

SUBJECT: Establishing the community collaboratives fund

COMMITTEE: Human Services — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Frank, Rose, Campos, Hull, Klick, Manuel, Noble, Ramos
1 nay — Shaheen

WITNESSES: For — Kim Jefferies, Haven for Hope of Bexar County (*Registered, but did not testify*: Clifford Sparks, City of Dallas; TJ Patterson, City of Fort Worth; Christine Bryan, Clarity Child Guidance Center; Carl Richie, Coalition for the Homeless; Jim Allison, County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas; Lindsay Lanagan, Legacy Community Health; Christine Yanas, Methodist Healthcare Ministries; Greg Hansch, National Alliance on Mental Illness Texas; Cicely Kay, Travis County Commissioners Court; Thomas Parkinson)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Byron Ryder, Leon County)

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Reilly Webb, Health and Human Services Commission)

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that there is a need for a special fund in the treasury to administer the community collaboratives grant program.

DIGEST: HB 3466 would establish the community collaboratives fund as a special fund in the state treasury. The fund would consist of:

- legislative appropriations to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for a purpose of the fund;
- any revenue dedicated for deposit to the fund;
- interest or other earning on money credited to or allocable to the fund; and
- money from gifts, grants, or donations to the fund.

The bill would allow DSHS to use the fund only to provide grants to

entities and pay the necessary and reasonable expenses of administering the fund.

DSHS would prepare a report that included:

- the method by which DSHS chose entities to award grants to under the bill;
- the amount of each grant awarded to an entity;
- the number of individuals served by each community collaborative that was receiving grant funds; and
- the results of the annual review of outcome measures.

By September 1 of each even-numbered year, DSHS would be required to submit such a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the standing committees that had jurisdiction over the department and state finance.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.