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AN ACT

1 Establishing a grant program for shared municipal services;  
2 conferring powers and duties upon the Department of Community  
3 and Economic Development; and making an appropriation.

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

6 CHAPTER 1

7 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

8 Section 101. Short title.

9 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Shared  
10 Municipal Services Grant Act.

11 Section 102. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
13 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

15 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic

1 Development of the Commonwealth.

2 "Eligible municipality." A city of the first class, second  
3 class, second class A or third class, township of the first  
4 class or second class, borough or incorporated town located  
5 within this Commonwealth.

6 "Grant program." The Shared Municipal Services Grant Program  
7 established by this act.

8 "Shared service agreement." Any agreement, by contract,  
9 between two or more municipalities whereby the municipalities  
10 involved cooperatively share one or more public services.

11 "Volunteer ambulance service." Any nonprofit chartered  
12 corporation, association or organization located in this  
13 Commonwealth, not associated or affiliated with any volunteer  
14 fire company or hospital and which is regularly engaged in the  
15 provision of emergency medical services, including basic life  
16 support or advanced life support services and the transportation  
17 of patients. The term does not include any corporation,  
18 association or organization that is primarily engaged in the  
19 operation of invalid coaches which are intended for the routine  
20 transport of persons who are convalescent or otherwise  
21 nonambulatory and do not ordinarily require emergency medical  
22 treatment while in transit.

23 "Volunteer fire company." A nonprofit chartered corporation,  
24 association or organization located in this Commonwealth which  
25 provides fire protection services and which may offer other  
26 voluntary emergency services within this Commonwealth. Voluntary  
27 emergency services provided by a volunteer fire company may  
28 include voluntary ambulance and voluntary rescue services.

29 CHAPTER 3

30 SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

1 Section 301. Establishment.

2 The Shared Municipal Services Grant Program is hereby  
3 established and shall be administered by the department. Grants  
4 provided under this program shall be used to improve and enhance  
5 the quality and reduce the cost of municipal services by  
6 providing financial assistance for the sharing of services.

7 Section 302. Guidelines and procedures.

8 The department shall promulgate the rules, regulations,  
9 guidelines, procedures and all applications necessary to  
10 implement the grant program. The department shall submit the  
11 rules, regulations, guidelines, procedures and applications to  
12 the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the  
13 Pennsylvania Bulletin and Pennsylvania Code within 90 days of  
14 the effective date of this act.

15 Section 303. Award of grants.

16 (a) Authorization.--The department is hereby authorized to  
17 make grant awards to an eligible municipality for the purpose of  
18 providing financial assistance for implementing a shared service  
19 agreement. Nothing in this act shall prevent an eligible  
20 municipality from using funds from a grant program award for a  
21 shared service agreement for volunteer fire company, volunteer  
22 ambulance or other emergency services.

23 (b) Limits.--No more than one grant award shall be provided  
24 for each shared service agreement. However, nothing in this act  
25 shall prevent any municipality from receiving the direct benefit  
26 of more than one grant award, provided that municipality has  
27 entered into more than one shared service agreement.

28 (c) Time for filing application and department action.--The  
29 agency shall make available applications for grants under this  
30 act to be submitted on a rolling basis throughout the fiscal

1 year.

2 CHAPTER 11

3 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

4 Section 1101. Appropriation.

5 The sum of \$10,000,000, or as much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Community  
7 and Economic Development for the fiscal year July 1, 2001, to  
8 June 30, 2002, to carry out the provisions of this act. No  
9 moneys from this appropriation may be used for expenses or costs  
10 incurred by the department for the administration of the grant  
11 program.

12 Section 1102. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, or immediately,  
14 whichever is later.