By:  Campos, Garcia, Morales Shaw H.B. No. 3466

     (Senate Sponsor - Campbell)

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023; May 1, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services; May 19, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Kolkhorst         X

Perry             X

Blanco            X

Hall              X

Hancock           X

Hughes            X

LaMantia                    X

Miles             X

Sparks            X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3466 By:  Hall

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration of a grant program for the establishment and expansion of community collaboratives.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 539.002(a) and (b), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a)  To the extent funds are appropriated to the department for that purpose, the department shall make grants to entities, including local governmental entities, nonprofit community organizations, and faith-based community organizations, to establish or expand community collaboratives that bring the public and private sectors together to provide services to persons experiencing homelessness, substance abuse issues, or mental illness. In awarding grants, the department shall give special consideration to entities:

(1)  establishing new collaboratives; [~~or~~]

(2)  establishing or expanding collaboratives that serve two or more counties, each with a population of less than 100,000; or

(3)  providing services to an average of at least 50 percent of persons experiencing homelessness in a geographic area served by a Continuum of Care Program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development according to the last three Point-in-Time surveys of homelessness conducted by that department.

(b)  Except as provided by Subsection (c), the department shall require each entity awarded a grant under this section to:

(1)  leverage additional funding or in-kind contributions from private contributors or local governments, excluding state or federal funds, in an amount that is at least equal to the amount of the grant awarded under this section;

(2)  provide evidence of significant coordination and collaboration between the entity, local mental health authorities, municipalities, local law enforcement agencies, and other community stakeholders in establishing or expanding a community collaborative funded by a grant awarded under this section; and

(3)  provide evidence of a local law enforcement policy to divert appropriate persons from jails, [~~or~~] other detention facilities, or mental health facilities operated by or under contract with the commission to an entity affiliated with a community collaborative for the purpose of providing services to those persons.

SECTION 2.  Chapter 539, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 539.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 539.010.  BIENNIAL REPORT. (a) The department shall prepare a report that includes:

(1)  the method by which the department chose entities to award grants to under this chapter;

(2)  the amount of each grant awarded to an entity under this chapter;

(3)  the number of individuals served by each community collaborative receiving grant funds under this chapter; and

(4)  the results of the annual review of outcome measures required by Section 539.006.

(b)  Not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year, the department shall submit a report described by Subsection (a) to:

(1)  the lieutenant governor;

(2)  the speaker of the house of representatives;

(3)  the standing committees of the legislature having primary jurisdiction over the department and state finance; and

(4)  the Legislative Budget Board.

SECTION 3.  The changes in law made by this Act to Section 539.002, Government Code, apply only to a grant awarded on or after the effective date of this Act. A grant awarded before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the award was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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