and Development Services

**Specific Program URL:** [www.agmkt.state.ny.us](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us)

**NYS Object Code:** NA

**Year Established:** 2000

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 22

**Regulation:** NA

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**Eligibility:** Municipal Corporations, Regional Market Authorities, Public Benefit Corporations, Non-Profit Corporations and Agricultural Cooperatives. Projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, expansion or rehabilitation of farmers' markets will be considered. The proposed project must involve a physical improvement, whether site acquisition, preparation, construction or related architecture or engineering designs.

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Grant Program.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Proposals for funding must be submitted in response to a request for proposals issued annually.

**Description of Aid:** Grants provided pursuant to this program shall not exceed \$50,000 per project in any fiscal year.

**Flow of Funds:** State to Local.

**Type of Aid:** Limited Duration

**Formula:** Competitive statewide

**Matching Requirement:** One to One applicant funding match required.

**Maintenance of Effort:** Yes

**Amounts Appropriated:**

	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State General Funds</u>	<u>State Spec. Rev.</u>
SFY 00-01	NA	200,000	NA
SFY 01-02	NA	175,000	NA
SFY 02-03	NA	175,000	NA

**Amounts Disbursed:**

SFY 00-01	NA	51,423	NA
SFY 01-02	NA	NA	NA

## FARMLAND VIABILITY PROGRAM

**Objective:** This program is intended to help ensure the continued economic viability of the State's agricultural industry and to preserve the environmental benefits associated with agricultural land use.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Agricultural Protection and Development Services

**Specific Program URL:** [www.agmkt.state.ny.us](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us)

**NYS Object Code:** NA

**Year Established:** 2000

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25AAAA

**Regulation:** NA

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**Eligibility:** Eligible proposers include a) individuals, partnerships, associations, cooperatives or corporations which are eligible to receive an agricultural assessment, or b) county agricultural and farmland protection boards whose agricultural and farmland protection plans have been approved by their respective county legislative bodies and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets prior to the filing deadline identified below, or c) agricultural cooperatives as defined in Section 111 of the Cooperative Corporations Law. Projects designed to improve the profitability, efficiency and farm income of participating farms are eligible to be considered for funding under the Farmland Viability Program.

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Grant Program.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Submission of a proposal in response to an annual request for proposals.

**Description of Aid:** Grants provided pursuant to this program shall not exceed \$25,000.

**Flow of Funds:** State to Local.

**Type of Aid:** Limited Duration

**Formula:** Competitive statewide

**Matching Requirement:** Where the applicant is an individual, partnership, association, cooperative or corporation which is eligible to receive an agricultural assessment, or an agricultural cooperative, the State will provide funding up to 75 percent of the cost of developing a farmland viability plan or implementing a project. If the applicant is a county agricultural and farmland protection board, the State will provide up to 50 percent of the cost of implementing the project. At least 20 percent of the matching support provided by an applicant must be in the form of a cash match. In-kind contribution by or on behalf of an applicant may satisfy the balance of the local cost share.

**Maintenance of Effort:** Yes

**Amounts Appropriated:**

	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State General Funds</u>	<u>State Spec. Rev.</u>
SFY 00-01	NA	237,760	NA
SFY 01-02	NA	165,000	NA
SFY 02-03	NA	165,000	NA

**Amounts Disbursed:**

SFY 00-01	NA	NA	NA
SFY 01-02	NA	NA	NA

**FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT**

**Objective:** The general objective of this program is to support projects which will stimulate increased economic activity in the food and agriculture industry. Proposed projects must demonstrate the potential for near-term commercial application. The program is not a substitute for business start up or expansion loans. Rather, it is designed to test or demonstrate commercial feasibility.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Agricultural Protection and Development Services

**Specific Program URL:** [www.agmkt.state.ny.us](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us)

**NYS Object Code:** NA

**Year Established:** 2000

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Agriculture and Markets Law, Section 16

**Regulation:** NA

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**Eligibility:** Proposals for funding will be accepted from public and private agencies and organizations, business and industry, educational institutions, local governments, and individuals. Public agencies or educational institutions are strongly encouraged to obtain private sector co-sponsors or cooperators. Applicants may submit multiple proposals. Applied research, demonstration projects and feasibility studies which involve new or alternative production, processing, distribution and marketing technologies, practices or organizational arrangements will be considered. Projects must specifically demonstrate a potential for further development of New York State's food and agricultural industry to be eligible.

