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S.B. No. 897

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration of a grant program to support community mental health programs assisting veterans and their families.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 547.0304 and 547.0305, Government Code, as effective April 1, 2025, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 547.0304. MATCHING GRANT CONDITIONS: SINGLE COUNTIES. For services and treatment provided in a single county, the commission shall condition each grant provided under this subchapter on a potential grant recipient providing funds from non-state sources in a total amount at least equal to:

(1) 25 percent of the grant amount if the community mental health program to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment in a county with a population of less than 100,000;

(2) 50 percent of the grant amount if the community mental health program to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment in a county with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 250,000; or

(3) 75 ~~[100]~~ percent of the grant amount if the community mental health program to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment in a county with a population of 250,000 or more.

1 Sec. 547.0305. MATCHING GRANT CONDITIONS: MULTIPLE
2 COUNTIES. For a community mental health program that provides
3 services and treatment in more than one county, the commission
4 shall condition each grant provided under this subchapter on a
5 potential grant recipient providing funds from non-state sources in
6 a total amount at least equal to:

7 (1) 25 percent of the grant amount if the county with
8 the largest population in which the community mental health program
9 to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment has a
10 population of less than 100,000;

11 (2) 50 percent of the grant amount if the county with
12 the largest population in which the community mental health program
13 to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment has a
14 population of 100,000 or more but less than 250,000; or

15 (3) 75 ~~100~~ percent of the grant amount if the county
16 with the largest population in which the community mental health
17 program to be supported by the grant provides services and
18 treatment has a population of 250,000 or more.

19 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
20 a grant awarded on or after the effective date of this Act. A grant
21 awarded before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law
22 in effect on the date the award was made, and the former law is
23 continued in effect for that purpose.

24 SECTION 3. The Health and Human Services Commission is
25 required to implement the changes in law made by this Act to
26 Sections [547.0304](#) and [547.0305](#), Government Code, only if the
27 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose in an

1 amount greater than the amount appropriated to the commission for
2 that purpose for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025.
3 If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
4 purpose and in such amount, the commission may, but is not required
5 to, implement those changes in law using other money available to
6 the commission for that purpose.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.