STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 16, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing a local government salt brine equipment grant program; and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. Subdivision 10 of section 54 of the state finance law is amended by adding a new paragraph w to read as follows:

w. Local government salt brine equipment grant program. (1) For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "total expenditures" shall mean the total expenditures for a municipality as reported to the state comptroller.

(2) Within the annual amounts appropriated therefor, the secretary of state may award matching grants to municipalities to cover costs associated with purchasing salt brine equipment.

(3) The maximum cumulative grant award for a local government capital improvement grant shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars.

(4) Matching funds equal to at least fifty percent of the total cost of the capital improvement project under the grant approved by the department of state shall be required to receive a local government salt brine equipment grant.

(5) Within one week of the receipt of an application, the department of state shall review the application to ensure the applicant has filed the correct application, and to determine if any required sections of the application require additional information. Within one business day of determining an applicant has filed an incorrect application, or determining an application requires additional information, the department shall so notify the applicant. Applicants shall be permitted to amend an application found to be missing information, and such application shall be reconsidered for approval if it is amended by the application deadline. If an applicant has submitted an incorrect application, the applicant may submit the correct application to the appropriate program by the deadline to such program for consideration. Under no

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

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circumstances shall this subparagraph be deemed to require the extension of any application deadline established by the department, nor shall it obligate the department to conduct a substantive review of the contents of any application outside of the procedures established by the department for the purposes of maintaining the competitive integrity of the grant program.

§ 2. The sum of six million dollars ($6,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the department of state out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the local government salt brine equipment grant program, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of the department of environmental conservation in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.