STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Woerner, Kay) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the volunteer and municipal ambulance services grant program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3035 to read as follows:

§ 3035. Volunteer and municipal ambulance services grant program. 1. There is hereby established within the department, the volunteer and municipal ambulance services grant program. The grant program shall be administered by the department for the purpose of awarding capital grants to support projects which sustain or enhance the operation of volunteer and municipal ambulance services, including but not limited to acquisition or maintenance of buildings, equipment, technology, or vehicles.

2. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Available funding" shall mean the total appropriation made to the volunteer and municipal ambulance services grant program.

(b) "Eligible project" shall mean a project to support the provision of volunteer or municipal ambulance services, including but not limited to acquisition or maintenance of buildings, equipment, technology, or vehicles. For the purposes of this section, eligible projects relating to the acquisition or maintenance of buildings or vehicles shall include improvement, renovation, rehabilitation, or consolidation of such buildings or vehicles.

(c) "Eligible entity" shall mean:

(i) a voluntary ambulance service, as defined in section three thousand one of this article;

(ii) a municipal ambulance service; or

(iii) two or more eligible entities pursuant to subparagraph (i) or (ii) of this paragraph applying for a shared project that will benefit all such entities.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(d) "Grant application cycle" shall mean the period of time determined by the commissioner that begins on the first day an applicant can submit an application and ends no later than the sixtieth day after grant applicants are notified of award decisions.

3. (a) Eligible entities that are located within the state may apply for the grant program for purposes of eligible projects.

(b) A municipality or county may apply for the grant program on behalf of an eligible entity, provided that such municipality or county meets any additional requirements established by the department to document approval from and direct benefit to such eligible entity.

4. Subject to appropriation, grants shall be awarded to eligible entities each grant application cycle on a competitive basis through an application process; provided, however, that no eligible entity shall receive greater than ten percent of the available funding in each grant application cycle. The commissioner shall provide updated information regarding the grant application cycle, available funding, and additional grant information deemed relevant by the commissioner prior to each grant application cycle.

5. The commissioner shall publish a report on the grant application cycle no later than the thirtieth day after such grant application cycle has ended. The report shall be published on the department's website and shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(a) the total available funding for the grant application cycle;

(b) the total number of applicants who applied for a grant during the grant application cycle;

(c) a list of awardees, including a list of municipalities served by each awardee; and

(d) the total amount requested and awarded per eligible project type and per county.

6. The commissioner shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Such rules and regulations may be included in the grant application and published on the agency's website.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.