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AN ACT

1 Establishing the LGBTQ Senior Community Grant Program;
2 conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of
3 Aging; and making an appropriation.

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15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Short title.

18 This act shall be known and may be cited as the LGBTQ Senior

1 Community Grant Program Act.

2 Section 2. Declaration of policy.

3 (a) Purpose of program.--The purpose of the LGBTQ Senior
4 Community Grant Program is to facilitate the social, emotional
5 and physical well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and
6 transgender seniors in this Commonwealth by the establishment
7 of, and support for, community-based services, programs and
8 activities that support LGBTQ seniors and the LGBTQ community.

9 (b) Use of grants.--By the establishment of the LGBTQ Senior
10 Community Grant Program, the General Assembly intends that
11 grants provided under this act be used to provide support to
12 not-for-profit organizations, county governments and municipal
13 governments for community-based services, programs and
14 activities conducive to the achievement of these goals as well
15 as other purposes.

16 Section 3. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
18 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

20 "Department." The Department of Aging of the Commonwealth.

21 "Program." The LGBTQ Senior Community Grant Program
22 established under this act.

23 Section 4. Establishment.

24 There is established in the department a program to be known
25 as the LGBTQ Senior Community Grant Program. The purpose of the
26 program shall be to provide annual grants to eligible not-for-
27 profit organizations, county governments and municipal
28 governments for community-based services, programs and
29 activities that support LGBTQ seniors and the LGBTQ community.

30 Section 5. Applications.

1 (a) Development and availability.--Grant application forms
2 shall be developed by the department and shall be made available
3 on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

4 (b) Compliance.--The department shall verify in writing on
5 each grant application that the application complies with all
6 the requirements under section 6.

7 Section 6. Award of grants.

8 (a) General rule.--The department shall award grants to
9 eligible not-for-profit organizations, county governments and
10 municipal governments which have been approved by the
11 department. Grants may be awarded for any of the following
12 purposes:

13 (1) Health care services for LGBTQ seniors.

14 (2) Cultural competency training for health care
15 providers, social service providers and other members of the
16 community to include discussion of issues related to LGBTQ
17 seniors.

18 (3) Social activities and outreach programs for LGBTQ
19 seniors.

20 (4) Computer and job training for LGBTQ seniors.

21 (5) Any other related services that support LGBTQ
22 seniors and the LGBTQ community or have a sizeable number of
23 LGBTQ seniors as members.

24 (b) Amount.--Grant amounts may not exceed a maximum of
25 \$50,000 for each not-for-profit organization, county government
26 or municipal government approved under this act.

27 Section 7. Restriction.

28 The LGBTQ Senior Community Grant Program may not be used for
29 the capital needs of a not-for-profit organization, county
30 government or municipal government.

1 Section 8. Powers and duties of department.

2 The powers and duties of the department shall be:

3 (1) To accept grants from the Federal Government and any
4 other government or individual or agency for use in the
5 program.

6 (2) To promulgate rules, regulations and directives the
7 department deems necessary to carry out the provisions of
8 this act.

9 Section 9. Funding.

10 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding sections 301, 303 and 311
11 of the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the
12 State Lottery Law, funding for the program shall be an eligible
13 use for money in the State Lottery Fund.

14 (b) Appropriation.--For fiscal year 2020-2021, and each
15 fiscal year thereafter, the sum of \$500,000 shall be
16 appropriated from the State Lottery Fund to the department for
17 the LGBTQ Senior Community Grant Program.

18 Section 10. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.