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Grant Program.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Proposals for funding must be submitted in response to an RFP issued annually.

**Description of Aid:** Grants provided pursuant to this program shall not exceed \$50,000.

**Flow of Funds:** State to Local.

**Type of Aid:** Limited Duration

**Formula:** Competitive statewide

**Matching Requirement:** One to One applicant funding match required.

**Maintenance of Effort:** Yes

**Amounts Appropriated:**

	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State General Funds</u>	<u>State Spec. Rev.</u>
SFY 00-01	NA	500,000	NA
SFY 01-02	359,057	483,493	NA
SFY 02-03	NA	485,000	NA

**Amounts Disbursed:**

SFY 00-01	NA	318,256	NA
SFY 01-02	27,235	42,500	NA

## INDEMNIFICATION FOR RABIES

**Objective:** Partially reimburses county for payments made for rabid domestic livestock.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

**Specific Program URL:** NA

**NYS Object Code:** NA

**Year Established:** 1947

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Agriculture and Markets Law, Section 105-i

**Regulation:** NA

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**Eligibility:** Counties

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Mandated, required by State law or regulation.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Non-competitive application for aid required.

**Description of Aid:**

**Flow of Funds:** State to Local. Monies are provided as a reimbursement.

**Type of Aid:** Ongoing

**Formula:** Fifty percent of expenditure by county.

**Matching Requirement:** State 50%; Local 50%

**Maintenance of Effort:** Yes

**Amounts Appropriated:\***

	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State General Funds</u>	<u>State Spec. Rev.</u>
SFY 00-01	NA	300	NA
SFY 01-02	NA	300	NA
SFY 02-03	NA	300	NA

**Amounts Disbursed:\***

	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State General Funds</u>	<u>State Spec. Rev.</u>
SFY 00-01	NA	125	NA
SFY 01-02	NA	NA	NA

\*Dollars, not thousands.

# LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS PROGRAM

**Objective:** Assists local governments in implementing plans to protect their agricultural resources and farm operations through the purchase of conservation easements or development rights.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

**Specific Program URL:** NA

**NYS Object Code:** 56020

**Year Established:** 1996

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AAA

**Regulation:** NA

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**Eligibility:** All county governments whose agricultural protection plans have been approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets and all towns and villages which have a local plan in place to protect agricultural resources.

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Optional, but once chosen subject to State requirements.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Must submit application to Agriculture and Markets in response to annual Request for Proposals. Application must be approved for submission by respective county Agricultural and Farmland Protection Boards.

**Description of Aid:**

**Flow of Funds:** State to Local. Monies are provided after project is demonstrated to be financially and legally viable.

**Type of Aid:** Limited duration

**Formula:** Competitive Statewide.

**Matching Requirement:** State up to 75% and local the rest.

**Maintenance of Effort:** Yes

**Amounts Appropriated:**

	<u>Capital (EPF)</u>	<u>Bond Act</u>
SFY 00-01	5,200,000	6,500,000
SFY 01-02	15,750,000	NA
SFY 02-03	15,750,000	NA

**Amounts Disbursed:**

	<u>Capital (EPF)</u>	<u>Bond Act</u>
SFY 00-01	NA	NA
SFY 01-02	NA	NA

## LOCAL FAIRS REIMBURSEMENT

**Objective:** Reimburses those agricultural societies and Cooperative Extension associations recognized by the Department for premiums paid for the promotion of agriculture and the domestic arts at their annual fairs.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

**Specific Program URL:** NA

**NYS Object Code:** 69971<sup>1</sup>

**Year Established:** 1928

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 24, Section 286

**Regulation:** NA

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**Eligibility:** Any agricultural or horticultural society which received monies from the State for this purpose from 1924-1926 has held an annual Fair, paid at least \$5,000 in premiums and files an annual report with this Department; any cooperative extension association in a county where no agricultural society has received such money, which has held an annual fair, paid at least \$500 in premiums, has the approval of the Commissioner, and files an annual report; those fairs added by statute; and any other agricultural or horticultural society in a county not already receiving money for this purpose, and files an application which is approved by the Department after having held a fair for three consecutive years and meeting the above requirements.

