

**SUBJECT:** Stipulating the type of matching funds to obtain TCADA grants

**COMMITTEE:** Public Health — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 7 ayes — Gray, Capelo, Delisi, Glaze, Maxey, Uresti, Wohlgemuth  
0 nays  
2 absent — Coleman, Longoria

**SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, February 14 — voice vote

**WITNESSES:** For — Tristan Castaneda, Jr., Texas Association of Addiction Professionals  
Against — None  
On — Kirk Cole, Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

**BACKGROUND:** Health and Safety Code, sec. 641.014 requires an organization to provide matching funds of at least 5 percent of the total value of a grant for chemical dependency treatment services. The federally funded grants are administered by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA).

**DIGEST:** SB 439 would stipulate that the matching funds could be either cash or in-kind contributions. This bill would take effect September 1, 2001.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** SB 439 would ensure that community organizations could apply for grants. Often these organizations do not have significant cash holdings but do have office equipment, volunteers, or other capital. By stipulating that these other assets could be used as matching funds, the bill would ensure that community organizations are not “priced out” of grants in the future.

SB 439 would formalize a practice that already is standard. Federal laws require matching funds, but TCADA already allows in-kind contributions. This bill simply would ensure that that practice could continue.

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OPPONENTS      No apparent opposition.  
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