

1-1 By: Ashby, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 3010
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2025;
1-3 May 7, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
1-4 May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 15,
1-5 Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Huffman	X			
1-9	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-10	Alvarado	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Campbell	X			
1-13	Creighton	X			
1-14	Flores	X			
1-15	Hall	X			
1-16	Kolkhorst	X			
1-17	Nichols	X			
1-18	Paxton	X			
1-19	Perry	X			
1-20	Schwertner	X			
1-21	West	X			
1-22	Zaffirini	X			

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to the establishment of the Rural Infrastructure Disaster
1-26 Recovery Program.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by
1-29 adding Subchapter D-1 to read as follows:

1-30 SUBCHAPTER D-1. RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

1-31 Sec. 418.081. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-32 (1) "Account" means the rural infrastructure disaster
1-33 recovery account created under Section 418.086.

1-34 (2) "Critical infrastructure" includes:

1-35 (A) a road;

1-36 (B) a public school;

1-37 (C) a hospital or other health care facility;

1-38 (D) a water intake structure, water treatment
1-39 facility, wastewater treatment plant, or pump station;

1-40 (E) utility-scale water or wastewater storage,
1-41 treatment, or transmission facilities; and

1-42 (F) airport facilities used for the landing,
1-43 parking, refueling, shelter, or takeoff of aircraft, maintenance or
1-44 servicing of aircraft, aircraft equipment storage, or navigation of
1-45 aircraft.

1-46 (3) "Disaster area" means an area in this state
1-47 declared to be a disaster area by the governor.

1-48 (4) "Eligible political subdivision" means a
1-49 political subdivision that meets the qualifications prescribed by
1-50 Section 418.083.

1-51 (5) "Political subdivision," notwithstanding Section
1-52 418.004, means a county, municipality, special district, school
1-53 district, junior college district, or other political subdivision
1-54 of this state.

1-55 Sec. 418.082. RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DISASTER RECOVERY
1-56 PROGRAM. (a) The division shall establish and administer a rural
1-57 infrastructure disaster recovery program in accordance with this
1-58 subchapter to benefit eligible political subdivisions. The program
1-59 must be designed to provide financial assistance in the form of
1-60 grants to rural communities located in a disaster area for the
1-61 purpose of rebuilding and repairing critical infrastructure

2-1 damaged by a disaster.

2-2 (b) The division may make grants in accordance with this
2-3 subchapter using money appropriated to the division for the
2-4 purposes of this subchapter.

2-5 Sec. 418.083. ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANT. A political
2-6 subdivision is eligible to apply to the division for a grant under
2-7 this subchapter if the political subdivision is:

2-8 (1) a county:

2-9 (A) that:

2-10 (i) has a population of less than 100,000;
2-11 (ii) has a gross domestic product of less
2-12 than \$2 billion;

2-13 (iii) has a poverty rate greater than 15
2-14 percent; and

2-15 (iv) is located wholly or partly in a
2-16 disaster area; and

2-17 (B) for which the total dollar amount of damages
2-18 resulting from the disaster, as shown in an assessment of damages
2-19 prepared after the disaster, exceeds the amount equal to 10 percent
2-20 of the state and local sales and use taxes collected in the county
2-21 during the state fiscal year preceding the year in which the
2-22 disaster occurs; or

2-23 (2) a political subdivision other than a county that
2-24 is wholly or partly located in a county described by Subdivision
2-25 (1).

2-26 Sec. 418.084. GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The division may make a
2-27 grant to an eligible political subdivision using money in the
2-28 account to assist in the rebuilding or repair of critical
2-29 infrastructure located in the eligible political subdivision that
2-30 is damaged by a disaster that may reasonably be considered a public
2-31 calamity.

2-32 (b) The proceeds of a grant made by the division using money
2-33 in the account may not be used by the eligible political subdivision
2-34 receiving the grant for any purpose other than the purpose
2-35 described by Subsection (a).

2-36 Sec. 418.085. APPLICATION FOR GRANT. (a) The division
2-37 shall establish an application process for a grant under this
2-38 subchapter.

2-39 (b) At a minimum, an application must include:

2-40 (1) a description of the infrastructure repair or
2-41 rebuild project for which the applicant is requesting the grant;

2-42 (2) an estimate of the total cost of the project;

2-43 (3) documentation that the project does not qualify
2-44 for federal funding through the Federal Emergency Management
2-45 Agency; and

2-46 (4) any other information the division requests to
2-47 determine whether the applicant is an eligible political
2-48 subdivision.

2-49 Sec. 418.086. RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DISASTER RECOVERY
2-50 ACCOUNT. (a) The rural infrastructure disaster recovery account
2-51 is established as an account in the general revenue fund with the
2-52 comptroller, to be administered by the division.

2-53 (b) The division may use the rural infrastructure disaster
2-54 recovery account only for:

2-55 (1) making a grant to an eligible political
2-56 subdivision; and

2-57 (2) paying the necessary and reasonable expenses of
2-58 administering the grant.

2-59 (c) The account consists of:

2-60 (1) money appropriated, credited, or transferred to
2-61 the account by the legislature;

2-62 (2) gifts or grants contributed to the account; and

2-63 (3) interest earned on deposits and investments of the
2-64 account.

2-65 Sec. 418.087. RULES. The division shall adopt rules
2-66 necessary to administer this subchapter, including rules
2-67 establishing procedures for the application for and award of
2-68 grants, distribution of grants, and administration of grants and
2-69 the grant program established under this subchapter.

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SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.
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