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Optional.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Must file an annual report by December 15 documenting proof of payment.

**Description of Aid:**

**Flow of Funds:** State to Local. Monies are provided as a reimbursement.

**Type of Aid:** Ongoing

**Formula:** Reimbursed on dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum, depending on availability of funds.

**Matching Requirement:** NA

**Maintenance of Effort:** NA

**Amounts Appropriated:**

	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State General Funds</u>	<u>State Spec. Rev.</u>
SFY 00-01	NA	477,000	NA
SFY 01-02	NA	477,000	NA
SFY 02-03	NA	477,000	NA

**Amounts Disbursed:**

	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State General Funds</u>	<u>State Spec. Rev.</u>
SFY 00-01	NA	477,000	NA
SFY 01-02	NA	477,000	NA

<sup>1</sup>Refers to miscellaneous non-contractual payments.

# LOCAL SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT REIMBURSEMENT

**Objective:** Assists county soil and water conservation districts in the establishment and implementation of sound soil and water conservation practices.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee\*

**Specific Program URL:** NA

**NYS Object Code:** 69971<sup>1</sup>

**Year Established:** 1974

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law, Section 11-A

**Regulation:** Part 4400 of Title XXI, 21 NYCRR

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**Eligibility:** County Soil and Water Districts.

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Optional, but once chosen subject to mandated State requirements. Must be used for employment of conservation field technicians or district managers, or for purchase of supplies and equipment related to these positions.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Non-competitive application for aid required.

**Description of Aid:**

**Flow of Funds:** State to Local. Monies are provided as a reimbursement.

**Type of Aid:** Ongoing

**Formula:** Not more than \$30,000 or more than 50 percent of documented expenses, whichever is less. Prorated if applications exceed appropriation.

**Matching Requirement:** State 50%, Local 50%

**Maintenance of Effort:** NA

**Amounts Appropriated:**

	<u>Capital (EPF)</u>
SFY 00-01	1,860,000
SFY 01-02	1,860,000
SFY 02-03	1,860,000

**Amounts Disbursed:**

	<u>Capital (EPF)</u>
SFY 00-01	1,818,034
SFY 01-02	1,827,385

\*The NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee is a State agency within the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

<sup>1</sup>Refers to miscellaneous non-contractual payments.

# PETROLEUM QUALITY

**Objective:** Reimburses municipal weights and measures departments for activities performed under the program.

**Administering Agency:** NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

**Specific Program URL:** NA

**NYS Object Code:** 56020

**Year Established:** 1991

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.:** NA

**Legal Authority:**

**Law:** NY Agriculture and Markets Law, Sections 179 and 181

**Regulation:** NYCRR 224.16

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**Eligibility:** Counties and Cities with weights and measures programs.

**Type of Program and Special Restrictions:** Mandated, required by State law and regulations. Must be used for reimbursement of program costs including salaries, fringe benefits, travel and other costs directly related to the program.

**Action Required to Receive Aid:** Must have a contract with the Department and submit quarterly reimbursement vouchers.

**Description of Aid:**

**Flow of Funds:** State to Local. Monies are provided as a reimbursement.

**Type of Aid:** Ongoing

**Formula:** Actual expenses not to exceed maximum of contract.

**Matching Requirement:** NA

**Maintenance of Effort:** NA

**Amounts Appropriated:**

	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State General Funds</u>	<u>State Spec. Rev.</u>
SFY 00-01	NA	NA	644,983
SFY 01-02	NA	NA	612,000
SFY 02-03	NA	NA	574,650

**Amounts Disbursed:**

	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State General Funds</u>	<u>State Spec. Rev.</u>
SFY 00-01	NA	NA	387,459
SFY 01-02	NA	NA	498,798