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H. R. 1469

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for grants to repair veterans memorials.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. GRANTS TO REPAIR VETERANS MEMORIALS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.—Chapter
5 24 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding
6 at the end the following new section:

7 **“§ 2412 Grants to repair memorials**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.—Sub-
9 ject to the succeeding provisions of this section, the Sec-
10 retary may make grants to a State or a qualified organiza-

1 tion for the purpose of repairing or restoring a covered
2 memorial.

3 “(b) APPLICATION.—A grant under this section may
4 be made only upon submission of an application to the
5 Secretary in such form and manner, and containing such
6 information, as the Secretary may require.

7 “(c) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—(1) The amount of a
8 grant under this section may not exceed 50 percent of the
9 cost of the repair or restoration of the covered memorial,
10 as determined by the Secretary.

11 “(2) The recipient of the grant shall contribute the
12 excess of the aggregate costs of the repair of the covered
13 memorial over the grant.

14 “(3) If a recipient of a grant under this section uses
15 any part of the funds provided through such grant for a
16 purpose other than that for which the grant was made,
17 the United States shall be entitled to recover from such
18 recipient the total of all grants made under this section
19 to such recipient in connection with the repair or restora-
20 tion of the covered memorial.

21 “(d) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Sums received pursu-
22 ant to a grant in this section shall be used for the sole
23 purpose of repairing or restoring a covered memorial.

24 “(e) STANDARDS.—A repair or restoration of a cov-
25 ered memorial under a grant under this section shall con-

1 form to such standards and guidelines as the Secretary
2 may by regulation prescribe.

3 “(f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
4 Secretary may by regulation prescribe such additional
5 terms and conditions for grants under this section as the
6 Secretary considers appropriate.

7 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) The term ‘qualified organization’ means
9 any organization described in section 5902(a) of this
10 title.

11 “(2) The term ‘covered memorial’ means a me-
12 morial or monument that the Secretary determines
13 commemorates the service in the Armed Forces of
14 an individual, or group of individuals, or a particular
15 military event, but does not include any memorial or
16 monument under the administrative jurisdiction of
17 the Secretary of the Interior.

18 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1)
19 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may
20 be necessary for fiscal year 2002 and for each succeeding
21 fiscal year through fiscal year 2006 for the purpose of
22 making grants under subsection (a).

23 “(2) Sums appropriated under paragraph (1) of this
24 section shall remain available until expended. If all funds
25 from a grant under this section have not been utilized by

1 a recipient for the purpose for which the grant was made
2 within three years after such grant is made, the United
3 States shall be entitled to recover any such unused grant
4 funds from such recipient.”.

