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CAPA HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES

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January 24, 2023
11:03 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING
Held Virtually
Via WebEx Meeting

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APPEARANCES:

Leemor Rozen, Deputy General Counsel at SBS

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MS ROZEN: Okay. Good morning, everybody. Welcome to the New York City Department of Small Business Services virtual hearing. Today's date is January 24, 2023. The time is 11:03 a.m. This is a public hearing being held pursuant to the New York City Administrative Procedure Act, also known as CAPA. My name is Leemor Rozen. I am a deputy general counsel here at SBS. And present today are a number of SBS staff members, and, I believe, some members of the public.

Today's hearing concerns a proposed rule to expand the Business Preparedness and Resiliency Risk Assessment and Grant Program. Also known as the BPREP Grant Program. The full text of the rule proposal and a statement of the basis and purpose was published in the City Record on December 23, 2022, and on the New York City Rules website. The proposed rules were certified by the New York

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Law Department and the New York City
Mayor's Office of Operations.

By way of background, the BPREP
Grant Program was established in 2015
to help small businesses better
prepare for emergencies resulting from
severe weather and to enhance the
resiliency of their operations,
assets, and physical space. The
Program accomplished this by providing
resources and information on business
continuity, best practices, conducting
onsite resiliency assessments,
providing grants to implement specific
recommendations resulting from such
assessments and creating online
resiliency resources. Only businesses
impacted by Hurricane Sandy were
eligible to participate in the BPREP
Grant Program, and the maximum grant
amount a business could receive was
\$3,000. This proposed rule would
expand the BPREP program by, 1,
extending eligibility to businesses

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and property owners in a larger geographical area, including areas at risk of flooding, as Identified in the New York City Flood and Stormwater Resiliency Maps. And, 2, increasing the maximum grant amount available the grantees. The reimbursement-based grants will help participating businesses and property owners fund the purchase of resiliency equipment, such as flood barriers and backup generators recommended by professional consultants following onsite risk assessments of their properties.

At this time, we will open the floor to give an opportunity to members of the public to testify. We did not receive any requests to testify, so for anybody who has joined this hearing and wishes to testify, we ask that you use the raise-hand feature of Webex. And we will add you to the list and open the floor for you to be able to testify. So if you

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would like to speak, please use the
raise-hand feature.

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Currently, I don't see any hands
raised.

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Would the person with the name
Evelyn, please identify their full
name. You can do it in the chat, or I
can --

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MS. MALLO: Hello.

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MS ROZEN: Hello, hi. Can you
hear me?

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MS. MALLO: Yeah, I can hear
you.

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MS ROZEN: Okay.

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MS. MALLO: Sorry, I don't think
it's -- it's more of a question. I
was curious what the grant is
expending to, going from 3,000 to --
is that --

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MS ROZEN: Yeah.

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MS. MALLO: Or does it depend on
the people applying, what they can --
You know, what they're expected to
receive.

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MS ROZEN: So, we actually don't usually answer questions during this hearing. It's more of an opportunity for other people to speak, if they want to say something about -- you know, they have opinions on the rule and they want to share those.

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I believe it's going up to 5,000, but you can read the text of the rule on the New York City Rules website, or in the City Record, where it was published.

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But I would ask if you could identify your full name.

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MS. MALLO: Sorry. I'm trying to -- I'm with Councilmember Vicky Paladino's office, Director of Constituent Services, and my name is Evelyn Mallo.

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MS ROZEN: I believe someone else from Councilmember Paladino's office is on the call as well, or in the meeting.

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I don't see any other hands

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raised at this time, so I'm going to leave the hearing open, and we will see if anybody else would like to join and speak. And then we will return around 11:30 to close the hearing, if nobody has joined by then and nobody has expressed an interest to speak. I'm going to mute myself.

The time is now 11:26, and I still see no hands raised; therefore, we will now conclude the hearing. If you would like to submit a comment in writing, you may still do so until 5:00 p.m. today.

Thank you.

(Time Noted: 11:26 a.m.)

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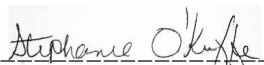
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK)

I, STEPHANIE O'KEEFFE, a Reporter
and Notary Public within and for the State of New
York, do hereby certify that the within is a true
and accurate transcript of the proceedings taken on
January 24, 2023.

I further certify that I am not
related to any of the parties to this action by
blood or marriage, and that I am in no way
interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 24th day of January, 2023.


Stephanie O'Keefe