

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

1 its regular audit.

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

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

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

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