

By Mr. MacLean, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 114) of William Q. MacLean, Jr., for legislation to establish a program for financial assistance to regional and local industrial 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-Six.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL AND LOCAL INDUSTRIAL 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 sections: —

3 Section 36. The department is hereby directed, subject to
4 appropriation, to establish a program for financial assistance to
5 those public or non-profit agencies which promote industrial
6 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 efforts of industrial com-
11 missions and/or public or private agencies to attract new industrial
12 development and expansion into and within the Commonwealth.

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

- 15 1. Geographical size and population served by such agency;
- 16 2. Unemployment and wage level history of the area served;
- 17 3. Amount of matching funds from non-state governmental
- 18 sources;
- 19 4. Assurance that the funded proposal will be in addition to the

20 work currently being done by the agency and that the agency will
21 maintain a continued effort of the funded program;

22 5. Demonstrated effectiveness of agency;

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

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

28 The Department is hereby authorized to make grants to assist
29 such agencies in planning and carrying out their promotional
30 programs and projects; provided, that before any such grants may
31 be made: —

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

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

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

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

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