
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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FEBRUARY 13, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 23, 2002 (P.L.298, No.39), entitled
2 "An act providing for a commercial downtown enhancement
3 program to be administered by the Department of Community and
4 Economic Development," further providing for the duration of
5 grants.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 3(b) of the act of April 23, 2002
9 (P.L.298, No.39), known as the Main Street Act, amended October
10 9, 2008 (P.L.1361, No.99), is amended to read:

11 Section 3. Program.

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13 (b) Requirements.--The program shall at a minimum include
14 the following components:

15 (1) Basic grants, for up to five years, and, upon
16 approval by the department, an additional period of up to
17 five years for administrative costs associated with the

1 hiring of a manager.

2 (2) Downtown reinvestment grants for infrastructure and
3 structural improvements within the established commercial
4 downtown, including streets, streetlights, trees, housing,
5 commercial and residential facades and sidewalks or other
6 pedestrian-oriented features.

7 (3) Plans for marketing and promoting the established
8 commercial downtown within the Main Street area.

9 (3.1) Plans for marketing and promoting residential
10 opportunities within the Main Street area.

11 (4) Plans to leverage additional private and public
12 investment in the Main Street area.

13 (5) Plans to address social or economic concerns within
14 the Main Street area.

15 (6) Plans, to the greatest extent possible, to achieve
16 consistency with existing revitalization efforts.

17 (7) An assessment of the potential need for the
18 following components:

19 (i) The establishment of a neighborhood improvement
20 district as defined in the act of December 20, 2000
21 (P.L.949, No.130), known as the Neighborhood Improvement
22 District Act.

23 (ii) A review of local comprehensive plans and
24 zoning and other land use ordinances to foster the
25 viability of the Main Street area.

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27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.