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Introduced by Sen. LATIMER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to state assistance to local governments for support of applicants for state, federal and other grants

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

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 54-m to read as follows:

S 54-M. STATE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUPPORT OF APPLICANTS FOR STATE, FEDERAL AND OTHER GRANTS. 1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL GRANT STATE AID TO ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND IN AN AMOUNT OF NO MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF AIDING THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN APPLYING FOR ANY STATE, FEDERAL, PRIVATE FOUNDATION, OR OTHER RELATED GRANTS, PROVIDED THAT SUCH GRANT WILL AID LOCAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION, JOB TRAINING, GREEN JOB DEVELOPMENTS, OR ANY OTHER RELATED PURPOSE AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

2. THE MAYOR, TOWN SUPERVISOR, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR OTHER ENTITY ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY DESIRING TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR STATE AID UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE ANNUALLY ON SUCH DATES AS MAY BE FIXED BY SUCH SECRETARY THE REQUEST FOR AID AND SHALL SUPPORT SUCH REQUEST WITH ANY AND ALL INFORMATION SUCH SECRETARY MAY REQUIRE. EACH COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER YEAR. SUCH SECRETARY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THIS SECTION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PRESCRIBING THE FORM IN WHICH SUCH INFORMATION MAY BE SUBMITTED AND ANY CRITERIA FOR THE REVIEW OF SUCH APPLICATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A SHOWING OF HOW SMALL GRANT FUNDING BY THE STATE WILL ASSIST A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN APPLYING FOR A LARGER GRANT FROM STATE, FEDERAL, OR OTHER SOURCES AND THAT SUCH COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY WOULD OTHERWISE BE UNABLE

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

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TO APPLY FOR THE LARGER GRANT WITHOUT SMALL GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE.

3. ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THIS SECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUT IN NO CASE SHALL BE LESS THAN ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ACCOUNT OF SUCH DEPARTMENT.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that no grants shall be provided pursuant to this act until after the first day of the next fiscal year after this act shall have become a law.