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H.B. No. 4900

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a charitable clinic grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 54 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 54. CHARITABLE CLINIC GRANT PROGRAM

Sec. 54.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Charitable clinic" means a private, nonprofit, community-based organization that provides health care services to low-income, underinsured, or uninsured persons at nominal or no cost through the use of volunteer health care professionals and health care professional partnerships.

(2) "Program" means the charitable clinic grant program established under this chapter.

Sec. 54.002. ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM.

(a) The commission shall establish and administer a charitable clinic grant program through which the commission awards grants to eligible charitable clinics to provide or expand the provision of health care services to low-income, underinsured, and uninsured persons.

(b) The commission may award a grant under the program only in accordance with a contract between the commission and a grant recipient. The contract must include provisions granting the commission sufficient control over the money awarded to ensure the

1 public purpose of providing health care services to low-income,  
2 underinsured, and uninsured persons is accomplished and this state  
3 receives the return benefit.

4 (c) The commission shall award grants under the program to  
5 charitable clinics to:

6 (1) increase the clinic's patient capacity;

7 (2) improve the clinic's organization, efficiency, and  
8 effectiveness; and

9 (3) expand the clinic's provision of health care  
10 services.

11 Sec. 54.003. APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. (a)  
12 The commission shall establish application and eligibility  
13 requirements for a charitable clinic to satisfy in order to qualify  
14 for a grant award under the program.

15 (b) A charitable clinic must include in an application for a  
16 grant under this program the specific uses the clinic has for the  
17 grant money, which may include the use of grant money for:

18 (1) equipment and technology-related resources;

19 (2) expansion of the clinic premises or services;

20 (3) health care and administrative costs; and

21 (4) staff training and professional development  
22 costs.

23 Sec. 54.004. REVIEW COMMITTEE. (a) The commission shall  
24 establish a review committee to review and score grant applications  
25 submitted under the program for the commission's use in awarding  
26 grants under the program.

27 (b) The review committee must be composed of volunteers with

1 appropriate expertise who represent diverse nonprofit and  
2 philanthropic backgrounds.

3 (c) To ensure fairness in the review process, the commission  
4 shall redact charitable clinic name and location information from  
5 the grant applications the review committee reviews and scores.

6 Sec. 54.005. MONTHLY REPORTS. A grant recipient shall  
7 submit to the commission each month a report that includes  
8 information for the preceding month on:

9 (1) the total number of new clients treated by the  
10 charitable clinic;

11 (2) the total amount of fees the clinic charged  
12 clients;

13 (3) whether Medicaid, the Medicare program, or a  
14 private insurer was billed for health care services provided to a  
15 client and the amount billed;

16 (4) the number of volunteers, including health care  
17 professionals, who assisted the clinic;

18 (5) the number of prescription drugs dispensed or  
19 prescribed;

20 (6) outcome data on:

21 (A) the effectiveness and quality of health care  
22 services provided by the clinic; and

23 (B) the percentage of clients who successfully  
24 completed treatment; and

25 (7) the clinic's organizational successes,  
26 difficulties, delays, or barriers.

27 Sec. 54.006. FUNDING. (a) The commission shall award

1 grants under the program in accordance with this chapter from  
2 available money and any additional money appropriated for the  
3 purposes of the program.

4 (b) The commission may accept gifts, grants, and donations  
5 from any source that are made available for the purposes of the  
6 program.

7 Sec. 54.007. RULES. The executive commissioner shall adopt  
8 rules to implement this chapter.

9 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2024, the executive  
10 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
11 adopt the rules necessary to implement Chapter 54, Health and  
12 Safety Code, as added by this Act.

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