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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 14, 1984

AN ACT

1 Providing grants for projects relating to local history;
2 providing further duties of the Historical and Museum
3 Commission; ~~and making an appropriation.~~ <—

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Local History
8 Development Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

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

13 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
14 Commission.

15 "Executive director." The Executive Director of the
16 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

1 Section 3. Programs.

2 (a) Local history.--

3 (1) The purpose of this program shall be to support
4 local history projects of a public educational nature and
5 shall be open to all agencies or individuals engaged in local
6 history projects of a public educational nature. Projects may
7 include exhibitions, oral history, symposia, forums and
8 lectures, activities which combine history and the visual and
9 performing arts and other educational activities.

10 (2) Grants for this program shall not exceed \$1,000 per
11 project.

12 (b) Research.--

13 (1) The purpose of this program shall be to stimulate
14 original research and writing in the history of Pennsylvania
15 by both academic and amateur historians and shall be open to
16 all persons currently engaged in original research projects
17 pertaining to any aspect of the history of Pennsylvania, its
18 counties or local communities.

19 (2) Grants for this program shall not exceed \$700 per
20 project.

21 Section 4. Administration and procedure.

22 (a) Duties of executive director.--

23 (1) The executive director shall appoint a review
24 committee of three persons expert in the areas covered by
25 each program. Committee members shall be chosen from the
26 staff of the commission. A committee member's position shall
27 expire upon his termination of employment with the
28 commission. The executive director shall also fill any
29 vacancies occurring on the committee.

30 (2) The executive director shall present the committee

1 recommendations to the commission members for final approval.

2 (b) Review committee.--The review committee shall:

3 (1) Adopt specific guidelines and criteria for each
4 program.

5 (2) Adopt an application process for the awarding of
6 grants to applicants.

7 (3) Review each application for grants and make
8 recommendations for approval or disapproval to the
9 commission.

10 Section 5. Duties of commission.

11 The commission shall, by majority vote:

12 (1) Give final approval, upon the recommendation of the
13 review committee, for the adoption of guidelines and criteria
14 in each program.

15 (2) Give final approval, upon the recommendation of the
16 review committee, for the adoption of an application process
17 in the awarding of grants.

18 (3) Give final approval, upon the recommendation of the
19 review committee, for grants to applicants.

20 Section 6. Program limitations.

21 (a) Period.--Grants shall be awarded on a fiscal year basis
22 effective on July 1 and ending on June 30 following. No person
23 shall be awarded more than one grant per year.

24 (b) Subsequent grants.--Grants shall not be awarded for a
25 subsequent application for the same project category.

26 (c) Limit on amount.--The amount of each project cannot
27 exceed the limit for each program as established in this act and
28 the amount actually granted shall be based upon a reasonable
29 anticipation of the expenses of the project.

30 (d) Use of grant funds.--Grant funds may be used for

1 supplies, preparation of materials, duplication expenses, travel
2 expenses (subject to applicable State laws and regulations),
3 speakers' fees and other related purposes. They shall not be
4 used in lieu of salaries, for publication, for the purchase of
5 books and equipment or for the physical restoration of
6 structures.

7 (e) Eligibility.--Grants shall be awarded only to
8 Pennsylvania residents or to institutions, agencies and
9 organizations located principally within the Commonwealth.

10 Section 7. Obligations of grant recipient.

11 The grant recipient shall:

12 (1) Conduct research and expend grant funds according to
13 the guidelines of this act and those established by the
14 commission.

15 (2) Account for expenses with receipts whenever possible
16 and to submit a final statement at the end of the grant
17 period. The commission reserves the right to request further
18 statements at its discretion.

19 (3) Acknowledge the commission properly in any
20 publication resulting from the grant.

21 (4) Provide the commission with a copy of any
22 publication or other tangible result of the project, wherever
23 applicable.

24 ~~Section 8. Appropriation and use of funds.~~

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25 ~~(a) Amount. The sum of \$30,000, or as much thereof as may~~
26 ~~be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the commission to carry~~
27 ~~out this act for the 1983-1984 fiscal year.~~

28 ~~(b) Division among programs. The commission shall divide~~
29 ~~this appropriation and subsequent appropriations to fund this~~
30 ~~act as follows:~~

1 ~~(1) Forty percent for local history projects.~~
2 ~~(2) Forty percent for research projects.~~
3 ~~(3) Twenty percent for administrative costs, but which~~
4 ~~shall not include salaries.~~

5 ~~(c) Transfer among programs. In the event that all of the~~
6 ~~funds are not expended in one category, the commission shall,~~
7 ~~upon the recommendation of the review committee, approve the~~
8 ~~expenditure of excess funds in other categories.~~

9 Section 9 8. Transition provisions. <—

10 The actual awarding of grant moneys shall not commence until
11 the effective date of this act but the commission may publicize
12 this program and process grant applications prior to that date.

13 Section ~~10~~ 9. Effective date. <—

14 This act shall take effect July 1, ~~1983~~ 1984. <—