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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JULY 1, 1987

AN ACT

1 Providing for the allocation, administration and use of Federal
2 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds.

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

5 Section 1. Declaration of purpose.

6 The purpose of this act is to provide for the allocation,
7 administration and use of Federal Small Cities Community
8 Development Block Grant funds provided to the Commonwealth
9 pursuant to Title I of the Federal Housing and Community
10 Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383, 42 U.S.C. § 5301).

11 Section 2. Short title.

12 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
13 Community Development Block Grant Program.

14 Section 3. Definitions.

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

1 "Department." The Department of Community Affairs of the
2 Commonwealth.

3 "Eligible applicants." Those counties which, at the time of
4 application for funds allocated under this act, are not eligible
5 as urban counties as defined by section 102(a)(6) of the Housing
6 and Community Development Act and those cities, boroughs,
7 incorporated towns and townships which, at the time of
8 application for funds allocated under this act, are not eligible
9 as metropolitan cities as defined by section 102(a)(4) of the
10 Housing and Community Development Act, and which are not
11 participating in the Federal Community Development Block Grant
12 Program of an urban county. Counties may apply only on behalf of
13 eligible municipalities within their jurisdictions for projects
14 directly benefiting, and located entirely within, said
15 municipalities. In addition, no applicant shall be eligible to
16 apply for funds allocated under this act if the applicant is
17 undertaking a project previously funded hereunder, which project
18 is less than 50% complete in terms of funds expended at the time
19 of application.

20 "Housing and Community Development Act." Title I of the
21 Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public
22 Law 93-383, 42 U.S.C. § 5301), as amended.

23 Section 4. Allocation of funds.

24 The funds which the Commonwealth receives pursuant to the
25 Housing and Community Development Act shall be allocated by the
26 department in accordance with the following formula:

27 (1) An amount up to 2% of the funds may be used by the
28 department for administrative costs.

29 (2) The balance of the funds which remain after
30 subtracting the administrative costs of the department shall

1 be used by the department to fund community development
2 projects of eligible applicants.

3 Section 5. Administration of funds.

4 The department shall award funds for community development
5 projects based upon a competitive selection process to be
6 developed by the department. Each project so funded must be
7 designed to stand alone without any commitment of future Federal
8 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds.

9 Section 6. Use of funds.

10 The funds which are awarded by the department shall be used
11 to fund community development projects which are comprised of
12 eligible activities permitted in accordance with the Housing and
13 Community Development Act and which are determined to be
14 consistent with the community development priorities of the
15 Commonwealth as established by the department.

16 Section 7. Regulations.

17 The department shall, within 90 days of the effective date of
18 this act, submit for review, pursuant to section 5(a) of the act
19 of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory
20 Review Act, notice of proposed rulemaking for regulations to
21 implement the provisions of this act. The regulations shall
22 include the community development priorities established by the
23 department and the specific competitive factors which will be
24 used by the department in selecting and funding applications.

25 Section 8. Applicability.

26 This act shall apply to the distribution of Federal Small
27 Cities Community Development Block Grant funds which are or will
28 become available to the Commonwealth beginning in Federal fiscal
29 year 1988 and thereafter.

30 Section 9. Repeals.

1 All of the provisions of the act of October 11, 1984
2 (P.L.906, No.179), known as the Community Development Block
3 Grant Entitlement Program for Nonurban Counties and Certain
4 Other Municipalities, pertaining to funds to be allocated in
5 Federal fiscal year 1988 and thereafter are hereby repealed.
6 Section 10. Effective date.
7 This act shall take effect immediately.