

Amend CSSB 3 (Senate Committee Printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter Q to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Q. COORDINATED BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Sec. 201.1001. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Border region" means the portion of this state that is not more than 100 miles from the border between Texas and the United Mexican States.

(2) "Fund" means the coordinated border infrastructure fund established under this subchapter.

Sec. 201.1002. COORDINATED BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND. (a) The coordinated border infrastructure fund is a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The fund consists of:

(1) funds appropriated by the legislature to the credit of the fund;

(2) any federal funds received by the state deposited to the credit of the fund;

(3) matching state funds in an amount required by federal law;

(4) money from any other available source; and

(5) investment earnings on the money on deposit in the fund.

(b) The department shall administer the fund and money in the fund may be appropriated only for the purposes of this subchapter.

(c) Section 404.071, Government Code, does not apply to the fund.

Sec. 201.1003. GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The department shall develop policies and procedures to administer a program under this subchapter to make grants to entities described by Subsection (b) for:

(1) construction of and improvements to transportation and supporting infrastructure in the border region that facilitate cross-border motor vehicle, cargo, and rail movement, including highway and rail infrastructure and related public safety and safety enforcement facilities;

(2) operational improvements in the border region, including improvements relating to electronic data interchange and use of telecommunications, that expedite cross-border motor vehicle, cargo, and rail movement;

(3) modifications to regulatory procedures to expedite safe and efficient cross-border motor vehicle, cargo, and rail movement; or

(4) international coordination of transportation

planning, programming, and border operation with the United Mexican States that relate to expediting cross-border motor vehicle, cargo, and rail movement.

(b) The department may make a grant under the program only to:

(1) a governmental entity located in a department district that is adjacent to the border between this state and the United Mexican States; or

(2) a private entity that owns or operates an international port of entry between this state and the United Mexican States.

Sec. 201.1004. MATCHING FUNDS. To be eligible to receive a grant under the program, matching funds must be provided, from any source, in an amount determined by the department that is equal to at least 20 percent of the amount of the grant.

Sec. 201.1005. CERTAIN PROJECTS. An entity described by Section 201.1003(b) may construct a project in the United Mexican States using funds provided under this subchapter if:

(1) the project directly and predominantly facilitates cross-border motor vehicle and cargo movement at an international port of entry into the border region; and

(2) before receiving funds under this subchapter, the United Mexican States or a political subdivision of the United Mexican States that is responsible for the operation of the facility to be constructed provides satisfactory assurances to the department that any facility constructed with the funds will be:

(A) constructed in accordance with standards equivalent to applicable standards in this state; and

(B) properly maintained and used over the life cycle of the facility for the purpose described in Subdivision (1).

Sec. 201.1006. RULES. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this subchapter.