

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JULY 30, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled
 2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
 3 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for
 4 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint
 5 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business
 6 financial management firms, for private dam financial
 7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for
 8 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,
 9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the
 10 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property
 11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
 12 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,
 13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds
 14 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the
 15 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the
 16 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the
 17 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the
 18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and
 19 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
 20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
 21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
 22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
 23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
 24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
 25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
 26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
 27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
 28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
 29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
 30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or

1 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
2 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
3 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
4 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
5 Commonwealth," in emergency COVID-19 response, establishing
6 the COVID-19 Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program.

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

9 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known
10 as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a section to read:

11 Section 134-C. COVID-19 Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program.

12 (a) Program establishment.--The authority shall establish
13 the COVID-19 Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program.

14 (b) Purpose of program.--The program shall receive
15 applications and award grants to nonprofit organizations in
16 accordance with this section.

17 (c) Application.--The authority shall develop an application
18 for nonprofit organizations to apply for grants under the
19 program within 30 days of the effective date of this section.
20 The application shall require an applicant to provide proof of
21 the applicant's status as a nonprofit organization. The
22 application shall be made available and posted on the
23 authority's publicly accessible Internet website and be in a
24 form that can be completed electronically or via United States
25 mail.

26 (d) Guidelines.--The authority shall establish program
27 guidelines for nonprofit organizations, submit the guidelines
28 to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
29 Pennsylvania Bulletin and post the guidelines on the authority's
30 publicly accessible Internet website.

31 (e) Limitations.--The following shall apply to grants under
32 the program:

33 (1) No grant may be awarded in excess of \$50,000.

1 (2) Grants may only be used for:

2 (i) costs associated with losses relating directly
3 to COVID-19 that occurred between March 6, 2020, and
4 September 30, 2020;

5 (ii) personal protective equipment;

6 (iii) alterations to the nonprofit organization's
7 facility made as a result of COVID-19 safety
8 requirements; or

9 (iv) any other COVID-19-related expenses approved by
10 the authority.

11 (3) No grant may be awarded to a nonprofit organization
12 that has received funding for costs under paragraph (2)
13 relating directly to COVID-19 from the Commonwealth.

14 (f) Award of grants.--The authority shall award grants and
15 make grant payments under the program no later than November 30,
16 2020.

17 (g) Appropriation.--The sum of \$100,000,000 shall be
18 transferred from the account to the authority to make grants
19 under the program.

20 (h) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
21 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
22 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

23 "Authority." The Commonwealth Financing Authority.

24 "Nonprofit organization." A corporation or other entity
25 based in this Commonwealth which is an exempt organization as
26 defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
27 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)).

28 "Program." The COVID-19 Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program
29 established under subsection (a).

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