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REFERRED TO AGING AND YOUTH, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the LGBTQ Senior
8 Community Grant Program Act.

9 Section 2. Declaration of policy.

10 (a) Purpose of program.--The purpose of the LGBTQ Senior
11 Community Grant Program is to facilitate the social, emotional
12 and physical well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and
13 transgender seniors in this Commonwealth by the establishment
14 of, and support for, community-based services, programs and
15 activities that support LGBTQ seniors and the LGBTQ community.

16 (b) Use of grants.--By establishing the LGBTQ Senior
17 Community Grant Program, the General Assembly intends that
18 grants provided under this act be used to provide support to

1 not-for-profit organizations, county governments and municipal
2 governments for community-based services, programs and
3 activities conducive to the achievement of these goals as well
4 as other purposes.

5 Section 3. Definitions.

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

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

10 "Program." The LGBTQ Senior Community Grant Program
11 established under this act.

12 Section 4. Establishment.

13 The LGBTQ Senior Community Grant Program is established in
14 the department. The purpose of the program shall be to provide
15 annual grants to eligible not-for-profit organizations, county
16 governments and municipal governments for community-based
17 services, programs and activities that support LGBTQ seniors and
18 the LGBTQ community.

19 Section 5. Applications.

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

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

26 Section 6. Award of grants.

27 (a) General rule.--The department shall award grants to
28 eligible not-for-profit organizations, county governments and
29 municipal governments which have been approved by the
30 department. Grants may be awarded for any of the following

1 purposes:

2 (1) Health care services for LGBTQ seniors.

3 (2) Cultural competency training for health care
4 providers, social service providers and other members of the
5 community to include discussion of issues related to LGBTQ
6 seniors.

7 (3) Social activities and outreach programs for LGBTQ
8 seniors.

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

10 (5) Any other related services that support LGBTQ
11 seniors and the LGBTQ community or have a sizeable number of
12 LGBTQ seniors as members.

13 (b) Amount.--Grant amounts may not exceed a maximum of
14 \$50,000 for each not-for-profit organization, county government
15 or municipal government approved under this act.

16 Section 7. Restriction.

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

20 Section 8. Powers and duties of department.

21 The powers and duties of the department shall be:

22 (1) To accept grants from the Federal Government and any
23 other government or individual or agency for use in the
24 program.

25 (2) To promulgate rules, regulations and directives the
26 department deems necessary to carry out the provisions of
27 this act.

28 Section 9. Funding.

29 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding sections 301, 303 and 311
30 of the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the

1 State Lottery Law, funding for the program shall be an eligible
2 use for money in the State Lottery Fund.

3 (b) Appropriation.--For fiscal year 2023-2024, and each
4 fiscal year thereafter, the sum of \$500,000 shall be
5 appropriated from the State Lottery Fund to the department for
6 the LGBTQ Senior Community Grant Program.

7 Section 10. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect in 60 days.