



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2435

PRINTERS NO. 3674

PRIME SPONSOR: Kosierowski

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 2435, Printer's Number 3674, establishes the Food Establishment Pandemic Disease Remediation Cost Reimbursement Grant Program under the Department of Agriculture.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 3 (Agriculture) to provide for the Food Establishment Pandemic Disease Remediation Cost Reimbursement Grant Program with the Agriculture Secretary establishing the standards and requirements for the program to determine what pandemic disease remediation costs would be eligible for reimbursement under the program.

Food establishments interested in receiving reimbursement for any pandemic disease remediation costs shall submit a grant application on a form provided or approved by the department. The department may require that all applications be submitted online and provide identifying information about the establishment and a detailed statement of the pandemic disease remediation cost including invoices related to purchased items.

Grants shall be offered in a fiscal year which funding is made available to the department and it shall be under no obligation to provide grants if funding is unavailable. Grant money may be prorated or offered as a percentage of actual costs, as determined by the department, to distribute available money to more recipients.

Grant funds shall only be used to reimburse an eligible pandemic disease remediation cost, or a portion of that cost, incurred during the fiscal year. The reimbursement shall not exceed the lesser of 50% of the eligible cost or a lower amount consistent with published standards and requirements. Grant money also may not be used to reimburse any portion of the eligible remediation cost which is being paid or reimbursed under another Federal or State grant program.

The department shall use money as appropriated by the General Assembly for remediation grants. The department may also use any other money made available for this grant program by Federal appropriation, State appropriation, donation or from any other source.

The bill also provides for additional definitions related to this grant program including: eligible pandemic disease remediation cost; food establishment; Food Safety Act; pandemic disease; pandemic disease remediation cost; person; personal protective equipment; and program.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no immediate fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. As stated in the bill, the department would use money for this grant program if it would be subsequently appropriated by the General Assembly. The department may also use any other money made available for the grant program by Federal appropriation, donation or from any other source.

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