

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Promotion Act is amended by
5 changing Section 8b as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 665/8b)

7 Sec. 8b. Municipal convention center and sports facility
8 attraction grants.

9 (a) Until July 1, 2022 ~~July 1, 2020~~, the Department is
10 authorized to make grants, subject to appropriation by the
11 General Assembly, from the Tourism Promotion Fund to a unit of
12 local government, municipal convention center, or convention
13 center authority that provides incentives, as defined in
14 subsection (i) of Section 3 of this Act, for the purpose of
15 attracting conventions, meetings, and trade shows to municipal
16 convention centers and attracting sporting events to municipal
17 amateur sports facilities. Grants awarded under this Section
18 shall be based on the net proceeds received under the Hotel
19 Operators' Occupation Tax Act for the renting, leasing, or
20 letting of hotel rooms in the municipality for the month in
21 which the convention, meeting, trade show, or sporting event
22 occurs. Grants shall not exceed 80% of the incentive amount
23 provided by the unit of local government, municipal convention

1 center, or convention center authority. Further, in no event
2 may the aggregate amount of grants awarded to a single
3 municipal convention center, convention center authority, or
4 municipal amateur sports facility exceed \$200,000 in any
5 calendar year. The Department may, by rule, require any other
6 provisions it deems necessary in order to protect the State's
7 interest in administering this program.

8 (b) No later than May 15 of each year, through May 15, 2022
9 ~~May 15, 2020~~, the unit of local government, municipal
10 convention center, or convention center authority shall
11 certify to the Department the amounts of funds expended in the
12 previous fiscal year to provide qualified incentives; however,
13 in no event may the certified amount pursuant to this paragraph
14 exceed \$200,000 for any municipal convention center,
15 convention center authority, or municipal amateur sports
16 facility in any calendar year. The unit of local government,
17 convention center, or convention center authority shall
18 certify (A) the net proceeds received under the Hotel
19 Operators' Occupation Tax Act for the renting, leasing, or
20 letting of hotel rooms in the municipality for the month in
21 which the convention, meeting, or trade show occurs and (B) the
22 average of the net proceeds received under the Hotel Operators'
23 Occupation Tax Act for the renting, leasing, or letting of
24 hotel rooms in the municipality for the same month in the 3
25 immediately preceding years. The unit of local government,
26 municipal convention center, or convention center authority

1 shall include the incentive amounts as part of its regular
2 audit.

3 (b-5) Grants awarded to a unit of local government,
4 municipal convention center, or convention center authority
5 may be made by the Department of Commerce and Economic
6 Opportunity from appropriations for those purposes for any
7 fiscal year, without regard to the fact that the qualification
8 or obligation may have occurred in a prior fiscal year.

9 (c) The Department shall submit a report, which must be
10 provided electronically, on the effectiveness of the program
11 established under this Section to the General Assembly no later
12 than January 1, 2022 ~~January 1, 2020~~.

13 (Source: P.A. 99-476, eff. 8-27-15.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.