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AN ACT to amend the elder law and the public authorities law, in relation to establishing the capital infrastructure improvement and development for older New Yorkers grant program

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

Section 1. Article 2 of the elder law is amended by adding a new title 4 to read as follows:

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TITLE 4

CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR OLDER NEW YORKERS GRANT PROGRAM

SECTION 260. CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR OLDER NEW YORKERS (CIID NY) GRANT PROGRAM.

S 260. CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR OLDER NEW YORKERS (CIID NY) GRANT PROGRAM. 1. (A) THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR OLDER NEW YORKERS (CIID NY) GRANT PROGRAM AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION SIXTEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-J OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW, IN A MANNER THAT WILL ENCOURAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OPERATION AND EFFICIENCY OF THE AGING SERVICE PROVIDER NETWORK WITHIN THE STATE.

SUCH AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE CRITERIA, TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE DIRECTOR 19 AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, TO BE CONSIDERED IN THEIR EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS AND DETERMINATION OF AWARDS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

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

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(I) A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS, PROVIDED THAT SUCH ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS SHALL INCLUDE ENTITIES REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY PART OF THE AGING SERVICE PROVIDER NETWORK;

- (II) A CONSIDERATION OF STATEWIDE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS;
- (III) MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF FUNDING TO BE AWARDED UNDER THE PROGRAM;
- (IV) THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROJECT PROPOSED BY AN APPLICANT AND IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY NEED; AND
- 9 (V) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVE 10 Financing.
 - A COPY OF SUCH AGREEMENT, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF BUDGET AND THE CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED APPROVAL OF THE FIRST BOND ISSUANCE FOR THE PROGRAM BY THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES CONTROL BOARD. THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL ALSO REPORT QUARTERLY TO SUCH CHAIRPERSONS ON THE AWARDS MADE THROUGH THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.
 - (B) THE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AFTER DUE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND THROUGH A PROCESS WHICH ENSURES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, COMPETITION AMONG SUCH APPLICANTS.
 - (C) THE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL PUBLISH THE PRIORITIES AND GOALS THAT ARE TO BE ACHIEVED THROUGH GRANT FUNDING, AND REGULARLY PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING.
 - (D) FOR EACH PROJECT THAT WILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL, THE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL REPORT TO THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF BUDGET AND THE CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE HOW THE PROJECT MEETS THE PRIORITIES, GOALS AND CRITERIA ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
 - 2. CONTRACTS AWARDED TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS SHALL REQUIRE THAT WORK PERFORMED THEREUNDER SHALL BE DEEMED "PUBLIC WORK" AND SUBJECT TO AND PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES EIGHT, NINE AND TEN OF THE LABOR LAW AND THE CONTRACTORS PERFORMING SUCH WORK SHALL BE DEEMED A "STATE AGENCY" FOR THE PURPOSE OF ARTICLE FIFTEEN-A OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH ARTICLE.
- 3. (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION, THE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY MAY AWARD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR OLDER NEW YORKERS GRANT PROGRAM ALLOCATION IN ANY GIVEN FISCAL YEAR, GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE APPLI-CANTS WITHOUT THE PROCESS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCESS FOR THE AWARDING OF SUCH FUNDS WITHOUT THE SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK DETERMINE ELIGIBLE AWARDEES BASED ON WHETHER THE DIRECTOR IS SATISFIED THAT SUCH AWARDEE IS AN AGING NETWORK SERVICE PROVIDER THAT DELIVERS SERVICES SUPPORTED BY THE STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND LOCAL AAA NETWORKS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ASSIST OLDER NEW YORKERS TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY. THESE FUNDS WILL ENSURE THE QUALITY OF COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH THE AGING NETWORK REMAIN ACCESSIBLE TO OLDER NEW YORKERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SERVICES

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 PROVIDED IN SENIOR CENTERS, RESPITE SITES, NORC SUPPORTED SERVICE, SOCIAL ADULT DAY PROGRAMS SERVICES, AND OTHERS AS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR.

