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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES,
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AN ACT

1 Establishing the LGBT Senior Community Grant Program; conferring
2 powers and imposing duties on the Department of Aging; and
3 making an appropriation.

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16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 hereby enacts as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title.

2 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Lesbian, Gay,
3 Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Senior Community Grant Program
4 Act.

5 Section 2. Declaration of policy.

6 (a) Purpose of program.--The purpose of the LGBT Senior
7 Community Grant Program is to facilitate the social, emotional
8 and physical well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and
9 transgender seniors in this Commonwealth by the establishment
10 of, and support for, community-based services, programs and
11 activities that support LGBT seniors and the LGBT community.

12 (b) Use of grants.--By establishment of the LGBT Senior
13 Community Grant Program, the General Assembly intends that
14 grants provided under this act be used to support a not-for-
15 profit organization, county government or municipal government
16 for community-based services, programs and activities conducive
17 to the achievement of these goals as well as other purposes.

18 Section 3. Definitions.

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

22 "Department." The Department of Aging of the Commonwealth.

23 "Program." The LGBT Senior Community Grant Program
24 established under this act.

25 Section 4. Establishment.

26 There is established in the department a program to be known
27 as the LGBT Senior Community Grant Program. The purpose of the
28 program shall be to provide annual grants to eligible not-for-
29 profit organizations, county governments or municipal
30 governments for community-based services, programs and

1 activities that support LGBT seniors and the LGBT community.

2 Section 5. Applications.

3 (a) Development and availability.--Grant application forms
4 shall be developed by the department and be made available on
5 the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

6 (b) Compliance.--The department shall verify in writing on
7 each grant application that the application complies with all
8 the requirements under section 6.

9 Section 6. Requirements.

10 Grants shall be awarded by the department to eligible not-
11 for-profit organizations, county governments or municipal
12 governments which have been approved by the department. Grants
13 shall be given for any and all of the following purposes:

14 (1) Health care services for LGBT seniors.

15 (2) Cultural competency training for health care
16 providers, social service providers and other members of the
17 community to include discussion of issues related to LGBT
18 seniors.

19 (3) Social activities and outreach programs for LGBT
20 seniors.

21 (4) Computer and job training for LGBT seniors.

22 (5) Any other related services that support LGBT seniors
23 and the LGBT community, or have a sizeable number of LGBT
24 seniors as members.

25 Section 7. Restriction.

26 The LGBT Senior Community Grant may not be used for the
27 capital needs of a not-for-profit organization, county
28 government or municipal government.

29 Section 8. Powers and duties of department.

30 The powers and duties of the department shall be:

1 (1) To accept grants from the Federal Government and any
2 other government or individual or agency for use in the
3 program.

4 (2) To promulgate rules, regulations and directives the
5 department deems necessary to carry out the provisions of
6 this act.

7 Section 9. Awarding of grants.

8 (a) General rule.--The department shall award grants to
9 eligible not-for-profit organizations, county governments or
10 municipal governments which have been approved by the department
11 for the purposes of this act.

12 (b) Amount.--Grant amounts may not exceed a maximum of
13 \$50,000 for each not-for-profit organization, county government
14 or municipal government approved under this act.

15 Section 10. Funding.

16 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding sections 301, 303 and 311
17 of the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the
18 State Lottery Law, funding for the program shall be an eligible
19 use for money in the State Lottery Fund.

20 (b) Appropriation.--For fiscal year 2017-2018, and each
21 fiscal year thereafter, the sum of \$500,000 shall be
22 appropriated from the State Lottery Fund to the department for
23 the LGBT Senior Community Grant Program.

24 Section 11. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect in 60 days.