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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the municipal severe storm relief fund for Rockaway, Queens to be administered by the division of homeland security and emergency services

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 720 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 720. Municipal severe storm relief fund for Rockaway, Queens. 1.
4 There is hereby established a municipal severe storm assistance relief
5 program for Rockaway, Queens for damage resulting from a severe storm
6 and flooding which occurred on November third, two thousand twelve to be
7 administered by the division of homeland security and emergency
8 services.

9 2. Projects eligible for program grants pursuant to this section shall
10 be limited to projects to repair damage to public infrastructure,
11 including publicly owned roads, bridges, boardwalks, drainage and flood
12 mitigation systems, and any ancillary infrastructure necessary for the
13 safe operation of the components thereof, within Rockaway, Queens when
14 such damage occurred as a result of a severe storm event on October
15 twenty-ninth, two thousand twelve through November third, two thousand
16 twelve. In no event shall funding be used for infrastructure repairs
17 that are required due to normal wear and tear.

18 3. The commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency
19 services shall establish procedures for receipt of application from
20 municipalities and for the issuance of grants authorized by this section
21 within available appropriations. Applications for such grants shall be
22 submitted before November third, two thousand twenty-eight. A munici-

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

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1 pality shall receive fifty percent of the cost of otherwise unreimbursed
2 repairs from damages incurred due to such flooding, provided the appro-
3 priate municipal authority has submitted appropriate documentation of
4 such damage and has filed an attestation with the division indicating
5 that the damage for which repairs were made is directly attributable to
6 flooding resulting from the October twenty-ninth, two thousand twelve
7 through November third, two thousand twelve storm.

8 4. Funding for such program shall consist of all revenue received
9 pursuant to an appropriation therefor, and any other monies appropri-
10 ated, credited or transferred from any other source pursuant to law.
11 Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the state from
12 receiving grants, gifts or bequests for the purpose of the program.
13 Grants shall only be awarded based upon the availability of funds.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.