

By Mr. Keating of Sharon, petition of William R. Keating and Kenneth M. Lemanski for legislation to establish a program for financial assistance to regional and local industrial and economic promotion agencies and commissions through the Department of Commerce and Development. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL AND LOCAL INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC PROMOTION AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following section:—

3 *Section 36.* The Department is hereby directed, subject to ap-
4 propriation, to establish a program for financial assistance to those
5 public or non-profit agencies which promote industrial and eco-
6 nomic development in the Commonwealth.

7 Funds shall be granted to any public or non-profit agency which
8 has been in operation for two consecutive years prior to applica-
9 tion for funds under this section.

10 Funds shall be used to strengthen the promotional efforts of
11 industrial and economic development commissions and/or other
12 public or private agencies to attract new industrial and economic
13 development and expansion into and within the Commonwealth.

14 The amount of funds received by any one agency shall be based
15 on but not limited to the following criteria:

- 16 1. Geographical size and population served by such agency;
- 17 2. Unemployment and wage level history of the area served;
- 18 3. Amount of matching funds from non-state governmental
- 19 sources;

20 4. Assurance that the funded proposal will be in addition to the
21 work currently being done by the agency and that the agency will
22 maintain a continued effort of the funded program;

23 5. Demonstrated effectiveness of agency;

24 6. Integration of agency's industrial promotion plan with other
25 private and public agency plans.

26 No funds may be spent for travel, entertainment, salaries or
27 purchase of equipment, other than equipment used exclusively for
28 marketing purposes, under this section.

29 The Department is hereby authorized to make grants in an
30 equitable manner to qualifying agencies to assist such agencies in
31 planning and carrying out their promotional programs and pro-
32 jects; provided, that before any such grant may be made:

33 1. The agency shall have made application to the Department
34 for such grant, and shall have set forth a program proposed to be
35 undertaken for the purpose of encouraging and stimulating indus-
36 trial development and expansion. The application shall further
37 state, with evidence satisfactory to the Department, the amount of
38 non-state governmental funds held by or committed or subscribed
39 to the agency for application to the purposes herein described and
40 the amount of the grant for which application is made;

41 2. The Department, after review of the application is satisfied
42 that the program of the agency appears to be in accord with the
43 purposes of this section and shall authorize the making of a grant
44 to such agency;

45 3. The maximum received by an agency shall be no greater than
46 the amount received by that agency from non-state governmental
47 sources.

48 For the purpose of this Act, "non-state government sources"
49 shall be taken to mean private funds, federal funds and/or local
50 funds provided through real estate or other taxes at municipal or
51 county levels.

52 Any agency or organization receiving funds under this section
53 shall prepare and submit a report on the disbursement of said funds
54 at such time and in such form as the Commissioner shall specify.
55 The Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Develop-
56 ment shall establish rules, regulations and guidelines to regulate
57 and control the dispersal of funds under this section.

58 A detailed financial report audited by a certified public account-
 59 ant shall be submitted to this department within one hundred and
 60 twenty (120) days to be any agency or organization receiving funds
 61 under this section.

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