
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, BARTOLOTTA, PITTMAN, STEFANO AND SCHWANK,
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REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, JUNE 4, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.437, No.92), entitled "An
2 act providing for grants to agricultural societies and
3 associations to develop and improve agricultural fairs;
4 establishing an advisory committee in the Department of
5 Agriculture; and making repeals," providing for COVID-19
6 Emergency Agricultural Fair Grant Program.

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

9 Section 1. The act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.437, No.92), known
10 as the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act, is amended by adding
11 a section to read:

12 Section 8.2. COVID-19 Emergency Agricultural Fair Grant
13 Program.

14 (a) Establishment.--The COVID-19 Emergency Agricultural Fair
15 Grant Program is established and shall be administered by the
16 department. Grants provided under the program shall be used to
17 assist county agricultural societies, independent agricultural
18 societies or other organizations impacted by the COVID-19
19 disaster emergency as provided under this section.

20 (b) Eligibility.--The following shall apply:

1 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, a
2 county agricultural society, independent agricultural society
3 or other organization which conducts an annual agricultural
4 fair that cancels its annual agricultural fair in the
5 calendar year beginning January 1, 2020, due to the COVID-19
6 disaster emergency, resulting in ineligibility for other
7 grants under this act, shall be eligible for a grant under
8 this section.

9 (2) If a county agricultural society, independent
10 agricultural society or other organization holds its annual
11 agricultural fair in the calendar year beginning January 1,
12 2020, it shall not be eligible for a grant under this section
13 but shall remain eligible to apply for all other grants
14 available under section 5.

15 (c) Amount.--The amount of a grant under this section shall
16 be the same amount that the eligible county agricultural
17 society, independent agricultural society or other organization
18 received in grants under section 5 for the calendar year
19 beginning on January 1, 2019.

20 (d) Application.--The application for a grant shall be in a
21 form and manner as prescribed by the department.

22 (e) Expiration of authority.--The authority of the
23 department to award grants under this section shall expire when
24 all available funds are disbursed for grants provided under the
25 program.

26 (f) Definition.--As used in this section, the following
27 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
28 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

29 "COVID-19 disaster emergency." The proclamation of disaster
30 emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at

1 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of
2 emergency.

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