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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
DECEMBER 17, 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
32 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or

1 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
2 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
3 Commonwealth," providing for grant program local match
4 relief.

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

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

9 ARTICLE I-D

10 GRANT PROGRAM LOCAL MATCH RELIEF

11 Section 101-D. Community Conservation Partnership Program.

12 (a) Applicability.--This section shall apply to grants for
13 the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and for each fiscal
14 year thereafter.

15 (b) Local match exemption.--Notwithstanding any other
16 provision of law, a municipality with a median household income
17 below 80% of the median household income for this Commonwealth
18 that is receiving financial assistance from funds available to
19 the Department of Community and Economic Development for
20 Community Conservation Partnership Program grants shall not be
21 required to provide local matching funds.

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

25 "Municipality." As follows:

26 (1) Any of the following:

27 (i) A county, city, borough, incorporated town,
28 township or home rule municipality.

29 (ii) An official agency created by any of the
30 entities under subparagraph (i) under the laws of this
31 Commonwealth.

32 (2) An action taken by an official agency specified

1 under paragraph (1)(ii) shall be first approved by the entity
2 that created the official agency.

3 Section 102-D. Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program.

4 (a) Applicability.--This section shall apply to grants for
5 the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and for each fiscal
6 year thereafter.

7 (b) Local match exemption.-- Notwithstanding any other
8 provision of law, a municipality with a median household income
9 below 80% of the median household income for this Commonwealth
10 that is receiving financial assistance from funds available to
11 the Commonwealth Financing Authority for Greenways, Trails and
12 Recreation Program grants under 58 Pa.C.S. § 2315(a.1)(1)(iv)
13 (relating to Statewide initiatives) shall not be required to
14 provide local matching funds.

15 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
16 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
17 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town
19 or township.

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