

1 1. "CORPORATION" SHALL MEAN THE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION ESTAB-
2 LISHED IN SECTION FORTY-FIVE-A OF THIS CHAPTER.

3 2. "ELIGIBLE APPLICANT" SHALL MEAN A CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE OR
4 NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION IN EXISTENCE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE OR MORE
5 YEARS PRIOR TO APPLICATION, WHICH IS, OR WILL BE AT THE TIME OF AWARD,
6 INCORPORATED UNDER THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW AND HAS SUBSTAN-
7 TIAL EXPERIENCE IN ADAPTING OR RETROFITTING HOMES FOR PERSONS WITH DISA-
8 BILITIES.

9 3. "VETERAN" SHALL MEAN A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, WHO HAS SERVED ON
10 ACTIVE DUTY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS,
11 COAST GUARD, AND/OR THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, AIR NATIONAL GUARD, NEW
12 YORK GUARD AND/OR THE NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA, WHO HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM
13 SUCH SERVICE BY HONORABLE DISCHARGE OR GENERAL DISCHARGE.

14 4. "DISABLED VETERAN" SHALL MEAN A VETERAN WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE
15 FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS THROUGH A DISABILITY STATEMENT OR
16 BY THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE THROUGH HIS OR HER DD214.

17 5. "ACCESS TO HOME FOR HEROES PROGRAMS" OR "PROGRAMS" SHALL MEAN A
18 SERIES OF ACTIVITIES BY AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT TO ADMINISTER FUNDS TO
19 PROVIDE GRANTS TO HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS AND TO OVERSEE THE ADAPTATION
20 OR RETROFITTING OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES.

21 6. "ELIGIBLE PROPERTY" SHALL MEAN A HOUSING UNIT THAT IS THE PRIMARY
22 RESIDENCE OF A DISABLED VETERAN OR VETERAN WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY
23 AND A TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT DOES NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY
24 PERCENT OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME. A PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AN
25 ELIGIBLE PROPERTY IF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS OTHERWISE OBLIGATED BY
26 FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE THE IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED UNDER
27 THIS ARTICLE.

28 S 1242. ACCESS TO HOME FOR HEROES CONTRACTS. 1. WITHIN THE LIMIT OF
29 FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE ACCESS TO HOME FOR HEROES PROGRAM, THE CORPO-
30 RATION IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH ELIGIBLE APPLI-
31 CANTS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS OF AN ACCESS
32 TO HOME FOR HEROES PROGRAM. THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL BE IN THE
33 FORM OF GRANTS. NO MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
34 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE IN ANY FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO ACCESS
35 TO HOME PROGRAMS LOCATED WITHIN ANY SINGLE MUNICIPALITY. THE CORPORATION
36 SHALL MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO PROVIDE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION IN THE
37 AWARDING OF PROGRAM FUNDS TO AFFORD MAXIMUM STATEWIDE IMPACT FOR DISA-
38 BLED VETERANS.

39 2. THE TOTAL PAYMENT PURSUANT TO ANY ONE CONTRACT SHALL NOT EXCEED
40 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THE CONTRACT SHALL PROVIDE FOR
41 COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD, AS SPECIFIED THER-
42 EIN, WHICH SHALL NOT IN ANY EVENT EXCEED THREE YEARS FROM ITS COMMENCE-
43 MENT. UPON REQUEST, THE CORPORATION MAY EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT
44 FOR UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN BY THE
45 ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.

46 3. THE CORPORATION MAY AUTHORIZE THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT TO SPEND UP TO
47 SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR APPROVED ADMINIS-
48 TRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM.

49 4. THE CORPORATION SHALL REQUIRE THAT, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDS
50 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT A PLAN
51 WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, PROGRAM FEASIBILITY, IMPACT
52 ON THE COMMUNITY, BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF PROGRAM FUNDS, A SCHEDULE
53 FOR COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND MINORITY BUSINESS
54 PARTICIPATION.

55 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.