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," in emergency COVID-19 response, providing for
Nonprofit Economic Emergency Delivery System Grants Program.

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 a section to read:

Section 134-C. Nonprofit Economic Emergency Delivery System
Grants Program.

(a) Use of funds.--From money appropriated for the program,
$200,000,000 shall be transferred to the authority and shall be
used to make grants under this subarticle.

(b) Establishment of program.--The authority shall establish
the program as a Statewide competitive grant program.

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

(d) Application.--The authority shall develop an application
for eligible community-based nonprofit organizations to apply
for grants under this section within 30 days of the effective
date of this section. The application shall be made available
and posted on the authority's publicly accessible Internet
website and shall be in a form that can be completed
electronically or through the United States mail.

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

(f) Guidelines.--The authority shall establish guidelines
that are consistent with the provisions of this section within
30 days of the effective date of this section. The guidelines
shall be:
(1) Submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication as a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

(2) Posted on the authority's publicly accessible Internet website.

(g) Program requirements.--

(1) An eligible community-based nonprofit organization must be one of the following categories:

(i) Child-care centers, early childhood learning centers and after-out-of-school programs.

(ii) Community-based, federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

(iii) Substance abuse treatment facilities.

(iv) Domestic violence centers.

(v) Organizations operating transportation and food distribution systems.

(vi) Employment and workforce training and educational centers.

(vii) Alternative learning and career training institutions.

(viii) Organizations serving intellectual or developmental disabilities.

(ix) Early intervention service providers.

(x) Mental health and substance abuse counseling.

(xi) Food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens.

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

(i) Child care.

(ii) Education and safety net services for vulnerable youth, including child welfare, youth development programs and crisis intervention.
(iii) Homelessness and housing insecurity assistance services, including mortgage and rent relief, emergency quarantine housing, transitional housing, rapid rehousing and warming shelters.

(iv) Mental health treatment programs and substance abuse counseling services.

(v) Facility and home-based or community-based services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

(vi) Early intervention services.

(vii) Medical treatment for chronic conditions.

(viii) Procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment and testing.

(ix) Employment readiness, including career readiness, placement and retraining programs.

(x) Procurement, distribution or transportation of food.

(3) An eligible community-based nonprofit organization that has already received public funding during the COVID-19 pandemic must explain in its application why additional funding is necessary above and beyond the public funding already received.

(h) Grant limits.--The authority may award a grant to an eligible community-based nonprofit organization not to exceed $500,000.

(i) Award of grants.--The authority shall award grants and make grant payments under this section no later than November 30, 2020.

(j) Expiration.--This section shall expire after the money transferred to the authority under subsection (a) has 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.

"Eligible community-based nonprofit organization." A tax-
exempt 501(c)(3) institution that meets the criteria for grants
under subsection (g) and that was subject to financial strain
due to closure, increased service delivery or a loss of revenue
as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the proclamation of
disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020,
published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of
the state of disaster emergency.

"Program." The Nonprofit Economic Emergency Delivery System
(NEEDS) Grants Program established under this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.