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To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to direct the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish a minority emergency preparedness demonstration program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP (for himself, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. LEE, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. WYNN, Mr. OWENS, Ms. WATERS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. RUSH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CLYBURN, and Ms. DELAURO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Minority Emergency
3 Preparedness Act of 2001”.

4 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**

5 Subtitle B of title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
6 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
7 5197–5197g) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“SEC. 629. MINORITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DEM-**
10 **ONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish a
12 minority emergency preparedness demonstration program
13 to research and promote the capacity of minority commu-
14 nities to provide data, information, and awareness edu-
15 cation by providing grants to or executing contracts or co-
16 operative agreements with eligible nonprofit organizations
17 to establish and conduct such programs.

18 “(b) ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED.—An eligible nonprofit
19 organization may use a grant, contract, or cooperative
20 agreement awarded under this section—

21 “(1) to conduct research into the status of
22 emergency preparedness and disaster response
23 awareness in African American and Hispanic house-
24 holds located in urban, suburban, and rural commu-
25 nities, particularly in those States and regions most

1 impacted by natural and manmade disasters and
2 emergencies; and

3 “(2) to develop and promote awareness of emer-
4 gency preparedness education programs within mi-
5 nority communities, including development and prep-
6 aration of culturally competent educational and
7 awareness materials that can be used to disseminate
8 information to minority organizations and institu-
9 tions.

10 “(c) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—A nonprofit orga-
11 nization is eligible to be awarded a grant, contract, or co-
12 operative agreement under this section with respect to a
13 program if the organization is a nonprofit organization
14 that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
15 enue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)) and exempt
16 from tax under section 501(a) of such Code, whose pri-
17 mary mission is to provide services to communities pre-
18 dominately populated by minority citizens, and that can
19 demonstrate a partnership with a minority-owned business
20 enterprise or minority business located in a HUBZone (as
21 defined in section 3(p) of the Small Business Act (15
22 U.S.C. 632(p))) with respect to the program.

23 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant, con-
24 tract, or cooperative agreement awarded under this section

1 may only use the proceeds of the grant, contract, or agree-
2 ment to—

3 “(1) acquire expert professional services nec-
4 essary to conduct research in communities predomi-
5 nately populated by minority citizens, with a primary
6 emphasis on African American and Hispanic com-
7 munities;

8 “(2) develop and prepare informational mate-
9 rials to promote awareness among minority commu-
10 nities about emergency preparedness and how to
11 protect their households and communities in advance
12 of disasters;

13 “(3) establish consortia with minority national
14 organizations, minority institutions of higher edu-
15 cation, and faith-based institutions to disseminate
16 information about emergency preparedness to minor-
17 ity communities; and

18 “(4) implement a joint project with a minority
19 serving institution, including a part B institution (as
20 defined in section 322(2) of the Higher Education
21 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061(2))), an institution de-
22 scribed in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of section
23 326 of that Act (20 U.S.C. 1063b(e)(1) (A), (B), or
24 (C)), and a Hispanic-serving institution (as defined

1 in section 502(a)(5) of that Act (20 U.S.C.
2 1101a(a)(5)).

3 “(e) APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURE.—To
4 be eligible to receive a grant, contract, or cooperative
5 agreement under this section, an organization must sub-
6 mit an application to the Director at such time, in such
7 manner, and accompanied by such information as the Di-
8 rector may reasonably require. The Director shall estab-
9 lish a procedure by which to accept such applications.

10 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There is
11 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
12 \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such funds as may
13 be necessary for fiscal years 2003 through 2007. Such
14 sums shall remain available until expended.”.

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