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A Local Law in relation to a stipend program for individuals impacted by COVID-19

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Stipend program for individuals impacted by COVID-19. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

COVID-19. The term “COVID-19” means the disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

Eligible individual. The term “eligible individual” means a resident of the city of New York whose annual gross household income is not in excess of 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated periodically in the federal register by the United States department of health and human services pursuant to subsection (2) of section 9902 of title 42 of the United States code, and who meets one or more of the following:

(1) such individual was diagnosed with COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and seeking a medical diagnosis;

(2) such individual was providing care to a person who was diagnosed with COVID-19 and who is such individual’s family member or a member of such individual’s household; or

Relevant expenses. The term “relevant expenses” means such expenses incurred over a two-week period by an eligible individual that the department of social services determines may be covered by the one-time stipend issued pursuant to this section, including but not limited to rent, groceries, and utilities.

b. No later than 60 days after the effective date of this local law, the department of social services shall create a program to provide a one-time stipend to any eligible individual to cover such individual's relevant expenses.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately, and is deemed repealed 1 year after it becomes law.

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