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To authorize a Federal grant program to local governments to better enable them to protect public safety against fire and fire-related hazards.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCARELL (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. HOYER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “21st Century Fire and  
5 Public Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Subject to subsections (b) and (c),  
8 the Administrator of the United States Fire Administra-  
9 tion (in this Act referred to as the “Administrator”) may  
10 make grants on a competitive basis to local governments

1 to enable them to better protect public safety against fire  
2 and fire-related hazards.

3 (b) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Administrator  
4 may make a grant under subsection (a) for a fiscal year  
5 only on the condition that the local government receiving  
6 the grant matches for the fiscal year—

7 (1) 10 percent of the Federal funds, if the local  
8 government represents a community of 25,000 resi-  
9 dents or fewer;

10 (2) 15 percent of the Federal funds, if the local  
11 government represents a community of more than  
12 25,000 but not more than 100,000 residents; and

13 (3) 25 percent of the Federal funds, if the local  
14 government represents a community of more than  
15 100,000 residents.

16 (c) COMMUNITY SIZE.—In making grants for a fiscal  
17 year under subsection (a), the Administrator shall ensure  
18 that grants are made to local governments representing  
19 communities of each size described in subsection (b) for  
20 which there are eligible applicants.

21 (d) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—A grant made to a local  
22 government under subsection (a) may only be used—

23 (1) to hire additional firefighters;

24 (2) to acquire additional fire trucks and other  
25 firefighting equipment;

1           (3) to train firefighters in rescue and first aid  
2 procedures;

3           (4) to fund the creation of rapid intervention  
4 teams to protect firefighters at the scenes of fires  
5 and other emergencies;

6           (5) to enforce fire codes;

7           (6) to certify fire inspectors;

8           (7) to train fire department personnel in arson  
9 prevention and detection;

10          (8) to educate the public about arson preven-  
11 tion and detection;

12          (9) to fund emergency medical services provided  
13 by fire departments;

14          (10) to acquire personal protective equipment  
15 required for firefighters by the Occupational Safety  
16 and Health Administration, and other personal pro-  
17 tective equipment for firefighters;

18          (11) to fund fire prevention programs for youth  
19 and the elderly;

20          (12) to train firefighters in the handling of haz-  
21 ardous materials; or

22          (13) to train people to provide any of the train-  
23 ing described in this subsection.

24          (e) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—A  
25 local government receiving a grant under subsection (a)

1 may use not more than 10 percent of the total amount  
2 of the grant in each fiscal year for the administrative costs  
3 of carrying out this section.

4 (f) REPORT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR.—Each local  
5 government receiving a grant under subsection (a) shall  
6 transmit a report to the Administrator with respect to  
7 each fiscal year for which a grant was received. The report  
8 shall describe how the grant funds were used.

9 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 For the purposes of carrying out this Act, there are  
11 authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator  
12 \$1,000,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1999 through  
13 2004.

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