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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
MAY 29, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for grant programs.

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

5 Section 1. Title 3 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
6 is amended by adding a part to read:

7 PART IX

8 GRANT PROGRAMS

9 Chapter

10 101. (Reserved)

11 103. Agricultural and Youth Development

12 CHAPTER 101

13 (Reserved)

14 CHAPTER 103

15 AGRICULTURE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

16 Sec.

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- 8 § 10301. Definitions.

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

12 "Agriculture and youth organization." An organization
13 composed mainly of youth and organized to promote development in
14 the areas of agriculture, community leadership, vocational
15 training and peer fellowship. The term includes, but is not
16 limited to, Pennsylvania FFA, 4-H, Ag in the Classroom, the
17 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and vocational
18 education programs.

19 "Board." The State Agriculture and Youth Development Board.

20 "Program." The Agriculture and Youth Organization Grant
21 Program.

22 § 10302. Board membership.

23 The board shall consist of the following members, with a
24 majority of members constituting a quorum:

25 (1) The secretary or a designee, who shall serve as
26 chairperson.

27 (2) The Secretary of Education or a designee.

28 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
29 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Senate or a
30 designee and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the

1 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the House of
2 Representatives or a designee.

3 (4) One representative from the Pennsylvania Association
4 of Agriculture Educators and one from the Penn State
5 Cooperative Extension, both of whom shall be appointed by the
6 Governor.

7 (5) The Statewide president of the Pennsylvania FFA.

8 (6) The 4-H Statewide Council President.

9 (7) Up to three representatives, each from a different
10 Pennsylvania farm or rural organization having a youth
11 program, whom shall be appointed by the secretary.

12 (8) A representative of an urban agriculture community
13 program.

14 (9) A youth representative of an urban garden operation
15 or another urban agriculture operation.

16 § 10303. Agriculture and Youth Organization Grant Program.

17 (a) Program.--The department, in consultation with the
18 board, shall establish a program of grants for agriculture and
19 youth organizations qualifying to receive grants under this
20 chapter, to be known as the Agriculture and Youth Organization
21 Grant Program.

22 (b) Purpose.--Grants awarded under this chapter may be used
23 for any of the following purposes:

24 (1) To cover the costs of special projects conducted by
25 the organization and approved by the board.

26 (2) For educational or work force development programs
27 conducted by the organization and approved by the board.

28 (3) For educational or work force development seminars
29 and field trips conducted by the organization and approved by
30 the board.

1 (4) For agricultural safety training programs conducted
2 by the organization and approved by the board.

3 (5) For certain capital projects and equipment purchases
4 approved by the board.

5 § 10304. Applications.

6 (a) Application procedure.--An agriculture and youth
7 organization may make application at the time, in the manner and
8 containing information as the department may require. The
9 department shall determine, from the information provided,
10 whether the application is eligible for consideration by the
11 board.

12 (b) Annual meeting.--The board shall meet annually to
13 recommend to the department the awarding of grants to qualifying
14 organizations.

15 (c) Other meetings.--The board shall meet at the call of the
16 chairperson to conduct business related to the award of grants.

17 § 10305. Grants.

18 (a) General rule.--The department shall make grants in an
19 amount not to exceed \$7,500 to qualifying agriculture and youth
20 organizations upon the recommendation of the board.

21 (b) Matching funds.--Grants in an amount not to exceed
22 \$25,000 shall be awarded to qualifying agriculture and youth
23 organizations selected to receive the awards for the purposes of
24 capital projects. Grants for capital projects must be matched by
25 private money in an amount equal to the State grant.

26 (c) Annual allocation.--The board shall establish annual
27 allocation limits for each fiscal year.

28 § 10306. Regulations.

29 The department shall administer the provisions of this
30 chapter and, with the approval of the board, shall prescribe and

1 adopt program policy guidelines or regulations to administer and
2 enforce this chapter. Until or unless supplanted by program
3 policy guidelines or regulations adopted under this section, the
4 program guidelines promulgated under the act of August 6, 1991
5 (P.L.326, No.33), known as the Agriculture and Rural Youth
6 Development Act, shall be the policy guidelines for the program.
7 § 10307. Appropriation.

8 (a) Specific appropriation.--The sum of \$500,000, or as much
9 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated to the department
10 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to carry out the provisions of
11 this chapter. The appropriation under this subsection shall be a
12 continuing appropriation and shall not lapse at the end of the
13 fiscal year.

14 (b) General rule.--For purposes of implementing the
15 provisions of this chapter, the department may use:

16 (1) The appropriation described in subsection (a).

17 (2) Any other money appropriated by the General Assembly
18 to the department to carry out the provisions of this
19 chapter.

20 (3) Any other money, contributions or payments which may
21 be made available to the department by the Federal Government
22 or by any public or private source.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.