

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 2473

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2473:

By: Longoria

C.S.H.B. No. 2473

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to establishing a grant program in the Texas Department of  
3 Housing and Community Affairs to assist certain organizations that  
4 make residential mortgage loans to residents of certain  
5 neighborhoods.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 2306.2562 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 2306.2562. AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE  
10 PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "residential mortgage loan" has the  
11 meaning assigned by Section 180.002, Finance Code.

12 (b) The department shall create and administer a program to  
13 provide grants to assist organizations to make below-market rate  
14 residential mortgage loans to residents of neighborhoods that have  
15 homeownership rates of less than 50 percent.

16 (c) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an  
17 organization must:

18 (1) have a history of making below-market rate  
19 residential mortgage loans to low and moderate income households;

20 (2) provide homebuyer education services; and

21 (3) provide post-home purchase counseling and support  
22 services.

23 (d) The board shall adopt rules to implement the program  
24 established under this section.

1       (e) In adopting rules under this section, the board shall:

2               (1) require an organization to use grant money awarded  
3 under this section to make residential mortgage loans to residents  
4 of this state described by Subsection (b) at a below-market  
5 interest rate; and

6               (2) in awarding grants under the program, give  
7 priority to organizations that qualify for matching funds from  
8 federal or private sources.

9       (f) An organization awarded a grant under this section shall  
10 submit to the department an annual report that contains information  
11 regarding the organization's use of the grant money and the  
12 reinvestment of loan principal and interest payments made to that  
13 organization.

14       (g) The department shall consult with the Department of  
15 Savings and Mortgage Lending in creating and administering the  
16 program under this section.

17       SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2015, the governing  
18 board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs  
19 shall adopt the rules required by Section 2306.2562, Government  
20 Code, as added by this Act.

21       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.