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H.B. No. 4770

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a grant program for municipal pedestrian infrastructure  
3 administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community  
4 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 municipality for a specific purpose and  
15 that is not required to be repaid. For purposes of this section,  
16 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 municipalities to  
4 construct pedestrian infrastructure related to sidewalks, curbs,  
5 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.