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H.B. No. 4769

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a grant program for neighborhood organization
3 pedestrian infrastructure administered by the Texas Department of
4 Housing and Community Affairs.

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

6 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter K, Chapter 2306,
7 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER K. [~~HOUSING~~] PROGRAMS

9 SECTION 2. Subchapter K, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 2306.2595 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 2306.2595. PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. (a) In
12 this section:

13 (1) "Grant" means financial assistance that is awarded
14 in the form of money to a neighborhood organization for a specific
15 purpose and that is not required to be repaid. For purposes of this
16 section, the term includes a forgivable loan.

17 (2) "Grant fund" means the pedestrian infrastructure
18 grant fund.

19 (b) The grant fund is a dedicated account in the general
20 revenue fund and consists of:

21 (1) appropriations of money to the grant fund by the
22 legislature;

23 (2) gifts, grants, including federal grants, and other
24 donations received for the grant fund; and

1 (3) interest earned on the investment of money in the
2 grant fund.

3 (c) The department shall award grants to neighborhood
4 organizations to construct pedestrian infrastructure related to
5 sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian lighting.

6 (d) The grant fund may be used by the department only to:

7 (1) award grants under this section; and

8 (2) administer the grant program under this section.

9 (e) The department shall adopt rules necessary to
10 administer this section.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.