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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.--Municipal fire departments recognized by  
13 the commissioner under standards developed through rules and  
14 guidelines in consultation with the State Fire Advisory Board  
15 may be recipients of grants under subsection (a) upon  
16 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.

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

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

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

(2) An entity may be awarded a capital grant, if available, for an approved project in lieu of approved

1     reimbursement payments or, if not available, shall receive  
2     payments in the form of reimbursements.

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

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