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H.B. No. 3608

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to predevelopment grants provided to community housing
3 development organizations and notice given regarding the
4 completion of an environmental review by the Texas Department of
5 Housing and Community Affairs.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter J, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 2306.233 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 2306.233. PREDEVELOPMENT GRANTS. (a) The department
10 may issue to a non-profit community housing development
11 organization certified by the department a project-specific
12 predevelopment loan to facilitate the development of a project
13 that, if considered feasible, will receive an award of financial
14 assistance under the terms of the federal HOME Investment
15 Partnerships Program established under Title II of the
16 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
17 Section 12701 et seq.).

18 (b) A predevelopment loan issued under this section may not
19 be used to pay:

20 (1) project costs that exceed customary and reasonable
21 project preparation costs; or

22 (2) administrative expenses of a community housing
23 development organization.

24 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 2306.11141 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 2306.11141. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
3 REVIEW. Not later than the 90th day after the date of completion of
4 an environmental review required for an award of financial
5 assistance under the terms of the federal HOME Investment
6 Partnerships Program established under Title II of the
7 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
8 Section 12701 et seq.), the department shall provide notice of the
9 completion and results of that review to the applicant for the
10 financial assistance and provide technical assistance to the
11 applicant, as may be necessary, to satisfy any deficiency as may be
12 noted during the review process.

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