

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a grant program for public improvement projects for unincorporated communities in certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 12, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 388 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 388. GRANT PROGRAM FOR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES

Sec. 388.001. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to a county that:

(1) has a population of not more than 3,000;

(2) is adjacent to at least three counties with populations of less than 10,000; and

(3) is located on an international border.

Sec. 388.002. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The commissioners court of a county by order may establish and implement a grant program for the purpose of funding public improvement projects to benefit unincorporated communities located in the county.

(b) A public improvement project includes:

(1) the acquisition, construction, or improvement of:

(A) sidewalks, streets, roads, or other transportation infrastructure;

(B) water, wastewater, or drainage facilities or

1 improvements; or

2 (C) other public facilities or improvements; and

3 (2) special supplemental services for improvement and
4 promotion of the area, including services relating to advertising,
5 promotion, health and sanitation, water and wastewater, public
6 safety, security, business recruitment, development, recreation,
7 and cultural enhancement.

8 Sec. 388.003. GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. The county may
9 apply for and accept a gift, grant, or donation from any source to
10 fund a public improvement project described by Section 388.002.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.