AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled "An act relating to the finances of the State government; providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint Underwriting Association, for entertainment business financial management firms, for private dam financial assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth, authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every department, board, commission, and officer of the State government, every political subdivision of the State, and
certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
Commonwealth," providing for small business grant program,
imposing duties on the Department of Community and Economic
Development; and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known
as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE I-B
SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

Section 101-B. Definitions.

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

"Department." The Department of Community and Economic
Development of the Commonwealth.

"REGIONAL NETWORK." A DEPARTMENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SERVICE PROVIDER, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AND SMALL
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.

"Small business." An A RETAIL OR PERSONAL SERVICE employer
within this Commonwealth:

(1) whose gross annual receipts for the prior fiscal
year did not exceed $3,000,000; and $1,500,000; OR

(2) that employs no more than 30 full-time employees.

Section 102-B. Grants and funding.

(a) Purpose.--The department shall provide grants in
accordance with this article to REGIONAL NETWORKS FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING AND FUNDING A REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS

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GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO WHICH GRANTS WILL BE PROVIDED TO small
businesses that are adversely affected financially due to the
coronavirus pandemic and the proclamation of disaster emergency
issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published in 50 Pa.B.
1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster
emergency.

(B) REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM.--REGIONAL
NETWORKS AWARDED A GRANT UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL OPERATE THEIR
REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 107-B.

(b) (C) Amount.--Subject to the availability of State money,
a grant FROM A REGIONAL NETWORK to a small business under this
section shall not exceed $15,000.

Section 103-B. Application form.

(a) Development of forms.--The department shall develop a
REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS grant application form for small
businesses to apply TO REGIONAL NETWORKS for a grant under this
article.

(b) Contents of form.--At a minimum, the REGIONAL SMALL
BUSINESS grant application form shall contain the following
information:

1. The name, address and contact information of the
   small business.

2. The amount of grant money requested.

3. The proposed use for the grant money requested.

4. The financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic and
   the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor
   on March 6, 2020, published in 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21,
   2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency, on
   the small business.
(5) Any other information that the department deems necessary and appropriate.

Section 104-B. Public notice.
The department shall provide information regarding the availability and award of grant money on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

Section 105-B. Award of grants.
(a) Criteria.--After review of the information specified under section 103-B and within 20 days of the submission of the grant application, the department REGIONAL NETWORK shall determine whether to award grant money to the small business and, if so, the amount of the grant money awarded.

(b) Considerations.--In awarding grant money to a small business, the department REGIONAL NETWORK:

(1) Shall consider the geographic and demographic diversity of the small businesses applying for the grant money.

(2) Shall consider how the small business and other persons would be served through the award of the grant to the small business.

(3) May require documentation of gross annual receipts and employee information for the small business.

(c) Notice.--

(1) The department REGIONAL NETWORK shall provide written notice to the small business of the award or denial of the grant money.

(2) Notice of the award of grant money shall include the amount of the grant money awarded and any conditions or restrictions on the use of the grant money.

(3) Notice of the denial of all or part of the grant
money requested shall include the reasons for the full or partial denial.

(4) THE REGIONAL NETWORK SHALL PROVIDE COPIES OF ALL NOTICES TO THE DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY ARE PROVIDED TO THE SMALL BUSINESSES AND SHALL PROVIDE OTHER DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION AND DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY UPON REQUEST.

Section 106-B. Reports.

(a) Preparation.--By September 30, 2020, or 60 days after the expiration of this article, whichever occurs later, the department shall prepare a report that lists each REGIONAL NETWORK AND small business that received grant money under this article and a summary of the information specified under section 103-B(b).

(b) Publication.--The report under this section shall be posted on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

Section 107-B. Guidelines.

The department may promulgate guidelines for the implementation and administration of this article.

Section 108-B. Appropriation.

The sum of $50,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the department to carry out the provisions of ADMINISTER AND FUND THE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED BY this article.

Section 109-B. Expiration.

This article shall expire on September 30, 2020, or 30 days after the termination of the declaration of disaster emergency under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general authority of Governor), whichever occurs later.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.