THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY KEARNEY, HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, STREET, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, FARNSE, TARTAGLIONE, MUTH, COSTA, A. WILLIAMS AND IOVINO, JULY 13, 2020

REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS, JULY 13, 2020

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

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

SUBARTICLE D.1

COVID-19 NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Section 139.1-C. Definitions.

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


Section 139.2-C. Construction with General Appropriation Act of 2019.

Any appropriations under this subarticle shall be in addition to any appropriation under the act of June 28, 2019 (P.L.839, No.1A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2019, and the act of May 29, 2020 (P.L. , No.2A), known as the COVID-19 Emergency Supplement to the General Appropriation Act of 2019.

Section 139.3-C. Appropriations from account.

From the Federal amounts appropriated from the account to the Department of Community and Economic Development for the current fiscal year for COVID Relief - Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program, $100,000,000 is appropriated for the Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program established under section 139.5-C(a).

Section 139.4-C. Continuing appropriations.

The appropriations under this subarticle shall be continuing.
appropriations and shall not automatically lapse as of the close
the current fiscal year.

Section 139.5-C. Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program.

(a) Program establishment.--The authority shall establish
the COVID-19 Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program.

(b) Transfer of funds.--From money appropriated to the
Department of Community and Economic Development for COVID
Relief - Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program, $100,000,000 shall
be transferred to the authority and shall be used to make grants
under the program.

(c) Purpose of program.--The program shall receive
applications and award grants to nonprofit organizations in
accordance with this section.

(d) Application.--The authority shall develop an application
for nonprofit organizations to apply for grants under the
program within 30 days of the effective date of this section.
The application shall require an applicant to provide proof of
the applicant's status as a nonprofit organization. The
application shall be made available and posted on the
authority's publicly accessible Internet website and be in a
form that can be completed electronically or via United States
mail.

(e) Deadline.--No application for a grant under the program
may be submitted after September 30, 2020.

(f) Guidelines.--The authority shall establish program
guidelines for nonprofit organizations, submit the guidelines
to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
Pennsylvania Bulletin and post the guidelines on the authority's
publicly accessible Internet website.

(g) Limitations.--The following shall apply to grants under
the program:

(1) No grant may be awarded in excess of $50,000.

(2) Grants shall only be used for costs associated with losses relating directly to COVID-19 that occurred between March 6, 2020, and September 30, 2020.

(3) No grant may be awarded to a nonprofit organization that has received funding for losses relating directly to COVID-19 from the Commonwealth.

(h) Award of grants.--The authority shall award grants and make grant payments under the program no later than November 30, 2020.

(i) Commonwealth Documents Law.--This section shall not be subject to the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law.

(j) Expiration.--This section shall expire once all funds transferred to the authority under subsection (b) have been exhausted or December 1, 2020, whichever occurs first.

(k) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Authority." The Commonwealth Financing Authority.

"Nonprofit organization." A corporation or other entity based in this Commonwealth which is an exempt organization as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)).

"Program." The Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program established under subsection (a).

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.