

By Mr. Slater of Chelsea, petition of John J. Slater, Jr., and another for the payment by the Commonwealth to cities and towns for certain urban renewal assistance grants. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE COMMONWEALTH TO MAKE PAYMENT OF ITS URBAN RENEWAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO A CITY OR TOWN AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE LATTER BECOMES OBLIGATED TO MAKE ITS PAYMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 121 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 26FFF, as most recently
3 amended by chapter 825 of the acts of 1967, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 26FFF.* The treasurer shall forthwith, upon notifi-
6 cation by a city or town that it has become obligated to pay
7 its share of an urban renewal project, pay to said city or town,
8 from any amount appropriated therefor, the amounts due to
9 them in accordance with the following clauses: —

10 (a) Certification may be made only of projects with respect
11 to which contracts for federal capital grants under Title I of
12 the Federal Housing Act of 1949, as amended, have been signed.

13 (b) The total land assembly and redevelopment or urban re-
14 newal assistance grant for any approved federally-aided project
15 as defined in clause (a) shall not exceed one half of the local
16 share of the contribution required from the municipality under
17 the federal capital grant contract or more than one sixth of the
18 net project cost when the municipality pays for administrative
19 planning and legal expenses as a part of the gross project cost.

20 (c) The total amount of urban renewal assistance grants to
21 be paid under the provisions of this section shall not exceed two
22 million dollars in any one fiscal year or a total of forty million
23 dollars in the aggregate.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 121 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 26HHH, as most recently amended by sec-
3 tion 3 of chapter 643 of the acts of 1962, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 26HHH.* The division of urban and industrial re-
6 newal may make advances of funds to local redevelopment
7 agencies for up to seventy-five per cent of the estimated cost of
8 surveys and plans and administrative expenses in preparation of
9 projects which may be assisted under this section, and contracts
10 for such advances of funds shall be made upon the condition
11 that such advances of funds shall be repaid out of any monies
12 which become available to such agency for the undertaking of
13 the project or projects under this section and section twenty-six
14 GGG.

15 The contracts referred to in section twenty-six GGG shall
16 provide for a state grant-in-aid equal to one half of the net
17 cost of each project as determined by the division. Any such
18 contract shall provide that no state grant-in-aid shall be made
19 until the city or town shall have appropriated the funds re-
20 quired for the entire project cost.

21 The treasurer shall forthwith, upon notification by a city or
22 town that it has become obligated to pay its share of an urban
23 renewal project, pay to the several cities and towns, from any
24 amounts appropriated therefor, the amounts due them in ac-
25 cordance with the provisions of section twenty-six GGG and of
26 the following clauses: —

27 (a) The total state grant-in-aid for any approved project shall
28 not exceed one half of the net cost of a project, including ad-
29 vances for surveys, planning and administrative expenses, with
30 respect to which a contract under the provisions of section
31 twenty-six GGG and this section has been signed.

32 (b) The total amount of urban commercial and industrial
33 renewal assistance grants to be paid under the provisions of this
34 section shall not exceed one million dollars on any one fiscal
35 year or a total of twenty million dollars in the aggregate, and,
36 within the limits of the maximums herein established, an amount
37 not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars in any one fiscal
38 year may be authorized by the division to be advanced for the
39 estimated cost of surveys, plans and administrative expenses as
40 provided in the first paragraph.