

Rep. Cesar J. Blanco

Amend CSHB1 (house committee printing) in Article I of the bill, following the appropriations to Trusteed Programs Within The Office Of The Governor, by amending rider 21 on page I-56 to read as follows:

21. Grants for Local Border Security. Included in the General Revenue Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$6,100,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$6,100,000 in fiscal year 2021 to fund grants to local units of government to support Operation Border Star. In addition to supporting Operation Border Star, at the discretion of the Governor, the grant funds may also be awarded to local units of government and non-profits for the reimbursement of expenses incurred for the humanitarian assistance of unaccompanied minors and families, including expenses incurred for public safety, medical care, shelter, transportation, and nourishment. Grant funds may also be awarded for the humane processing of the remains of undocumented migrants. The Department of Public Safety and the Legislative Budget Board shall collaborate with the Office of the Governor to establish accountability and outcome standards for these grants. These accountability standards shall include, but not be limited to, the following: uses of the grants by local entities; effects of these grants on realizing a more secure border region, as defined in Article IX, Section 7.11, Border Security, of this Act; and measures employed to ensure grant funds are expended as intended. By not later than December 1 of each fiscal year, the Office of the Governor shall provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board summarizing the outcomes of the previous fiscal year's grants.

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