

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, MAY 2, 1988

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## AN ACT

1 Providing matching grants to public or private regional entities  
2 to promote exports; and making an appropriation.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Export  
7 Development Matching Grant Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

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

12 "Department." The Department of Commerce of the Commonwealth  
13 of Pennsylvania.

14 "Program." The Export Development Matching Grant Program.

15 Section 3. Export Development Matching Grant Program.

16 The Export Development Matching Grant Program is hereby

1 established in the Department of Commerce to encourage and  
2 facilitate regional export development programs and expertise,  
3 consistent with State efforts, in order to promote exports by  
4 awarding matching grants to qualified public or private regional  
5 entities. The department shall develop ~~guidelines~~ REGULATIONS to <—  
6 implement the program.

7 Section 4. Qualifying export development activities.

8 Qualifying export development activities include, but are not  
9 limited to:

- 10 (1) Making studies, surveys and investigations.
- 11 (2) Traveling trade show displays.
- 12 (3) Printing costs.
- 13 (4) Consultant fees.
- 14 (5) Other similar activities approved by the department  
15 to promote regional trade.

16 Section 5. Grants.

17 (a) State share.--The State grant shall not exceed \$20,000  
18 or one-half of the eligible cost of the project, whichever is  
19 less.

20 (b) Local share.--The local share of the project shall not  
21 be less than one-half of the eligible cost. Local entity  
22 matching funds may include ~~revenue sharing funds~~, Federal funds <—  
23 and local appropriations available to the grantees.

24 Section 6. Local entities.

25 (a) Eligible grantees.--Eligible grantees shall include, but  
26 not be limited to:

- 27 (1) Public entities, such as economic development  
28 districts, local development districts, industrial  
29 development authorities and councils of government.
- 30 (2) Private entities, such as commercial or industrial

development corporations, credit development corporations and chambers of commerce.

(b) Regional cooperation encouraged.--To encourage regional cooperation, local entities from two or more counties which join in applying for a grant will receive priority funding.

#### Section 7. Limitations.

(a) Continuing projects.--A grantee shall not utilize program moneys for a continuing project such as overseas trade representation.

(b) Annual limit.--No local or regional entity may receive more than one grant per State fiscal year.

#### Section 8. Reports.

Each grantee shall provide the department with a final report which describes the progress made in fulfilling the purpose of the grant, an evaluation of the impact of the work performed and a financial report detailing all expenditures relating to the grant and the local matching fund, and which lists the sources of all local matching funds.

#### Section 9. Appropriation.

The sum of \$100,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Commerce to fund grants under this act.

#### Section 10. Effective date.

This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~ JULY 1, 1988.

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