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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 31, 2024

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for Public Facilities  
3 Infrastructure Grant Program.

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

6 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

8 CHAPTER 63

9 PUBLIC FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

10 Sec.

11 6301. Definitions.

12 6302. Grant program.

13 6303. Funding.

14 6304. Plan.

15 6305. Reporting.

16 6306. Administration.

17 § 6301. Definitions.

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

4 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic  
5 Development of the Commonwealth.

6 "Eligible applicant." A municipality or local library.

7 "Grant program." The Public Facilities Infrastructure Grant  
8 Program established under section 6302 (relating to grant  
9 program).

10 "Local library." Any free, public, nonsectarian library,  
11 whether established and maintained by a municipality or by a  
12 private association, corporation or group, which serves the  
13 informational, educational and recreational needs of all the  
14 residents of the area for which the governing body is  
15 responsible.

16 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town  
17 or township or home rule municipality.

18 "Public facility." A public building, structure, facility,  
19 land or waterway used for a recreational purpose, including a  
20 playground, swimming facility, athletic field, court,  
21 maintenance building, recreational center or environmental  
22 center.

23 § 6302. Grant program.

24 (a) Establishment.--The Public Facilities Infrastructure  
25 Grant Program is established as a competitive grant program  
26 within the department.

27 (b) Use of grants.--Money awarded under the grant program  
28 shall be used for the maintenance, repair, renovation or  
29 reconstruction of a building or public facility owned by a  
30 municipality or local library.

1 (c) Department powers and duties.--The department shall:

2 (1) Within 180 days of the effective date of this  
3 paragraph, establish guidelines necessary to award grants  
4 under this chapter.

5 (2) Award grants under the grant program in accordance  
6 with this chapter to eligible applicants for uses provided  
7 under subsection (b).

8 (3) Determine the form and manner by which applicants  
9 may apply for a grant under section 6306 (relating to  
10 administration) and post the information on the department's  
11 publicly accessible Internet website.

12 (d) Compliance with Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act.--The  
13 maintenance, repair, renovation or reconstruction of a building  
14 or public facility using money awarded under the grant program  
15 shall be done in compliance with the act of August 15, 1961  
16 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage  
17 Act.

18 § 6303. Funding.

19 The General Assembly shall appropriate money to the  
20 department from the General Fund for the purpose of awarding  
21 grants under this chapter.

22 § 6304. Plan.

23 Within 90 days of the effective date of this section and each  
24 March 15 thereafter, the department shall adopt a plan which  
25 establishes the department's priorities for that year and  
26 describes the method in which grant program money will be  
27 distributed that year.

28 § 6305. Reporting.

29 The following apply:

30 (1) Within 90 days of the close of the first calendar

1 year after the effective date of this paragraph and by each  
2 July 1 thereafter, the department shall issue a report  
3 containing a financial statement, an itemized list of  
4 projects funded and a description of other expenditures in  
5 the preceding calendar year.

6 (2) The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the  
7 Auditor General, the chair and minority chair of the Local  
8 Government Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority  
9 chair of the Local Government Committee of the House of  
10 Representatives and published on the department's publicly  
11 accessible Internet website.

12 (3) The report shall be a public record.

13 § 6306. Administration.

14 (a) Applications.--An application for a grant under this  
15 chapter shall be submitted by an eligible applicant in the form  
16 and manner prescribed by the department.

17 (b) Review process.--

18 (1) The department shall review applications and make  
19 awards subject to subsection (c).

20 (2) The department shall consider the geographical  
21 distribution of money to ensure that all areas of this  
22 Commonwealth participate to the greatest extent possible.

23 (3) An eligible applicant may revise and resubmit a  
24 denied application to the department.

25 (c) Allocation.--An eligible applicant may not receive more  
26 than \$750,000 in a fiscal year.

27 (d) Limitation.--The department may only award a grant to an  
28 eligible applicant that provides matching funds equal to at  
29 least 50% of the amount awarded.

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