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The Civil Air Patrol is a Congressionally chartered, federally supported non-profit corporation that serves as the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force.

The New York Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has more than 2,550 members in 74 squadrons throughout the state.

During the last several years the New York Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has been called upon by numerous state agencies and local governments throughout New York State to respond to flooding, hurricanes, damage assessment, counter drug flights, Pine Barrens over flights, Homeland Security missions, DMNA activity, and lost children rescues. During that time CAP has assisted in every county in New York State and it is estimated that CAP has saved New York State in excess of 1 million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars. Enclosed is an analysis of this activity.

In addition to providing both emergency and non-emergency services, CAP has cadet programs and aerospace education programs throughout New York State. CAP presently has 69 units that include approximately 2,500 senior and cadet members, ages 12-18. These programs teach our future leaders self-discipline, leadership, respect, and civil responsibility.

In an effort to continue these programs, and to continue our work in assisting the state and its local governments, the New York Wing is **requesting funding of \$200,000 for CAP operations and improvements** in this year's state budget.

These funds will be used to improve our mission bases and training, while also allowing CAP to better support Homeland Security missions and to assist state and local governments during disasters or emergencies. This funding will also enable the New York Wing to increase our cadet programs, including establishing cadet

REQUEST FOR FUNDING – 2014-15 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET

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| 5 | Generators, 20KW with pads, wiring, switch, fuel tank, and installation | \$35,000.00 |
| 10 | Portable Generators | \$10,000.00 |
| 1 | Air Conditioning and Heating for Long Island Mission Base | \$25,000.00 |
| 10 | Cameras and accessories, Nikon D-90 with GPS | \$18,000.00 |
| 6 | Radio, CAP frequency and NIT Compliant | \$10,000.00 |
| | Operation Funds | \$75,000.00 |
| | Cadet Programs | \$10,000.00 |
| | Aerospace Education | \$5,000.00 |
| | Emergency Service Training and Equipment | \$12,000.00 |
| | Total Budget Request | \$200,000.00 |

New York Wing - Support and Savings to State and Local Governments:

| <u>Project</u> | <u>Resources used</u> | <u>Savings</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Superstorm Sandy | Sheltering | \$75,000.00 |
| | Air Sorties and Ground Support | \$450,000.00 |
| Hurricane Irene | Ground Crews; Over 2000 man hours | \$65,000.00 |
| | Air Crews and Aircraft | \$267,000.00 |
| Oak Tree project - NYDEC | Air photos | \$9,000.00 |
| NYS Pine Barrens Comm. | Air photos and ground support | \$14,000.00 |
| Dam Project - NYDOT | Air photos | \$8,000.00 |
| Tomkins County Search | Air support | \$10,000.00 |