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AN ACT to amend the New York state urban development corporation act, in relation to micro-businesses and micro loans

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

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 5 of section 16-t of section 1 of  
2 chapter 174 of the laws of 1968, constituting the New York state urban  
3 development corporation act, as amended by section 1 of part II of chap-  
4 ter 59 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:  
5     1. The small business revolving loan fund program is hereby created.  
6 The corporation is authorized, within available appropriations, to  
7 provide low interest loans to community development financial insti-  
8 tutions, in order to provide funding for those lending organizations'  
9 loans to small businesses, AND MICRO-BUSINESSES located within New York  
10 state, that generate economic growth and job creation within New York  
11 state but that are unable to obtain adequate credit or adequate terms  
12 for such credit. If in the discretion of the corporation the use of a  
13 community development financial institution is not practicable based  
14 upon the application of rules and regulations developed by the corpo-  
15 ration, including, but not limited to, assessments of geographic and  
16 administrative capacity, then the corporation is authorized, within  
17 available appropriations, to provide low interest loans to the following  
18 other local community based lending organizations: small business lend-  
19 ing consortia, certified development companies, providers of United

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

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1 States department of agriculture business and industrial guaranteed  
2 loans, United States small business administration loan providers, cred-  
3 it unions and community banks. As used in this section "small business"  
4 means a business that is resident in New York state, independently owned  
5 and operated, not dominant in its field, and employs one hundred or  
6 fewer persons. AS USED IN THIS SECTION "MICRO-BUSINESS" MEANS A BUSINESS  
7 THAT IS RESIDENT IN NEW YORK STATE, INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED,  
8 AND EMPLOYS LESS THAN FIVE PEOPLE.

9 2. In order for a lending organization to be eligible to receive  
10 program funds, it must have established sufficient expertise to analyze  
11 small business AND MICRO-BUSINESSES applications for program loans,  
12 evaluate the creditworthiness of small businesses, AND MICRO-BUSINESSES  
13 and regularly monitor program loans. The lending organization shall  
14 review every program loan application in order to determine, among other  
15 things, the feasibility of the proposed use of the requested financing  
16 by the small business OR MICRO-BUSINESS applicant, the likelihood of  
17 repayment and the potential that the loan will generate economic devel-  
18 opment and jobs within New York state. The corporation shall identify  
19 eligible lending organizations through one or more competitive statewide  
20 or local solicitations. THE CORPORATION SHALL SHOW PREFERENCE IN AWARD-  
21 ING PROGRAM FUNDS TO LENDING ORGANIZATIONS WHO SERVE MICRO-BUSINESSES  
22 AND MICRO-LOANS.

23 3. Program loans to small businesses AND MICRO-BUSINESSES shall be  
24 targeted and marketed to minority and women-owned enterprises and other  
25 small businesses AND MICRO-BUSINESSES that are having difficulty access-  
26 ing traditional credit markets. Program loans to small businesses AND  
27 MICRO-BUSINESSES shall be used for the creation and retention of jobs,  
28 as defined by the corporation, including: (a) working capital; (b) the  
29 acquisition and/or improvement of real property; (c) the acquisition of  
30 machinery and equipment, property or improvement; or (d) the refinancing  
31 of debt obligations. There shall be two categories of loans to small  
32 businesses AND MICRO-BUSINESSES: a micro loan that shall have a princi-  
33 pal amount that is less than twenty-five thousand dollars and a regular  
34 loan that shall have a principal amount not less than twenty-five thou-  
35 sand dollars. Prior to receiving program funds, the lending organization  
36 must certify to the corporation that such loan complies with this  
37 section and rules and regulations promulgated for the program and that  
38 the lending organization has performed its obligations pursuant to and  
39 is in compliance with this section, the program rules and regulations  
40 and all agreements entered into between the corporation and the lending  
41 organization. The program funds amount used by the lending organization  
42 to fund a program applicant loan shall not be more than fifty percent of  
43 the principal amount of such loan. The program funds amount used by the  
44 lending organization to fund a program applicant loan shall not be  
45 greater than one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Minority- and  
46 women-owned business enterprises and other small businesses OR MICRO-BU-  
47 SINESSES who access such program loans under this subdivision shall not  
48 be precluded from accessing such short-term financing loans provided  
49 under subdivision eleven of this section.

50 5. With respect to its program loans, the lending organization may  
51 charge application, commitment and loan guarantee fees pursuant to a  
52 schedule of fees adopted by the lending organization and approved by the  
53 corporation. APPROVED MICRO-LOANS FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR LESS  
54 SHALL HAVE APPLICATIONS FEES WAIVED.

55 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.