

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 7, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to establishing the New York state meat processing grant expansion programs; and making an appropriation therefor

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

1 Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new
2 section 96-k to read as follows:

3 § 96-k. New York state meat processing grant expansion grant program. 1.
4 There is hereby established within the department a New York state meat
5 processing expansion grant program. The program shall be established by
6 the department, in consultation with the empire state development corpo-
7 ration. The purpose of the program shall be to provide grants to encour-
8 age the expansion of meat processing enterprises throughout the state,
9 with an emphasis on the establishment of more processing plants that are
10 certified by the United States department of agriculture.

11 2. The department shall establish program requirements and create an
12 application form for the program within sixty days of the effective date
13 of this section. Such program requirements shall include, but need not
14 be limited to;

15 (a) Proposals for grants shall be for no less than fifty thousand
16 dollars and shall be used for the expansion of existing plants, creation
17 of new plants, job training, safety upgrades, or other purpose deemed
18 necessary to further opportunities for beef, pork and other meat farmers
19 to process their meat within the state; and

20 (b) Funds allocated to the department for the grant program shall be
21 divided among each regional economic development council region that is
22 able to disperse five hundred thousand dollars each to one or multiple
23 entities who can prove need for one-time capital funding to increase
24 meat processing capabilities within the state.

25 3. The department shall promote the program throughout the state.

26 4. Grant program funds shall be allocated within one year of the
27 effective date of this section.

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

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1 § 2. The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000), or so much thereof
2 as may be available, is hereby appropriated to the department of agri-
3 culture and markets from any moneys in the state treasury in the general
4 fund to the credit of the state purposes account, not otherwise appro-
5 priated, and made immediately available, for the purposes of establish-
6 ing the New York state meat processing expansion grant program. Such
7 moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on
8 vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of agriculture and
9 markets in the manner prescribed by law.

10 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.