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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the New York state healthy community 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 2704 to read as follows:

S 2704. NEW YORK STATE HEALTHY COMMUNITY PROGRAM. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT THE NEW YORK STATE HEALTHY COMMUNITY PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM SHALL PROMOTE COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACHES TO CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, BUILDING ON THE SUCCESS OF THE MODEL COMMUNITIES IN THE FEDERAL STEPS TO A HEALTHIER NY PROGRAM.

2. THE DEPARTMENT, IN DEVELOPING THE NEW YORK STATE HEALTHY COMMUNITY PROGRAM, SHALL:

(A) SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES, APPLYING IN CONJUNCTION WITH MULTIPLE LOCAL PARTNERS;

(B) AWARD MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS;

(C) ADMINISTER CONTRACTS;

(D) COORDINATE WITH OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS;

(E) PROMOTE THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF CHRONIC DISEASE THROUGH EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES;

(F) OFFER PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN FUNDED COMMUNITIES; AND

(G) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES AND OTHER LOCAL PARTNERS IN THE PROGRAM.

3. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY GRANTS, AWARDS, OR OTHER FUNDS OR APPROPRIATIONS AS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE NEW YORK STATE HEALTHY COMMUNITY PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS AS TO THE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND AUDIT AS PRESCRIBED FOR STATE FUNDS BY THE STATE FINANCE LAW. UP TO FIFTEEN PERCENT OF ALL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM WILL BE TRANSFERABLE TO THE STATE OPERATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS PROGRAM.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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