

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1182 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, BARTOLOTTA, PITTMAN, STEFANO, SCHWANK AND J. WARD, JUNE 4, 2020

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, JUNE 30, 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- AND SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR CAPITAL <--  
9 IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE UNDER SECTION 5(1)(II).

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

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

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

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

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

30 "COVID-19 disaster emergency." The proclamation of disaster

1 emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at  
2 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of  
3 emergency.

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