

AN ACT

relating to the amount the Texas Military Preparedness Commission may grant to local governmental entities for certain purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 436.202(a), (b), and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) From money appropriated for this purpose, the commission may make a grant to an eligible local governmental entity to:

(1) enable the entity to match money or meet an investment requirement necessary to receive federal assistance provided to the local governmental entity for responding to or recovering from an event described by Section 436.201(b);

(2) match the entity's contribution for a purpose described by Section 436.203 at a closed or realigned defense facility; ~~or~~

(3) construct infrastructure and other projects necessary to accommodate a new, ~~or~~ expanded, or retained military mission at a military base or to reduce the impact of an action of the United States Department of Defense that will negatively impact a defense facility located in or near the entity; or

(4) construct infrastructure and other projects necessary to prevent the reduction or closing of a defense facility.

1 (b) The commission may not make a grant for an amount less
2 than \$50,000 or an amount more than the lesser of:

3 (1) 50 percent of the amount of matching money or
4 investment that the local governmental entity is required to
5 provide, subject to Subsection (c);

6 (2) 50 percent of the local governmental entity's
7 investment for purposes described by Section 436.203 if federal
8 assistance is unavailable; or

9 (3) \$5 [~~\$2~~] million.

10 (c) If the local governmental entity demonstrates to the
11 commission that, because of a limited budget, the entity lacks the
12 resources necessary to provide 50 percent of the amount of matching
13 money or investment that the entity is required to provide, the
14 commission may make a grant in an amount of not more than 80 percent
15 of the amount of that matching money or investment requirement but
16 may not make a grant in an amount that exceeds \$5 [~~\$2~~] million.

17 SECTION 2. Section 436.203(c), Government Code, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 (c) An eligible local governmental entity described by
20 Section 436.201(a)(3), [~~or~~ (4), or (5)] may use the proceeds of the
21 grant to purchase or lease equipment to train defense workers whose
22 jobs have been threatened or lost because of an event described by
23 Section 436.201(b) or to train workers to support the mission at
24 military installations or defense facilities.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 318 passed the Senate on March 17, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 7.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 318 passed the House, with amendment, on May 20, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 5, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor