

No. 2008-115

AN ACT

HB 2233

Amending the act of February 9, 2004 (P.L.61, No.7), entitled "An act providing for a residential neighborhood enhancement program to be administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development; and making an allocation of appropriated funds," further providing for program requirements and for guidelines; and repealing the expiration date of the act.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 3(c) of the act of February 9, 2004 (P.L.61, No.7), known as the Elm Street Program Act, is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 3. Elm Street Program.

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(c) Program requirements.—The program shall:

(1) Provide basic grants for **[a maximum of] a period of up to five years per project and, upon approval by the department, an additional period of up to five years** for administrative costs associated with the hiring of a professional Elm Street Manager, who may serve as an assistant to the Main Street Manager if a Main Street Program exists within the municipality.

(2) Provide residential reinvestment grants for infrastructure and structural improvements, including, but not limited to, streets, street lights, trees, exteriors of buildings and sidewalks or other pedestrian-oriented features.

(3) Provide planning and development grants for:

- (i) Marketing and promoting urban residential living.
- (ii) Leveraging additional private and public investment.
- (iii) Promoting home ownership and other housing options.
- (iv) Addressing social and economic concerns including, but not limited to, crime, blight, employment opportunities and public services and amenities.

(v) Achieving consistency, whenever appropriate, with existing commercial and residential revitalization efforts.

(vi) **Promoting the development of traditional neighborhood consumer services and goods, including, but not limited to, banking institutions, grocery stores and pharmacies.**

(4) Provide an assessment of the applying municipality's need for the following:

(i) The establishment of a neighborhood improvement district as defined in the act of December 20, 2000 (P.L.949, No.130), known as the Neighborhood Improvement District Act.

(ii) A review of local comprehensive plans and zoning and other land use ordinances to foster the viability of established residential neighborhoods, with a balanced mix of commercial, civic, employment and residential uses, with particular attention to a diversity of housing options.

(iii) A review of educational and recreational opportunities and facilities.

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(i) Guidelines.—The department shall adopt guidelines to authorize municipalities or their designees, upon the submission of the appropriate applications and the approval of the department, to reestablish an Elm Street program in a neighborhood where a program had been previously established.

Section 2. Section 6 of the act is repealed:

[Section 6. Expiration of act.

This act shall expire June 30, 2011, unless it is reenacted prior to that date.]

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 9th day of October, A.D. 2008.

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