

1-1 By: Orr, Burns (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado) H.B. No. 4820
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023;
 1-3 May 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the eligibility requirements for grants under programs
 1-20 of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 5.124(f), Water Code, is amended to read
 1-23 as follows:

1-24 (f) A grant may be made by direct award only if:

1-25 (1) the executive director determines that:

1-26 (A) selection of recipients by the solicitation
 1-27 of proposals or applications is not feasible; and

1-28 (B) awarding the grant directly is in the best
 1-29 interest of the state;

1-30 (2) eligibility for the grant is limited to:

1-31 (A) an agency or political subdivision of this
 1-32 state or of another state;

1-33 (B) a state institution of higher learning of
 1-34 this state or of another state, including any part or service of the
 1-35 institution; ~~or~~

1-36 (C) an agency of the United States; or

1-37 (D) a nonprofit organization and the grant is
 1-38 awarded for the purpose of funding projects implementing a
 1-39 comprehensive conservation and management plan under the Federal
 1-40 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1251 et seq.) for a
 1-41 national estuary located in this state; or

1-42 (3) the grant is awarded to a person established or
 1-43 authorized to develop or implement a comprehensive conservation and
 1-44 management plan under Section 320, Federal Water Pollution Control
 1-45 Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1330), for a national estuary in this state.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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