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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing rental assistance to survivors of domestic violence

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-151 to read as follows:

§ 21-151 Rental assistance for survivors of domestic violence. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Domestic violence survivor. The term “domestic violence survivor” means any individual who is covered by the term “victim of domestic violence” as such term is defined in section 8-102 or as such term is defined in section 459-a of the social services law.

Rental assistance program. The term “rental assistance program” means any city rental assistance program that is designed to help individuals experiencing homelessness by subsidizing rent in which (i) the human resources administration or the department of homeless services determines eligibility and (ii) the program’s eligibility requirements do not require approval from an agency of the state of New York.

b. Rental assistance for domestic violence survivors. A domestic violence survivor who is at risk of losing their home due to their status as a domestic violence survivor and who is not eligible for rental assistance through a federal or state program shall be eligible for rental assistance pursuant to the rental assistance program provided that the applicant has a gross income at or below 400% of the federal poverty level as established annually by the United States department of health and human services and meets other

requirements as determined by the human resources administration or the department of homeless services.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of social services shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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