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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the unsolved homicide grant program; and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 233 to read as follows:

S 233. UNSOLVED HOMICIDE GRANT PROGRAM. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE AN UNSOLVED HOMICIDE GRANT PROGRAM. NO MORE THAN TEN POLICE DEPARTMENTS OR PRECINCTS MAY BE GRANTED UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS EACH FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF SOLVING UNSOLVED HOMICIDES.

2. THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE SHALL CREATE AND MANAGE THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SUCH GRANT. ANY INTERESTED POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE BY DECEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR. SUCH APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(A) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

(B) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNSOLVED HOMICIDES IN THE DEPARTMENT'S JURISDICTION;

(C) THE NUMBER OF UNSOLVED HOMICIDES IN THE DEPARTMENT'S JURISDICTION THAT OCCURRED DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR;

(D) THE CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLVING HOMICIDES;

(E) THE DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT STAFFING LEVEL FOR SOLVING HOMICIDES;

(F) HOW SUCH GRANT FUNDING WILL BE UTILIZED IF GRANTED; AND

(G) ANY OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED NECESSARY TO MAKE A FAIR DETERMINATION.

3. ALL INTERESTED NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD) PRECINCTS SHALL INFORM THE NYPD COMMISSIONER OF SUCH INTEREST. THE NYPD WILL THEN SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING DATA ON EACH INTERESTED PRECINCT THEY WOULD LIKE TO ALLOCATE SUCH FUNDING TO. ONCE PROCESSED, IF THE NYPD IS GRANTED ANY FUNDING, THE NYPD COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE WHICH INTERESTED PRECINCTS WILL RECEIVE SUCH FUNDING. ALL

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

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FUNDING SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED BY JANUARY FIRST OF EACH YEAR DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER FIRST APPLICATION DEADLINE. NO PRECINCT SHALL RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS UNDER THIS PROGRAM EACH CALENDAR YEAR.

4. THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SHALL ADMINISTER FUNDING OF ANY STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK CITY. ALL FUNDING SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED BY JANUARY FIRST OF EACH YEAR DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER FIRST APPLICATION DEADLINE. NO DEPARTMENT SHALL RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS UNDER THIS PROGRAM EACH CALENDAR YEAR.

5. ALL POLICE DEPARTMENTS OR PRECINCTS WHO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THIS GRANT PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND THE NYPD, IF APPLICABLE, ONE YEAR AFTER RECEIVING SUCH FUNDING. SUCH REPORT SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(A) HOW SUCH FUNDING WAS USED; AND

(B) THE NUMBER OF HOMICIDES SOLVED OVER THE COURSE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

S 2. The sum of ten million dollars ($10,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the division of criminal justice services out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the unsolved homicide grant program, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of carting out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services in the manner prescribed by law.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed by the superintendent of state police on or before such effective date.