

1-1 By: Harris (Senate Sponsor - Kolckhorst) H.B. No. 1904
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2021;
 1-3 May 3, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 11, 2021, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 11, 2021, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the use of the water infrastructure fund.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 15.974(a), Water Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (a) The board may use the fund:

1-25 (1) to make loans to political subdivisions at or
 1-26 below market interest rates for projects;

1-27 (2) to make grants, low-interest loans, or zero
 1-28 interest loans to political subdivisions for projects to serve
 1-29 areas outside metropolitan statistical areas in order to ensure
 1-30 that the projects are implemented, or for projects to serve
 1-31 economically distressed areas;

1-32 (3) to make loans at or below market interest rates for
 1-33 planning and design costs, permitting costs, and other costs
 1-34 associated with state or federal regulatory activities with respect
 1-35 to a project;

1-36 (4) as a source of revenue or security for the payment
 1-37 of principal and interest on bonds issued by the board if the
 1-38 proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be deposited in the fund;
 1-39 [~~and~~]

1-40 (5) to make transfers from the fund to the financial
 1-41 assistance account of the Texas Water Development Fund II created
 1-42 under Section 17.959 for the purposes described in Section 49-d-8,
 1-43 Article III, Texas Constitution, other than for the purposes
 1-44 described in Sections 17.957 and 17.958; and

1-45 (6) to pay the necessary and reasonable expenses of
 1-46 the board in administering the fund.

1-47 SECTION 2. Section 17.9616(b), Water Code, is amended to
 1-48 read as follows:

1-49 (b) The board shall use the water infrastructure fund as a
 1-50 source of revenue to be deposited in accordance with this
 1-51 subchapter for the payment of principal and interest on water
 1-52 financial assistance bonds issued by the board, the proceeds of
 1-53 which are to be deposited into the water infrastructure fund and to
 1-54 be used to make payments under a bond enhancement agreement with
 1-55 respect to principal or interest on the water financial assistance
 1-56 bonds or for any other purpose authorized by Section 17.959(c).

1-57 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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