

FOREWORD

It is our pleasure to introduce you to the 2003 edition of the Catalog of State and Federal Programs Aiding New York's Local Governments. The Catalog is used as a tool for understanding the complex flows of aid dollars and program responsibilities in New York State. The Catalog would not have been possible without the cooperation and support of many program managers, budget analysts, bureau chiefs and commissioners of State and Federal agencies. Although it is not possible to list every individual's name, we are grateful to everyone involved for their assistance and patience.

In December 1986, the Commission on State-Local Relations issued its first catalog of State and federal programs aiding communities in New York. The information in the catalog was essential to the Commission's fulfillment of its interrelated goals of conducting an ongoing evaluation of: 1) New York State's system of aid to localities; 2) the division of responsibilities among the State and local governments; 3) State mandates on local governments; and, 4) State imposed limits on local taxing and borrowing.

In the years since, subsequent editions of the Catalog have provided State and local officials and the public with a valuable reference tool for understanding the complex flow of aid dollars and program responsibilities in New York. With each new edition, the Commission has worked to enhance and improve the content, organization and presentation of information in the Catalog. That work was formally recognized when the Fourth Edition of the Catalog was chosen by the Government Information Roundtable of the New York State Library Association to receive its Notable Documents Award. This award is presented to outstanding documents produced by New York State government agencies.

The Catalog is revised every two years in an effort to produce the most complete, up-to-date printed guide to local aid in New York. It is hoped that this new edition will help users gain a greater understanding of intergovernmental relations here in New York.

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