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H.B. No. 3668

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to grants awarded to nonprofit food banks for disaster response.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.026. DISASTER GRANTS FOR NONPROFIT FOOD BANKS.

(a) In this section, "nonprofit food bank" means a nonprofit organization that solicits, warehouses, and redistributes edible food to agencies that feed needy families and individuals.

(b) The office of the governor shall establish a program to provide grants to nonprofit food banks in this state to build the capacity of nonprofit food banks to respond to disasters.

(c) Grant money awarded under this section may be used only to reimburse a nonprofit food bank for all or part of the costs incurred by the nonprofit food bank as a result of:

(1) maintaining an inventory of emergency food boxes in preparation for a disaster;

(2) purchasing, storing, and transporting food for distribution during a disaster; and

(3) purchasing capital equipment necessary to operate through a disaster, including back-up generators, mobile food pantries, trucks, meal preparation units, forklifts, technology, and other equipment.

1 (d) The office of the governor shall establish procedures to
2 administer the grant program, including a procedure for the
3 submission of a proposal and a procedure to be used by the office to
4 evaluate a proposal.

5 (e) The office of the governor shall enter into a contract
6 that includes performance requirements with each grant recipient.
7 The office shall monitor and enforce the terms of the contract. The
8 contract must authorize the office to recoup grant money from a
9 grant recipient for failure of the grant recipient to comply with
10 the terms of the contract.

11 (f) The office of the governor may solicit and accept gifts,
12 grants, and donations from any source for the purpose of awarding
13 grants under this section.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.