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AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing small flexible funds accounts at the local level

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 203 of the elder law, as added by chapter 48 of the laws of 2007, is amended and a new subdivision 10 is added to read as follows:

[8] 9. The director of the office for the aging is hereby authorized, to the extent appropriations are available therefor, to establish, operate and maintain, under the control of the office for the aging or in conjunction with an association, institution, agency, or other public or private entity, or community program engaged in the care of animals, one or more senior pet companionship programs. The purpose and intent of a senior pet companionship program shall be to match seniors who have limited social contact with pets, including cats and dogs and other small animals, to improve the lives of such seniors by enhancing their emotional and mental well-being through such companionship.

10. THE DIRECTOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO AND SHALL ESTABLISH THE REGRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE OFFICE WITHIN AMOUNTS SPECIFICALLY AVAILABLE BY APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, AND IN IMPLEMENTING SUCH PROGRAM MAY CONTRACT WITH DESIGNATED AGENCIES, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN OF THIS TITLE, TO ADMINISTER FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES NOT OTHERWISE DIRECTLY FUNDED BY PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE, OR WHICH CONSTITUTE ONE-TIME EVENTS OR SHORT TERM NEEDS. ONLY DESIGNATED AGENCIES MAY APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE

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

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REGRANT PROGRAM. APPLICATIONS SHALL PROVIDE OR DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING IN A FORM AND AT A LEVEL OF DETAIL SATISFACTORY TO THE DIRECTOR:

(A) PROGRAM SUMMARY, DESCRIBING THE REGRANT PROGRAM AND THOSE INTENDED TO BE SERVED, AND HOW THE PROPOSED PROGRAM RELATES TO, COMPLEMENTS, OR STRENGTHENS OTHER PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE COMMUNITY.

(B) SCOPE OF ACTIVITY, DESCRIBING THE ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF REQUESTS TO BE RECEIVED, AND THE AVERAGE REQUEST AMOUNT AND GRANT AMOUNT.

(C) STAFFING AND BUDGET, DESCRIBING THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS PROJECT, THE WORK PLAN, AND ASSURANCES THAT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS BY THE AGENCY SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN PERCENT OF PROJECT COSTS.

(D) MARKETING/OUTREACH, DESCRIBING STRATEGIES FOR OUTREACH AND MARKETING TO COMMUNITY GROUPS.

(E) SELECTION PROCESS, DESCRIBING THE LOCAL APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS, INCLUDING APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND WHETHER SELECTION INCLUDES REVIEW BY AN OUTSIDE PANEL.

(F) EVALUATION, DESCRIBING HOW THE APPLICANT WILL EVALUATE AND ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.