- (B) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBDIVISIONS ONE AND TWO OF THIS SECTION, SECTIONS ONE HUNDRED TWELVE AND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, OR ANY OTHER INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF LAW, OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS MAY ALLOCATED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE DIRECTOR WITHOUT A COMPETITIVE OR REOUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS FOR GRANTS TO AGING NETWORK PROVIDERS FOR PURPOSE OF FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL ENSURE THE AGING SERVICE PROVIDER NETWORK'S CAPACITY TO CONTINUE TO SERVE OLDER NEW YORKERS. CONSIDERATION RELIED UPON BY THE DIRECTOR DETERMINING THE ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FUNDS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING: (I) THE QUALITY SERVICE OFFERED BY THE PROVIDER; (II) THE ABILITY OF THE SERVICE PROVID-TO ACCESS, IN A TIMELY MANNER, ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDING, INCLUDING OTHER SOURCES OF GOVERNMENT FUNDING; AND (III) WHETHER TIONAL FUNDING WOULD PERMIT THE SERVICE PROVIDER TO ACHIEVE GREATER STABILITY AND EFFICIENCY IN THE DELIVERY OF NEEDED COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES.
- (C) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK MAY AWARD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS OF THE CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR OLDER NEW YORKERS GRANT PROGRAM ALLOCATED IN ANY GIVEN FISCAL YEAR, GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WITHOUT THE PROCESS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION TO PROVIDE NECESSARY RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT TO AGING SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT, TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE, NUTRITION SERVICES TO MEET STATE SANITATION CODES, SERVICE DEMAND, AND OAA NUTRITION STANDARDS, BUILDING REPAIRS AND DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS, OR FOR ANY OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR.
- 4. (A) PRIOR TO AN AWARD BEING GRANTED TO AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT WITHOUT A COMPETITIVE BID OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS, THE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL NOTIFY THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF BUDGET OF THE INTENT TO GRANT SUCH AN AWARD. SUCH NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING HOW THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT MEETS CRITERIA ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- (B) WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCESS FOR THE AWARDING OF SUCH FUNDS WITHOUT THE PROCESS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY SHALL DETERMINE ELIGIBLE AWARDEES BASED ON WHETHER, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DIRECTOR: (I) THE APPLICANT PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT SERVICE TO OLDER NEW YORKERS IN ALLOWING THEM TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND AGE IN PLACE; AND (II) THE APPLICANT IS A PROVIDER THAT IS IN JEOPARDY OF DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICES BASED ON AN UNMET NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, BUILDING REPAIRS, OR DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS.
- (C) PRIOR TO AN AWARD BEING GRANTED TO AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT WITHOUT A COMPETITIVE BID OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS, THE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY SHALL NOTIFY THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET OF THE INTENT TO GRANT SUCH AN AWARD. SUCH NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING HOW THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT MEETS CRITERIA ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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5. (A) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBDIVISION ONE, TWO OR THREE OF THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET, MAY EXPEND FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING COST EFFECTIVE INCREASED ACCESS TO THE CAPITAL MARKETS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THROUGH THE USE OF MORTGAGE INSURANCE, CREDIT ENHANCEMENT, LETTERS OF CREDIT, BOND INSURANCE OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS, FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE DETERMINED TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS SECTION.

- (B) THE DIRECTOR MAY TRANSFER FUNDS TO OTHER STATE AGENCIES OR PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET, TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION.
- S 2. The opening paragraph of section 1680-j of the public authorities law, as amended by section 54 of part B of chapter 58 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the dormitory authority of the state of New York is hereby authorized to issue bonds or notes in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty million dollars excluding bonds issued to fund one or more debt service reserve funds, to pay costs of issuance of such bonds, and bonds or notes issued to refund or otherwise repay such bonds or notes previously issued, for the purposes of financing project costs authorized under section twenty-eight hundred eighteen of the public health law AND SECTION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY OF THE ELDER LAW. Of such seven hundred fifty million dollars, ten million dollars shall be made available to the community health centers capital program established pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred seventeen of the public health law.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.