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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JULY 5, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, providing
3 for capital grants.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 7385.1. Capital grants.

9 (a) Source.--Money transferred under 3 Pa.C.S. § 1113(a)(5)
10 and (6) (relating to disposition of certain funds) shall be
11 utilized by the commissioner to administer capital grants.

12 (b) Recipients.--Emergency services training centers
13 recognized by the commissioner under standards developed through
14 rules and guidelines in consultation with the State Fire
15 Advisory Board may be recipients of grants under subsection (a)
16 upon application.

17 (c) Purposes.--Capital grants administered to recipients

under this section shall be used to:

(1) Establish or modernize facilities that house firefighting equipment, ambulances or rescue vehicles.

(2) Acquire or renovate existing structures to house firefighting equipment, ambulances or rescue vehicles or for the construction or modernization of facilities.

(3) Repair or purchase firefighting, ambulance or rescue equipment.

(4) Train and certify members.

(5) Educate the general public regarding fire prevention and community risk reduction.

(6) Recruit and retain, including providing for volunteer firefighter length of service award programs and programs for minors.

(d) Restrictions.--Capital grants administered under this section may not be used for:

(1) Operating expenses.

(2) Refinancing of renovated structures.

(3) Refinancing the construction or modernization of facilities.

(4) Apparatus equipment, communication equipment or accessory equipment.

(5) Reduction of debt or other obligations issued prior to the effective date of this section.

(e) Applications.--The following apply:

(1) Every application for a capital grant shall be accompanied by a notarized financial statement of the entity making the application accompanied with evidence sufficient to show need for the grant funding.

(2) Applications shall be reviewed by the Application

1 Review Committee utilizing criteria established under
2 subsection (b).

3 (f) Amounts and criteria.--The following apply:

4 (1) Capital grant amounts and the criteria for
5 determining amounts shall be established by the commissioner
6 in consultation with the State Fire Advisory Board.

7 (2) An entity may be awarded a capital grant, if
8 available, for an approved project in lieu of approved
9 reimbursement payments or, if not available, shall receive
10 payments in the form of reimbursements.

11 (g) Use.--Capital grants may be used in combination with the
12 funding authorized under section 7813(e) (relating to award of
13 grants) if an applicant is officially proceeding with an
14 approved project evidenced by required documentation as
15 determined by the commissioner.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.