STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 1, 2021

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to allowing industrial development agencies to make grants to municipalities for open space preservation, parkland improvements and conservation easements

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 18 and 19 of section 858 of the general municipal law, subdivision 18 as added and subdivision 19 as amended by chapter 109 of the laws of 2020, are amended to read as follows:

(18) To provide grants to small businesses and not-for-profit corporations, as defined in section eight hundred fifty-nine-c of this title, for the purpose of acquiring personal protective equipment or installing fixtures necessary to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus, COVID-19, during the period in which executive order two hundred two of two thousand twenty, as amended, is in effect. In order to be eligible for a grant pursuant to this subdivision, a small business or not-for-profit corporation must meet the requirements of paragraph a of subdivision three of section eight hundred fifty-nine-c of this title. No industrial development agency may provide a small business or not-for-profit corporation with more than ten thousand dollars pursuant to this subdivision; [~~and~~]

(19) **To make grants to the municipality for whose benefit the agency was established for the purpose of open space preservation, parkland improvements and conservation easements provided the governing board of such municipality shall accept the same and find that the same encourages tourism or otherwise improves the quality of life in such municipality; and**

(20) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its purposes and exercise the powers expressly given in this title.

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

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§ 2. Subdivisions 16 and 17 of section 858 of the general municipal law, as added by chapter 1030 of the laws of 1969 and as renumbered by chapter 356 of the laws of 1993, are amended to read as follows:

(16) To establish and re-establish its fiscal year; [~~and~~]

(17) **To make grants to the municipality for whose benefit the agency was established for the purpose of open space preservation, parkland improvements and conservation easements provided the governing board of such municipality shall accept the same and find that the same encourages tourism or otherwise improves the quality of life in such municipality; and**

(18) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its purposes and exercise the powers expressly given in this title.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however that the amendments to subdivisions 18 and 19 of section 858 of the general municipal law made by section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivisions pursuant to section 3 of chapter 109 of the laws of 2020, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect.