

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2674

Introduced by Assembly Member Morrissey

February 22, 1996

An act to amend Sections 15379.15 and 15379.16 of the Government Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2674, as introduced, Morrissey. Manufacturing technology grants.

Existing law establishes the Manufacturing Technology Program within the Trade and Commerce Agency, for the purpose of providing matching grants and technical assistance to California nonprofit organizations and public agencies to perform various functions relating to the development of manufacturing technology in the state. Pursuant to the program, grants are awarded on a competitive basis to eligible applicants.

This bill would provide that the Manufacturing Technology Program consists of the Target Technology Program and the Federal Match Grants Program. It would provide that the Target Technology Program would award the grants provided for by existing law, and would provide that the Federal Match Grants Program would award grants at a parity level with other large industrial state grant programs to meet matching requirements for federal grant projects aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of California manufacturing. It would specify that all funds appropriated for the Manufacturing Technology Program shall be evenly divided

between the Target Technology Program and the Federal Match Grants Program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 15379.15 of the Government
2 Code is amended to read:

3 15379.15. There is hereby established within the
4 agency the Manufacturing Technology Program,
5 *consisting of the Target Technology Program and the*
6 *Federal Match Grants Program administered pursuant to*
7 *Section 15379.16.* The program shall provide matching
8 grants and technical assistance to California nonprofit
9 organizations and public agencies to perform one or more
10 of the following functions:

11 (a) Establish and fund a California manufacturers
12 excellence program.

13 (b) Develop and disseminate an inventory of
14 resources available to assist manufacturers.

15 (c) Implement a strategy for addressing needs
16 identified in the statewide California Manufacturing
17 Excellence Program Plan, given available resources.

18 (d) Projects resulting in consortia partnership or
19 alliances for manufacturing technology.

20 SEC. 2. Section 15379.16 of the Government Code is
21 amended to read:

22 15379.16. (a) The ~~program~~ *Target Technology*
23 *Program, within the Manufacturing Technology*
24 *Program,* shall award grants based upon a competitive
25 application process addressing the project's eligibility, a
26 review of the proposal's scientific and technological
27 aspects, and ability to fulfill the goals of the program.
28 Priority in awarding grants shall be given to those
29 projects that will use the grant funds as matching funds
30 for a federal grant, projects with additional sources of
31 funding, projects involving geographic areas or
32 manufacturing segments targeted by the agency, and
33 projects satisfying any other criteria developed by the



1 agency. An example of a project is a joint effort by federal
2 laboratories, universities, and private companies to
3 research and develop advanced manufacturing
4 technologies that would significantly reduce the health,
5 safety, and environmental hazards of an existing
6 manufacturing process.

7 *(b) The Federal Match Grants Program, within the*
8 *Manufacturing Technology Program, shall award grants*
9 *at a parity level with other large industrial state grant*
10 *programs to meet matching requirements for federal*
11 *grant projects aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of*
12 *California manufacturing and thereby increasing*
13 *employment and the standard of living. Grants shall be*
14 *awarded based upon a competitive application process*
15 *addressing the project's eligibility, a review of the*
16 *proposal's scientific and technological aspects, and ability*
17 *to fulfill the goals of the program.*

18 *(c) All funds appropriated for the Manufacturing*
19 *Technology Program shall be evenly divided between*
20 *the Target Technology Program and the Federal Match*
21 *Grants Program.*

