

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1314

PRINTER NO. 1934

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

COVID-19 Response Restricted Account

DATE INTRODUCED

September 8, 2020

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator J. Ward

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1314 amends the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), as amended, and known as the Fiscal Code, to create the Nonprofit Economic Emergency Delivery Systems Grants Programs.

The bill requires the Department of Community and Economic Development to transfer the funding to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (authority), which shall establish the program as a statewide competitive grant program.

The bill requires the authority to develop an application within 30 days of the effective date of the legislation. The applications must be submitted before September 30, 2020. The grant payments are to be made no later than November 30, 2020.

An eligible community-based nonprofit organization must be one of the following:

- Child-care centers, early childhood learning centers and after-school programs;
- Community-based, federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics;
- Substance abuse treatment facilities;
- Domestic violence centers;
- Organizations operating transportation and food distribution systems;
- Employment and workforce training and educational centers;
- Alternative learning and career training institutions;
- Organizations serving intellectual or developmental disabilities;
- Early intervention service providers;
- Mental health and substance abuse counseling; and
- Food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens.

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An eligible community-based nonprofit organization must provide one or more of the following services:

- Child care;
- Education and safety net services for vulnerable youth, including child welfare, youth development programs and crisis intervention;
- Homelessness and housing insecurity assistance services, including mortgage and rent relief, emergency quarantine housing, transitional housing, rapid rehousing and warming shelters;
- Mental health treatment programs and substance abuse counseling services;
- Facility and home-based or community-based services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;
- Early intervention services;
- Medical treatment for chronic conditions;
- Procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment and testing;
- Employment readiness, including career readiness, placement and retraining programs; and
- Procurement, distribution or transportation of food.

Senate Bill 1314 limits the grants to not exceed \$500,000 to an eligible community-based nonprofit organization.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 1314 provides for the distribution of \$200 million appropriated from the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account to the Department of Community and Economic Development for the Nonprofit Economic Emergency Delivery Systems Grants Programs.

All federal funding provided is a one-time payment for costs related to the COVID-19 outbreak.