



Bill number: 250379

Introduced by: O'Neill

Cosponsor(s): Council President Johnson, Ahmad, Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Landau, Lozada, O'Rourke, Squilla, Thomas, and Young

Assigned committee: Parks, recreation and Cultural Affairs

Date introduced: 04/24/2025

Fiscal Note

Overview

This bill would increase the maximum funding limitation distributed to an entity from the Philadelphia Activities Fund. It is anticipated that there would be no fiscal impact on the City's General Fund resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

Legislative Summary

The Philadelphia Activities Fund administers a Recreation Assistance Program that issues grants to certain eligible community organizations. Currently, community organizations can apply for a maximum of \$9,000 in Philadelphia Activities Fund grants per fiscal year.

This legislation would raise the maximum Philadelphia Activities Fund grant amount to \$9,500 per fiscal year for eligible applicants. Applicants are required to submit a written budget request outlining specific activities and intended purchases.

Proposed Effective Date

This legislation would be effective immediately after enactment.

Fiscal Impact Analysis

Philadelphia Parks and Recreation does not anticipate any fiscal impact to the City's General Fund as a result of this legislation. Funding for the Philadelphia Activities Fund is appropriated under Parks and Recreation. The proposed legislation would increase the maximum per-fiscal year allocation for applicants, not change the overall amount that is allocated to the Fund. The administration and distribution of this funding is managed by the Philadelphia Activities Fund Board, a non-profit organization.

Legislative History

1994

Bill 877 – Enacted

On September 16, 1994, legislation was enacted to establish the Philadelphia Activities Fund, created to administer the Recreation Assistance Program grant program with disbursements up to \$5,000.

2003

Bill 030300 – Enacted

On May 1, 2003, Councilmember O'Neill with cosponsors former Councilmembers Mariano, Rizzo, Krajewski, DiCicco, Kenney, Ortiz, Miller, Cohen, Tasco, Clarke, Nutter, Reynolds Brown, Goode, Blackwell and former Council President Verna, introduced legislation to raise the maximum Philadelphia Activities Fund grant amount to \$6,500 per fiscal year for eligible applicants. This legislation was signed into law by the Mayor on July 31, 2003.

2014

Bill 140180 – Enacted

On March 13, 2014, Councilmember O'Neill with cosponsors Councilmembers Bass, Squilla, Jones, Johnson and former Councilmembers Goode, Henon, Kenney, Tasco, Oh, Blackwell, Greenlee, Quiñones Sánchez, Reynolds Brown, O'Brien and former Council President Clarke introduced legislation to raise the maximum Philadelphia Activities Fund grant amount to \$7,500 per fiscal year for eligible applicants. This legislation was signed into law by the Mayor on June 4, 2014.

2022

Bill 220972 – Enacted

On December 8, 2022, Councilmember O'Neill with cosponsors Councilmembers Gauthier, Squilla, Bass, Johnson, Driscoll, Lozada, Phillips and former Councilmembers Vaughn and Oh introduced legislation to raise the maximum Philadelphia Activities Fund grant amount to \$9,000 per fiscal year for eligible applicants. This legislation was signed into law by the Mayor on April 12, 2023.

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