AUSTIN – The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is awarding up to $15 million in grant funds to 31 governmental entities and nonprofit organizations located across the state to provide mental health services to communities.

In 2017, Rep. Four Price’s House Bill (H.B.) 13 established HHSC’s Community Mental Health Grant Program and provides $30 million in state funds over the 2018-19 biennium to be matched by grantees with local and private funds.

“The Texas Legislature passed several bills, including H.B. 13, designed to improve the delivery of mental health services statewide. I am pleased by HHSC’s diligent work to implement H.B. 13 and expect better outcomes across Texas because of it,” stated Rep. Price.

Grants will fund community programs to expand treatment, promote recovery and improve quality of life for individuals with mental illness. Examples of expanded treatment and services include supported housing, coordinated jail release, behavioral health services in schools and peer support services.

Grant funding was awarded through an application process, which required a project proposal. Grant awardees are required to match a portion of the state’s grant award to demonstrate their commitment to addressing the mental health needs of individuals living in their communities.

The following organizations have been selected to receive funding for the grant program and will begin providing services in the proposed counties listed pending execution of contracts:

- Amistad Community Health Center – Nueces County
- Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas – Jefferson County
- Boys and Girls Club of Pharr – Hidalgo County
- Children's Medical Center Dallas – Dallas County
- Collin County – Collin County
- Communities In Schools Houston – Harris County
- Communities In Schools North Texas – Denton County
- Community Hope Projects, Inc. – Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties
Funds are being awarded as part of the second phase of HHSC’s Community Mental Health Grant Program. HHSC announced awards for the first phase in January 2018.

For more information on accessing behavioral health services in Texas, visit https://MentalHealthTX.org.