STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 3, 2021

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the home care jobs innovation program; to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the home care jobs innovation fund; making an appropriation therefor; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3613-a to read as follows:

§ 3613-a. Home care jobs innovation program. 1. The department, in conjunction with the office for the aging, shall establish a home care jobs innovation program. Such program shall:

(a) identify, develop and support projects throughout the state designed to increase the number of individuals who become home care workers;

(b) identify, develop and support projects throughout the state designed to increase the employment retention of individuals who are employed as home care workers; and

(c) grant awards pursuant to subdivision two of this section, subject to appropriation, to the home care jobs innovation fund established pursuant to section ninety-nine-ii of the state finance law.

2. The department, in conjunction with the office for the aging, shall grant awards to projects identified or developed pursuant to subdivision one of this section. Such awards shall be for the state fiscal years two thousand twenty-one--two thousand twenty-two, two thousand twenty-two--two thousand twenty-three and two thousand twenty-three--two thousand twenty-four, and shall not exceed five million dollars in any state fiscal year. Awards shall be granted at three tier levels as follows:

Award Level	Amount of Award

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

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Tier 1	$100,000 or greater but less than $300,000
Tier 2	$300,000 or greater but less than $750,000
Tier 3	$750,000 to $1,000,000

3. Awards granted pursuant to subdivision two of this section shall be used to fund project costs, including, but not limited to, project evaluation, project administration, project implementation, and employee related costs, including additional employee compensation and bonuses. Awards shall be granted for both for-profit and not-for-profit projects, and, to the greatest extent practicable, be granted uniformly throughout both rural and urban areas of the state to reflect the diversity reflected by those areas.

4. The department, in conjunction with the office for the aging, is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.

§ 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-ii to read as follows:

§ 99-ii. Home care jobs innovation fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the commissioner of health, the director of the office for the aging and the comptroller, a special fund to be known as the "home care jobs innovation fund".

2. Such fund shall consist of all moneys appropriated, credited, or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the state from receiving grants, gifts, or bequests for the purposes of the fund, as defined in this section, and depositing them into the fund according to law.

3. Monies of the fund shall be expended only for the purposes of granting awards pursuant to section thirty-six hundred thirteen-a of the public health law.

4. Monies of the fund shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of health and the director of the office for the aging.

5. To the extent practicable, the commissioner of health, in conjunction with the director of the office for the aging, shall ensure that all monies received during a fiscal year are expended prior to the end of that fiscal year.

§ 3. The sum of five million dollars ($5,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes account not otherwise appropriated to the home care jobs innovation fund for the purposes of granting awards by the home care jobs innovation program in carrying out the provisions of this act. Such sum shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers certified or approved in the manner provided by law.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1, 2024.