AN ACT to amend the New York state urban development corporation act, in relation to establishing a New York business COVID-19 modification grant program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 174 of the laws of 1968, constituting the New York state urban development corporation act, is amended by adding a new section 16-bb to read as follows:

§ 16-bb. New York business COVID-19 modification grant program. 1. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary, from remaining and future federal funds provided for COVID-19 relief, including, but not limited to, monies that have been allocated to the state of New York by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-136) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (P.L. 116-260) that have not otherwise been obligated, the empire state development corporation shall make grants available pursuant to this section to provide grants for New York state business enterprises, as defined in section one hundred thirty-nine-i of the state finance law, or non-profitmaking organizations as defined in section one hundred ninety of the labor law, to cover expenses related to complying with any state-mandated guidelines for reopening, pursuant to any executive order related to the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive order 202 of 2020, including, but not limited to, modifying the layout of a building, technology upgrades, the purchase of new equipment and supplies, including personal protective equipment, and training employees on new business practices necessary to comply with any such order. Such grants shall also be allowed for the reimbursement of expenses.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.
of such expenses which were incurred to comply with any state-mandated
guidelines for reopening that were expended prior to the application or
award of such grant.

2. (a) Grants made pursuant to this section shall, as far as practica-
ble, be equitably distributed among all regions of the state, reflective
of the economic impact on each region due to the closure or limitation
of business operations due to any executive order issued by the governor
related to the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive

(b) Priority for grants pursuant to this section shall be given to
small businesses as defined in section one hundred thirty-one of the
economic development law.

3. The empire state development corporation shall create an applica-
tion process for such grants, and shall promulgate rules and regulations
for awarding and distributing grants pursuant to this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
deemed repealed October 1, 2022.