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**GRANTS AVAILABLE TO BENEFIT CONSUMERS  
WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND ANGINA  
DEADLINE: November 21, 2008**

The Attorney General of New York, on behalf of Hawaii Attorney General Mark Bennett and the attorneys general of the other 49 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, is soliciting applications from nonprofit organizations and public agencies for grants to benefit the health care needs of consumers with hypertension, chronic stable angina, or angina due to coronary artery spasm.

The grant funds are the result of a settlement of an antitrust case brought by the attorneys general and private class action plaintiffs against two drug companies accused of conspiring to keep a generic version of a widely used blood pressure and angina medication off the market. (*In re Cardizem CD Antitrust Litigation*, Master File No. 99-MDL-1278 (E.D.Mich.) (NGE).) The settlement resulted in the distribution of more than \$21 million to more than 76,000 consumers. The approximately \$268,000 that will now be distributed represents the remaining funds.

Grants will be made on a one-time basis for specific projects that have a nationwide impact. The Attorney General of New York may award either one grant in the amount of approximately \$268,000 or more than one grant in smaller amounts.

The Notice of Grants Availability and Request for Proposals and the Application for Funding are available at <http://www.cypresfunds.net/cardizem.html>. The deadline for submitting grant applications is November 21, 2008.

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