

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 31, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing a municipal senior center capital support program in the office for the aging to assist municipalities in accessing capital funds necessary for the purchase of senior buses; 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 elder law is amended by adding a new section 226 to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 226. Municipal senior center capital support program. 1. There is  
4 hereby created within the office for the aging a municipal senior center  
5 capital support program to assist municipalities in the purchase of  
6 vehicles for the transportation of senior citizens residing within the  
7 boundaries of the municipality to qualifying events as determined by the  
8 director.

9 2. Within amounts specifically appropriated therefore, the director  
10 shall award grants to a municipality in an amount not to exceed one  
11 hundred thousand dollars per municipality for the acquisition of buses  
12 or other means of transportation related equipment for the purpose of  
13 transportation of senior citizens. Such buses and/or equipment shall  
14 have a useful life of not less than five years.

15 3. No funds authorized under this section may be used as a required  
16 match or be considered a local share to any other state program or to  
17 leverage state aid or grants.

18 4. (a) The director of the state office for the aging shall develop an  
19 application for use by eligible municipalities to apply for a grant, a  
20 list of approved transportation equipment, and criteria for the  
21 disbursement of funds authorized to an eligible municipality.

22 (b) The director shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary  
23 to carry out the provisions of this section.

24 5. For the purposes of this section, "municipality" means a municipal  
25 corporation as defined pursuant to section one hundred nineteen-n of the  
26 general municipal law.

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 three million dollars (\$3,000,000), or so much thereof  
2 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the state office for the  
3 aging out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund, not  
4 otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose  
5 of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable  
6 on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or  
7 approved by the director of the state office for the aging in the manner  
8 prescribed by law.

9 § 3. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
10 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
11 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
12 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
13 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
14 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
15 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
16 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
17 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

18 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.