

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To provide, on a temporary basis, financial assistance to nonprofit organizations based in the District of Columbia that are engaged in the provision of services to certain District residents and have an increased demand for services due to the impact of the events on and after September 11, 2001.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Safety Net Temporary Act of 2002".

Note,  
§ 44-1210

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For purposes of this act, the term:

- (1) "Available funds" means CDBG, WIA, and other federal monies.
- (2) "CDBG" means Community Development Block Grant funds.
- (3) "District" means the District of Columbia.
- (4) "Local Workforce Investment Board" means the District of Columbia Workforce Investment Board created pursuant to the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, approved October 1998 (112 Stat. 939; 29 U.S.C. § 2801, *et seq.*).
- (5) "Qualified nonprofit organization" means an entity that meets the criteria of section 3(a).
- (6) "WIA" means Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, approved October 7, 1998 (112 Stat. 939; 29 U.S.C. § 2801 *et seq.*).

Sec. 3. Qualified nonprofit organization.

- (a) To be eligible to receive grants under this act, a nonprofit organization shall:
  - (1) Be based in the District and have employees based in the District;
  - (2) Be engaged primarily in the provision of public services, including housing, food, health care, child care, job training, and transportation to District residents whose household income does not exceed 50% of the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area median income; and
  - (3) Have experienced a quantifiable increase in demand for services since September 11, 2001.

(b) The Mayor, and if required, the Local Workforce Investment Board, shall review the applications of nonprofit organizations that apply for grants under this act to ensure that they meet the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

**Sec. 4. Grants for qualified nonprofit organizations.**

(a) Grants shall be initially made after January 1, 2002.

(b) The purpose of the grants is to respond to a decline in revenue and provide for the increased demand in services set forth in section 3(a)(2).

(c) The aggregate amount of the grants made to any qualified nonprofit organization shall not exceed the lesser of \$250,000 or 10% of the annual operating budget of the qualified nonprofit organization.

(d) Nothing in this act shall be construed to create an entitlement to a grant.

**Sec. 5. Criteria for issuance of grants.**

(a) The Mayor, and if required, the Local Workforce Investment Board, shall solicit applications for grants and may issue grants to qualified nonprofit organizations based on the merits of the qualified nonprofit organization's application. Such grants shall be issued within 15 days after receipt of the application, or as soon as administratively possible. In making a decision whether to issue a grant, the Mayor, and if required, the Local Workforce Investment Board, shall consider the impact of the decline in revenues and increased demand for services since September 11, 2001, on the applicant.

(b) Qualified nonprofit organizations seeking grants shall submit to the Mayor, and if required, the Local Workforce Investment Board, as requested, sworn financial statements or other data demonstrating the declining revenues and increases in services provided since September 11, 2001.

**Sec. 6. Funding of grant program.**

(a) The Mayor, and if applicable, the Workforce Investment Board, may use available funds, as defined in section 2, without displacement of existing commitments, up to a maximum of \$10 million to fund the grants.

(b) Notwithstanding section 3 of the Community Development Act of 1975, effective December 16, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-39; D. C. Official Code § 6-1002), the Mayor shall have the authority to make modifications to the Community Development Program to implement the purposes of this act.

**Sec. 7. Reporting requirement.**

The Mayor, and if required, the Local Workforce Investment Board, shall provide to the Council by September 1, 2002, a report that includes:

(1) The nonprofit organizations that applied for grants;

- (2) The nonprofit organizations that received grants; and
- (3) The eligibility criteria set forth in section 3(a) that each grantee met.

**Sec. 8. Fiscal impact statement.**

The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

**Sec. 9. Effective date.**

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire on the 225th day after its having taking effect.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia