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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled  
 2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;  
 3 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for  
 4 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint  
 5 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business  
 6 financial management firms, for private dam financial  
 7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for  
 8 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,  
 9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the  
 10 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property  
 11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
 12 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,  
 13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds  
 14 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the  
 15 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the  
 16 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the  
 17 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the  
 18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and  
 19 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting  
 20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
 21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,  
 22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes  
 23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of  
 24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of  
 25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of  
 26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every  
 27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State  
 28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and  
 29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,  
 30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or  
 31 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws

1 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or  
2 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
3 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the  
4 Commonwealth," in emergency COVID-19 response, establishing  
5 the COVID-19 Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program.

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

8 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known  
9 as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a section to read:

10 Section 134-C. COVID-19 Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program.

11 (a) Program establishment.--The authority shall establish  
12 the COVID-19 Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program.

13 (b) Purpose of program.--The program shall receive  
14 applications and award grants to nonprofit organizations in  
15 accordance with this section.

16 (c) Application.--The authority shall develop an application  
17 for nonprofit organizations to apply for grants under the  
18 program within 30 days of the effective date of this section.  
19 The application shall require an applicant to provide proof of  
20 the applicant's status as a nonprofit organization. The  
21 application shall be made available and posted on the  
22 authority's publicly accessible Internet website and be in a  
23 form that can be completed electronically or via United States  
24 mail.

25 (d) Guidelines.--The authority shall establish program  
26 guidelines for nonprofit organizations, submit the guidelines  
27 to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the  
28 Pennsylvania Bulletin and post the guidelines on the authority's  
29 publicly accessible Internet website.

30 (e) Limitations.--The following shall apply to grants under  
31 the program:

32 (1) No grant may be awarded in excess of \$50,000.

1           (2) Grants may only be used for:

2           (i) costs associated with losses relating directly  
3 to COVID-19 that occurred between March 6, 2020, and  
4 September 30, 2021;

5           (ii) personal protective equipment;

6           (iii) alterations to the nonprofit organization's  
7 facility made as a result of COVID-19 safety  
8 requirements; or

9           (iv) any other COVID-19-related expenses approved by  
10 the authority.

11           (3) No grant may be awarded to a nonprofit organization  
12 that has received funding for costs under paragraph (2)  
13 relating directly to COVID-19 from the Commonwealth.

14           (f) Award of grants.--The authority shall award grants and  
15 make grant payments under the program no later than November 30,  
16 2020.

17           (g) Appropriation.--The sum of \$100,000,000 shall be  
18 transferred from the account to the authority to make grants  
19 under the program.

20           (h) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
21 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
22 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

23           "Authority." The Commonwealth Financing Authority.

24           "Nonprofit organization." A corporation or other entity  
25 based in this Commonwealth which is an exempt organization as  
26 defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
27 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)).

28           "Program." The COVID-19 Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program  
29 established under subsection (a).

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