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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the award of grants to support preservation and/or conservation of library research materials

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

Section 1. Paragraphs a and c of subdivision 6 of section 273 of the education law, as amended by chapter 563 of the laws of 2021, are amended to read as follows:

a. The commissioner shall award in any [~~state fiscal~~] academic year, an annual formula grant of one hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars for a program of conservation and/or preservation of library research materials to each of the following comprehensive research libraries: Columbia university libraries, Cornell university libraries, New York state library, New York university libraries, university of Rochester libraries, Syracuse university libraries, the research libraries of the New York public library, state university of New York at Albany library, state university of New York at Binghamton library, state university of New York at Buffalo library, and state university of New York at Stony Brook library.

c. Other agencies and libraries, as defined in regulations promulgated by the commissioner, which are not eligible for funding under paragraph a of this subdivision, may receive separate grants the sum of which shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars in any [~~state fiscal~~] academic year to support the preservation and/or conservation of unique library research materials. Such agencies and libraries shall submit project proposals. Approval of such project proposals, and determination

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

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of funding level, shall be based upon, but not limited to, factors such as: the research value of materials to be preserved and/or conserved; appropriateness of conservation and preservation techniques in accordance with statewide planning and national standards; institutional capacity for successful completion of the project, including facilities, experience, and technical expertise; availability of staff with appropriate training and expertise; contribution of the institution to the project in matching funds and staff resources; and the volume of interlibrary lending and access to holdings by the public. Ninety percent of each such grant shall be payable upon approval by the department and the remaining ten percent shall be payable upon project completion.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.