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AN ACT

1 Establishing a procedure for the award of community  
2 revitalization program grants.

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 Community  
7 Revitalization Program 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 Community and Economic  
13 Development of the Commonwealth.

14 "Program." The Community Revitalization Program or any other  
15 program administered by the Department of Community and Economic  
16 Development that has as its purpose the awarding of grants to  
17 municipalities, other State or local government entities or

1 instrumentalities, or non-government entities that provide goods  
2 or services to communities in this Commonwealth, for the purpose  
3 of community revitalization.

4 Section 3. Program grant procedure.

5 (a) Grants authorized.--The department shall award grants  
6 under the program in accordance with this act.

7 (b) Applications required.--No entity shall be deemed  
8 eligible for or receive a program grant by the department unless  
9 the entity:

10 (1) Submits a written application to the department, on  
11 a form prescribed by the department.

12 (2) Demonstrates a financial need for the grant.

13 (3) Demonstrates the effectiveness of the proposed grant  
14 in achieving community revitalization.

15 (c) Public records.--All applications submitted to the  
16 department and all awards of grants made by the department shall  
17 be a matter of public record and shall be available for review  
18 and copying by any person.

19 (d) Allocation of grants.--

20 (1) In awarding program grants, the department and all  
21 awards of grants made by the department shall annually  
22 allocate an equal amount of moneys, from funds appropriated  
23 or made available to the department for the program, to each  
24 legislative district of the Senate and the House of  
25 Representatives.

26 (2) If the department determines that there are  
27 legislative districts in which no entities that submitted  
28 completed applications are eligible for a program grant in a  
29 given year, the amount of moneys allocated to those  
30 legislative districts shall be allocated equally to all other

1 legislative districts for which grants are to be awarded in  
2 that year.

3 (e) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate  
4 regulations to prescribe the manner in which program grants  
5 shall be awarded and the criteria by which the department shall  
6 determine need and effectiveness for a program grant.

7 Section 4. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect in 60 days.