



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 806***

LCO No. 3843



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO REPLACE OR REPAIR CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) For the purposes of  
2 this section, "municipality" means any town, city, borough,  
3 consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough, and  
4 "grant program" means a program established pursuant to subsection  
5 (b) of this section to provide grants to eligible owners of residential  
6 buildings.

7 (b) Any municipality may, upon approval by its legislative body or,  
8 in any municipality in which the legislative body is a town meeting, by  
9 the board of selectmen, adopt an ordinance establishing a program to  
10 provide grants to eligible owners of residential buildings for the  
11 purposes of repairing or replacing the concrete foundations of such  
12 residential buildings. The ordinance shall include provisions for (1) the  
13 establishment of eligibility requirements, which shall include a  
14 requirement that the owner of the residential building obtain a written  
15 evaluation from a professional engineer licensed pursuant to chapter

16 391 of the general statutes indicating that the foundation of such  
17 residential building was made with faulty or failing concrete, and a  
18 requirement that the owner submit a complaint regarding the faulty or  
19 failing concrete foundation to the Department of Consumer Protection,  
20 and (2) the establishment of grant procedures and processes as the  
21 municipality shall deem appropriate.

22 (c) A municipality may authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or  
23 other obligations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 109 of  
24 the general statutes for the purpose of funding the grant program. The  
25 provisions of section 7-374 of the general statutes shall apply to any  
26 bond issued pursuant to this section.

27 (d) The grant program may accept gifts, donations, bequests or  
28 funds from any public or private sources, including, but not limited to,  
29 (1) property owners, (2) insurance companies, (3) banks, (4) the  
30 Connecticut Housing Authority, (5) local housing authorities, (6)  
31 private property developers, (7) real estate agents, (8) agents who offer  
32 professional liability insurance in the state, and (9) the state and federal  
33 governments.

34 (e) The town treasurer shall annually submit a complete and  
35 detailed report of the condition of the grant program to the chief  
36 executive officer, the budget-making authority and the legislative body  
37 of such municipality. The report shall be made a part of the annual  
38 report of the municipality and shall comply with the standard auditing  
39 procedures of such municipality.

40 (f) The grant program may be discontinued after recommendation  
41 by the chief executive officer and the budget-making authority to the  
42 legislative body and upon approval of such body. To the extent there is  
43 any remaining money in the grant program, the money shall be  
44 converted into, or added to, a sinking fund to provide for the  
45 retirement of the bonded indebtedness of the municipality. If the  
46 municipality has no bonded indebtedness, the money shall be

47 transferred to the general fund of the municipality.

48 (g) Any municipality that establishes a grant program may use the  
49 services of one or more private third-party administrators to provide  
50 support for such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize municipalities to establish a program to provide grants to eligible owners of residential buildings for the purposes of repairing or replacing the faulty or failing concrete foundations of such residential buildings and to fund such program by issuing bonds and accepting donations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*