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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 2, 2023

Introduced by Sens. MANNION, SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to creating the criminal justice infrastructure investment 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. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 839-a to read as follows:

§ 839-a. Criminal justice infrastructure investment grant program. 1. There is hereby created within the division a criminal justice infrastructure investment grant program to be administered by the commissioner to award grants to provide for hardware and software to be used to assist with discovery, speedy trials and bail including, but not limited to, computers, laptops, high speed printers, optical scanners, modems, routers, high speed fiber optics cable, cloud storage and electronic monitors.

2. Any department of any municipality having responsibility for enforcing the criminal laws of the state, any court in the unified court system, sheriffs' offices and district attorneys' offices shall be eligible to submit applications to receive funds from the grant program pursuant to this section. A grant may be awarded upon submission of an application to the commissioner and there shall be no minimum grant amount.

3. The commissioner shall establish the form and manner in which applications shall be submitted and shall establish guidelines for the program. The department shall review each application for compliance with the eligibility criteria and other requirements set forth in the program guidelines. The department may approve or reject each application or may return an application for modifications.

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

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4. The division shall post on its website the following information with regards to applications approved pursuant to this section:

(a) the name of each entity approved to receive a grant;

(b) the amount of each grant; and

(c) a description of the project or projects that each grant will be used for.

§ 2. The sum of five hundred million dollars ($500,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the criminal justice infrastructure investment grant program as established pursuant to section 839-a of the executive law from any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated and made immediately available to the division of criminal justice services for the purposes 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 criminal justice services in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.