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Introduced by M. of A. WALKER, DICKENS, SIMOTAS, SEAWRIGHT, ORTIZ, DenDEKKER, COLTON, SIMON, COOK, MOSLEY, AUBRY, ARROYO, VANEL, CARROLL, RICHARDSON, PERRY, WRIGHT, WILLIAMS, CRESPO, O'DONNELL, BICHOTTE, RODRIGUEZ, SKOUFIS, NIOU, BARRON, TAYLOR, BENEDETTO, DILAN, DE LA ROSA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HEVESI, LENTOL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing -- recommitted to the Committee on Housing in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the private housing finance law, in relation to affordable housing corporation grants

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1112 of the private housing  
2 finance law, as amended by chapter 64 of the laws of 2012, is amended to  
3 read as follows:  
4 1. Within the limit of funds available in the affordable housing  
5 development account, the corporation is hereby authorized to enter into  
6 contracts with eligible applicants to provide grants which such appli-  
7 cants shall use to finance affordable home ownership development  
8 programs subject to the terms and conditions of this article. Any grants  
9 received by a municipality hereunder shall not be deemed to be municipal  
10 funds. Grantees shall utilize funds provided pursuant to this article  
11 solely as payments, grants and loans to owners to reduce the costs of  
12 new construction, rehabilitation or home improvement or the cost of  
13 acquisition, but only where such acquisition is part of an affordable  
14 home ownership development program or project to construct or rehabili-  
15 tate homes, or as otherwise authorized by law. Such financial assistance  
16 may be in the form of loans, participation in loans including but not

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

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1 limited to participation in loans originated or financed by lending  
2 institutions as defined in section forty-two of this chapter, private or  
3 public employee pension funds or the state of New York mortgage agency,  
4 or grants, on such terms and conditions as the grantee with the approval  
5 of the corporation shall determine, provided that no such payments,  
6 grants and loans shall exceed the lesser of (i) sixty percent of the  
7 project cost for projects involving acquisition or one hundred percent  
8 of rehabilitation programs without an acquisition component or (ii) the  
9 following per dwelling unit limitations (A) thirty-five thousand dollars  
10 for projects except as provided in item (B) of this clause or (B)  
11 [~~forty~~ up to seventy-five] thousand dollars for a high cost project or a  
12 project which will receive a loan from the federal farmers home adminis-  
13 tration. Up to ten percent of the program or project cost may be used  
14 for grantee operating expenses including expenses related to the organ-  
15 ization operating support and administration of the contract. Among the  
16 criteria the corporation shall consider in determining whether a project  
17 is a high cost project are: average cost of construction in the area,  
18 location of the project, and the impact of the additional funding on the  
19 affordability of the project for the occupants of such project. No more  
20 than fifty percent of the total amount appropriated pursuant to this  
21 article in any fiscal year shall be allocated to homes located within  
22 any single municipality.

23 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 1112 of the private housing finance law  
24 is amended by adding a new paragraph (j) to read as follows:

25 (j) In the case of projects that receive an award of over forty thou-  
26 sand dollars, the grantee may establish resale restrictions requiring  
27 the sale of the unit or units receiving such funding through a grant  
28 from the corporation be purchased only by qualified low-income homebuy-  
29 ers extending for a period of at least sixty years, but no more than  
30 ninety-nine years, and the grantee may ensure this resale restriction by  
31 use of deed restrictions, community land trusts, or limited-equity coop-  
32 erative ownership structure.

33 § 3. Section 1112 of the private housing finance law is amended by  
34 adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

35 3-a. In determining awards pursuant to this article, the corporation  
36 shall establish tiered project funding levels based on length and depth  
37 of affordability.

38 § 4. Projects in pre-development that have already received commit-  
39 ments from the corporation prior to the effective date of this act shall  
40 be granted the opportunity to request additional capital under the law  
41 after the effective date of this act.

42 § 5. This act shall take effect on the two hundred fortieth day after  
43 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of  
44 homes and community renewal is authorized and directed to take such  
45 actions which are necessary for the implementation of this act, includ-  
46 ing the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation, on  
47 or before such effective date.