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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Pennsylvania  
3 Emergency Grant Program; and making an appropriation.

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

6 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 7321. Pennsylvania Emergency Grant Program.

9 (a) Creation.--There is hereby created within the  
10 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency the Pennsylvania  
11 Emergency Grant Program which shall provide grants to eligible  
12 applicants for the purpose of recovering costs incurred during  
13 dramatic rescue operations.

14 (b) Payment of grants.--The agency shall review annually,  
15 all applications received, on a form and in a manner prescribed  
16 by the agency, under this section and make grants to municipal  
17 police and fire departments, volunteer fire companies and other  
18 eligible emergency service providers, as determined by the

1 agency, for recovery of eligible costs incurred during dramatic  
2 rescue operations.

3 (c) Eligibility criteria.--Only costs incurred by eligible  
4 applicants during dramatic rescue operations are eligible for  
5 recovery through the program. Eligible costs, which shall be  
6 determined by the agency, shall include, but not be limited to,  
7 overtime pay for permanent full-time and other full-time  
8 employees or members, disposable materials and supplies consumed  
9 and expended during a dramatic rescue operation and repair costs  
10 for equipment damaged during a dramatic rescue operation.

11 (d) Grant limitations.--The amount of each PEN Grant awarded  
12 shall be determined by the agency, based on need, but shall not  
13 exceed 50% of the eligible costs borne by the grantee during a  
14 dramatic rescue operation.

15 (e) Fund.--There is hereby established a nonlapsing  
16 restricted receipts account in the State Treasury to be known as  
17 the Pennsylvania Emergency Grant Fund. The fund shall consist of  
18 moneys appropriated by the General Assembly and additional  
19 moneys appropriated annually to the Pennsylvania Emergency  
20 Management Agency for the purpose of administering this section.

21 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
22 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
23 subsection:

24 "Dramatic rescue operation." An operation involving one or  
25 more municipal police or fire departments, volunteer fire  
26 companies or other emergency services providers in which one or  
27 more persons is rescued.

28 "PEN Grant." A grant provided through the Pennsylvania  
29 Emergency Grant Program.

30 "Program." The Pennsylvania Emergency Grant Program.

1       Section 2.   The sum of \$1,000,000, or as much thereof as may  
2   be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania  
3   Emergency Management Agency for the fiscal year July 1, 1993, to  
4   June 30, 1994, to carry out the provisions of this act.

5       Section 3.   This act shall take effect in 60 days.