
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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COMITTA, SCHWANK, CAPPELLETTI AND COSTA, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

REFERRED TO URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled
2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
3 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for
4 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint
5 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business
6 financial management firms, for private dam financial
7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for
8 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,
9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the
10 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property
11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
12 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,
13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds
14 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the
15 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the
16 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the
17 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the
18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and
19 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
31 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
32 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
33 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
34 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the

1 Commonwealth," in American Rescue Plan Rental and Utility
2 Assistance Grant Program, providing for additional funding.

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

5 Section 1. Article I-E of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343,
6 No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a
7 section to read:

8 Section 106-E. Additional funding.

9 Notwithstanding a provision of this act to the contrary, the
10 sum of \$500,000,000 shall be transferred from the COVID-19
11 Response Restricted Account to the department to be distributed
12 to counties as follows:

13 (1) No later than 30 calendar days after the effective
14 date of this section, each county shall certify to the
15 department, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the
16 department, the total number of applications to participate
17 in the program that the county has received, as of the
18 effective date of this section, for which the county does not
19 have sufficient funds directly from the following sources to
20 provide assistance:

21 (i) the Federal Government under the Consolidated
22 Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, 134 Stat.
23 1182) or the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law
24 117-2, 135 Stat. 4); and

25 (ii) the department under Article I-D and this
26 article.

27 (2) If a county certifies that it does not have
28 sufficient funds under paragraph (1), the county
29 certification shall include an estimate of the number of
30 applications for which the county does not have sufficient
31 funds to provide assistance and an estimate of the total

1 amount of funds necessary to provide assistance to those
2 applications. The estimate of the total amount of funds
3 necessary to provide assistance to those applications shall
4 be determined by multiplying the number of applications which
5 the county has certified under paragraph (1) by the average
6 amount of assistance provided per funded application in the
7 county. If a county does not certify within the time frame
8 described under this section, the county shall be ineligible
9 to receive additional funding under this section.

10 (3) No later than 30 calendar days after receipt of the
11 certification from counties under paragraph (1), the
12 department shall distribute funds received under this section
13 to the counties that have certified a need for additional
14 funding. The certification from the county shall be used by
15 the department to determine the total amount requested by the
16 county. To the extent possible, the department shall provide
17 funds to the counties that are unable to provide assistance
18 to at least 25% of their outstanding applications that have
19 been determined otherwise eligible for a payment as of the
20 date of the county's certification under paragraph (1). If
21 the total amount of funds requested from counties exceeds the
22 total amount of funds available, the department shall
23 distribute the funding under this section on a pro rata
24 basis.

25 (4) The department shall require counties that receive
26 funds under this section to submit a quarterly report on the
27 amount of funds spent and, if any, remaining funds. The
28 report shall be in a form and manner determined by the
29 department, and, to the extent possible, the department shall
30 ensure that the reporting requirements align with reporting

1 requirements under Article I-D or this article.

2 (5) Distribution of the funds under this section shall
3 be expedited and occur no later than 90 days after the
4 effective date of this section. The funds remaining after
5 June 30, 2023, shall lapse and be deposited into the COVID-19
6 Response Restricted Account.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.