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Public Act No. 11-123

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 4-66g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Office of Policy and Management for a small town economic assistance program the purpose of which shall be to provide grants-in-aid to any municipality [that] or group of municipalities, provided the municipality and each municipality that is part of a group of municipalities is not economically distressed within the meaning of subsection (b) of section 32-9p, does not have an urban center in any plan adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to section 16a-30 and is not a public investment community within the meaning of subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 7-545. Such grants shall be used for purposes for which funds would be available under section 4-66c. No group of municipalities may receive an amount exceeding in the aggregate five hundred thousand dollars per municipality in such group in any one fiscal year under said program. No individual

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municipality may receive more than five hundred thousand dollars in any one fiscal year under said program, except that any municipality that receives a grant under said program as a member of a group of municipalities shall continue to be eligible to receive an amount equal to five hundred thousand dollars less the amount of such municipality's proportionate share of such grant. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection and section 4-66c, a municipality that is (1) a distressed municipality within the meaning of subsection (b) of section 32-9p or a public investment community within the meaning of subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 7-545, and (2) otherwise eligible under this subsection for the small town economic assistance program may elect to be eligible for said program individually or as part of a group of municipalities in lieu of being eligible for financial assistance under section 4-66c, by a vote of its legislative body or, in the case of a municipality in which the legislative body is a town meeting, its board of selectmen, and submitting a written notice of such vote to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Any such election shall be for the four-year period following submission of such notice to the secretary and may be extended for additional four-year periods in accordance with the same procedure for the initial election.

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