Chairman Phil Mendelson

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act to allow grant recipients to use grant funds to cover office-related rent or mortgage and operating costs during Fiscal Year 2021.

 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Arts and Humanities Capital Funding Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”.

 Sec. 2. Section 6(c-1)(2)(A) of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act, effective October 21, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-22; D.C. Official Code § 39-205(c-1)(2)(A)), is amended by striking the phrase “Arts Cohort;” and inserting the phrase “Arts Cohort; provided, that during Fiscal Year 2021 these grant funds may be used, if approved by the Commission, to pay:

 “(i) Rent or mortgage expenses for the operation of a grant recipient’s arts-or humanities-related home-based office in the District; and

 “(ii) Rent or mortgage expenses for the operation of a grant recipient’s space in the District used to produce or publicly present arts-or humanities-related work.”.

 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

 Sec. 4. Effective date.

 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the

Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a))