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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 13, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to area
3 government and intergovernmental cooperation, providing for
4 Municipal Police Enhancement Consolidation Grant Program and
5 establishing the Municipal Police Enhancement Consolidation
6 Grant Program Fund.

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

9 Section 1. Chapter 23 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

11 SUBCHAPTER D

12 MUNICIPAL POLICE ENHANCEMENT

13 CONSOLIDATION GRANT PROGRAM

14 Sec.

15 2351. Definitions.

16 2352. Establishment of program.

17 2353. Publication and notice of program.

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1 2356. Accreditation or consolidation incentives.

2 2357. Municipal Police Enhancement Consolidation Grant Program
3 Fund.

4 § 2351. Definitions.

5 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
6 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
7 context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "Application." An application submitted under section
9 2355(c) (relating to applications for grants) for a grant under
10 the program.

11 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
12 Delinquency.

13 "Consolidation." The process of consolidating two or more
14 municipal police departments under Subchapter A (relating to
15 intergovernmental cooperation) or by a contract for services.

16 "Fund." The Municipal Police Enhancement Consolidation Grant
17 Program Fund established under section 2357(a) (relating to
18 Municipal Police Enhancement Consolidation Grant Program Fund).

19 "Municipal police department." A police department that has
20 been organized and established by a municipality.

21 "Municipality." A city of the second class A, a city of the
22 third class, a borough, a township of the first class or a
23 township of the second class.

24 "Program." The Municipal Police Enhancement Consolidation
25 Grant Program established under section 2352 (relating to
26 establishment of program).

27 § 2352. Establishment of program.

28 The Municipal Police Enhancement Consolidation Grant Program
29 is established and shall be administered by the commission.
30 Grants provided under the program shall be used to improve and

1 enhance the capabilities of municipal police departments,
2 incentivize consolidation and provide training and other
3 appropriate resources to municipal police officers.

4 § 2353. Publication and notice of program.

5 The commission shall transmit notice of the availability of
6 grants under the program to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
7 publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania
8 Bulletin within 120 days from June 30, 2025, for grants under
9 the program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and by
10 August 8 for grants under the program for each fiscal year
11 thereafter.

12 § 2354. Award of grants.

13 (a) Authorization.--The commission may award grants under
14 the program to municipal police departments for any of the
15 following:

16 (1) Consolidation, including improvements to
17 infrastructure such as expanding or modifying municipal
18 police buildings for the purpose of consolidation.

19 (2) Achieving accreditation standards of the
20 International Association of Chiefs of Police.

21 (3) Training and certification of municipal police
22 officers.

23 (4) Community outreach programs.

24 (b) Additional grants.--A municipal police department with
25 no more than 10 police officers shall be eligible to receive
26 additional grants under the program in accordance with the
27 certification bonus point system under section 2356 (relating to
28 accreditation or consolidation incentives) for any of the
29 following:

30 (1) Consolidation.

1 (2) Achieving accreditation standards of the
2 International Association of Chiefs of Police.

3 (c) Grant limits.--

4 (1) A grant under the program shall be:

5 (i) Not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$100,000 per
6 municipal police department for the purpose of
7 consolidation.

8 (ii) Not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$50,000 per
9 municipal police department for the purpose of achieving
10 accreditation standards of the International Association
11 of Chiefs of Police.

12 (iii) Not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$15,000 per
13 municipal police department for the purposes of training
14 and certification of municipal police officers or for the
15 purpose of community outreach programs.

16 (2) Grants may be awarded on a pro rata basis if the
17 total dollar amount of applications submitted under section
18 2355(c) (relating to applications for grants) exceeds the
19 amount of money appropriated by the General Assembly for the
20 program.

21 § 2355. Applications for grants.

22 (a) Instructions.--Within 120 days of June 30, 2025, for
23 applications for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and by
24 September 1 for applications for each fiscal year thereafter,
25 the commission shall provide written notice of the application
26 instructions to the chief of each municipal police department or
27 the chief executive of each municipality.

28 (b) Applications.--Within 180 days of June 30, 2025, for
29 applications for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and by
30 October 1 for applications for each fiscal year thereafter, the

1 commission shall provide applications to the chief of each
2 municipal police department or the chief executive of each
3 municipality.

4 (c) Submission.--A municipal police department seeking a
5 grant under the program shall submit a completed application to
6 the commission within an application period prescribed by the
7 commission. The application period shall remain open for 60 days
8 each year.

9 (d) Approval or disapproval.--The commission shall approve
10 or disapprove an application received under subsection (c)
11 within 120 days after the close of the application period. An
12 application which has not been approved or disapproved by the
13 commission within 120 days after the close of the application
14 period shall be deemed approved.

15 § 2356. Accreditation or consolidation incentives.

16 The commission shall establish a certification bonus point
17 system to provide additional grant funding to a municipal police
18 department which has achieved accreditation or consolidation.

19 § 2357. Municipal Police Enhancement Consolidation Grant
20 Program Fund.

21 (a) Establishment.--The Municipal Police Enhancement
22 Consolidation Grant Program Fund is established as a separate
23 fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of making grants
24 under the program.

25 (b) Funding.--Grants under the program may be awarded from
26 money appropriated, allocated or otherwise made available to the
27 fund.

28 (c) Continuing appropriation.--All money deposited into the
29 fund and all interest accrued is appropriated to the commission
30 on a continuing basis for the purposes provided under this

1 section.

2 (d) Administration.--

3 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), money in the
4 fund may not be used for expenses or costs incurred by the
5 commission for the administration of the program.

6 (2) The commission may allocate no more than \$500,000 of
7 unencumbered money remaining in the fund for the
8 administrative costs of the program.

9 (e) Grant allocations.--Money in the fund shall be allocated
10 as follows:

11 (1) Twenty-five percent of the money shall be used for
12 grants to municipal police departments that have achieved
13 consolidation.

14 (2) Seventy-five percent of the money shall be used for
15 grants to municipal police departments for the following
16 purposes:

17 (i) Achieving accreditation standards of the
18 International Association of Chiefs of Police.

19 (ii) Training and certification of municipal police
20 officers.

21 (iii) Community outreach programs.

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