

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1130

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1 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 29 and 30; pages 3 through 5, lines
2 1 through 30; page 6, lines 1 through 19; by striking out all of
3 said lines on said pages and inserting

4 Sec.

5 5901. Definitions.

6 5902. Program.

7 5903. Fund.

8 5904. Applications.

9 5905. Award of grants.

10 5906. Reports.

11 § 5901. Definitions.

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

15 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
16 Delinquency.

17 "Eligible applicant." A municipality.

18 "Fund." The Safe Communities Grant Program Fund established
19 under section 5903 (relating to fund).

20 "Municipality." A county of the first class.

21 "Program." The Safe Communities Grant Program established
22 under section 5902 (relating to program).

23 "Shot tracking technology." Technology that tracks the sound
24 of gunfire and provides the location of the shooting to police
25 officers.

26 § 5902. Program.

27 (a) Establishment.--The Safe Communities Grant Program is
28 established within the commission as a competitive program to
29 award grants to eligible applicants.

30 (b) Purpose.--The purpose of the program is to improve
31 public health and safety in this Commonwealth through the
32 installation and maintenance of shot tracking technology in and
33 around areas with a high rate of shootings, as determined by the
34 commission.

35 (c) Administration.--The commission shall administer the
36 program.

37 (d) Public notice.--The commission shall provide information

1 regarding the availability and award of grants under the program
2 on the commission's publicly accessible Internet website.

3 § 5903. Fund.

4 (a) Establishment.--The Safe Communities Grant Program Fund
5 is established in the State Treasury.

6 (b) Appropriation.--All money deposited into the fund and
7 interest earned on the money in the fund are appropriated to the
8 commission on a continuing basis to award grants under the
9 program.

10 § 5904. Applications.

11 (a) Forms.--The commission shall develop annual grant
12 application forms for eligible applicants that seek a grant
13 under the program. At a minimum, the forms shall contain the
14 following information:

15 (1) The name, address and contact information of the
16 eligible applicant that seeks the grant.

17 (2) The amount of the grant requested.

18 (3) The proposed use for the requested grant.

19 (4) If applicable, a detailed maintenance plan for any
20 shot tracking technology installed with the grant.

21 (5) Any other information that the commission deems
22 necessary and appropriate.

23 (b) Application period.--Beginning no later than 180 days
24 after the effective date of this subsection, the commission
25 shall begin accepting and processing applications for grants
26 under the program. For all subsequent years, the commission
27 shall establish an application period during which applications
28 for grants under the program are accepted.

29 § 5905. Award of grants.

30 (a) Review.--After review of the information provided under
31 each eligible applicant's submitted application, the commission
32 shall determine whether to award a grant to the eligible
33 applicant and, if so, the amount of the grant awarded.

34 (b) Allocation.--The commission may not:

35 (1) Award a grant to an eligible applicant in excess of
36 \$25,000.

37 (2) Award grants in excess of the amount in the fund.

38 (c) Competitive nature of grants.--Grants under the program
39 shall be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible applicants.
40 In awarding a grant, the commission shall:

41 (1) Give preference to an eligible applicant whose grant
42 application demonstrates the greatest likelihood of reducing
43 the number of persons victimized by gun violence in that
44 municipality and neighboring communities.

45 (2) Consider the scope of an eligible applicant's
46 proposal and the demonstrated need for additional resources
47 to effectively reduce gun violence in that municipality and
48 neighboring communities.

49 (d) Time periods.--

50 (1) The commission shall approve or deny an application
51 under the program no later than 60 days after the receipt of

1 the application.

2 (2) If the commission fails to approve or deny an
3 application under the program within 60 days after the
4 receipt of the application, the application shall be deemed
5 denied.

6 (e) Notice.--

7 (1) The commission shall provide written notice to an
8 eligible applicant of the award or denial of the grant
9 requested in the eligible applicant's application.

10 (2) Notice of the award of a grant under the program
11 shall include the amount of the grant awarded and any
12 conditions or restrictions on the use of the grant.

13 (3) Notice of the denial of all or part of a grant under
14 the program shall include the reasons for the full or partial
15 denial.

16 § 5906. Reports.

17 At least every three years, the commission shall prepare and
18 submit a report to the General Assembly regarding:

19 (1) The municipalities that received grants under the
20 program, including the amount of the grants and the intended
21 purposes of the grants.

22 (2) The number of municipalities that were denied a
23 grant, in whole or in part, and the reasons for the denial.

24 (3) The rate of gun violence in municipalities that
25 received grants under the program.