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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the municipal severe storm relief fund for Rockaway, Queens to be administered by the division of homeland security and emergency services

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 719 to read as follows:

§ 719. Municipal severe storm relief fund for Rockaway, Queens. 1. There is hereby established a municipal severe storm assistance relief program for Rockaway, Queens for damage resulting from a severe storm and flooding which occurred on November third, two thousand twelve to be administered by the division of homeland security and emergency services.

2. Projects eligible for program grants pursuant to this section shall be limited to projects to repair damage to public infrastructure, including publicly owned roads, bridges, boardwalks, drainage and flood mitigation systems, and any ancillary infrastructure necessary for the safe operation of the components thereof, within Rockaway, Queens when such damage occurred as a result of a severe storm event on October twenty-ninth, two thousand twelve through November third, two thousand twelve. In no event shall funding be used for infrastructure repairs that are required due to normal wear and tear.

3. The commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services shall establish procedures for receipt of application from municipalities and for the issuance of grants authorized by this section within available appropriations. Applications for such grants shall be submitted before November third, two thousand twenty-four. A municipality shall receive fifty percent of the cost of otherwise unreimbursed

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

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repairs from damages incurred due to such flooding, provided the appropriate municipal authority has submitted appropriate documentation of such damage and has filed an attestation with the division indicating that the damage for which repairs were made is directly attributable to flooding resulting from the October twenty-ninth, two thousand twelve through November third, two thousand twelve storm.

4. Funding for such program shall consist of all revenue received pursuant to an appropriation therefor, and any other monies appropriated, credited or transferred from any other source pursuant to law. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the state from receiving grants, gifts or bequests for the purpose of the program. Grants shall only be awarded based upon the availability of funds.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.