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To make grants to States to improve public safety in order to prepare for and respond to terrorist threats.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. COLLINS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Securing Our States
5 Act of 2002” or the “SOS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Federal
8 Emergency Management Agency (referred to in this Act
9 as the “Director”) shall make grants to States to improve

1 public safety in order to prepare for and respond to ter-
2 rorist threats.

3 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Director shall consult with
4 the Office of Homeland Security and any other Federal
5 agency, as appropriate, when making a grant under this
6 Act.

7 **SEC. 3. AMOUNT OF GRANT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall receive a per-
9 centage of the total amount awarded under this Act equal
10 to the proportion of the population of that State to the
11 total population of the United States, as determined by
12 the most recent census.

13 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Not less than 75 percent of the
14 funds distributed to each State under subsection (a)
15 shall—

16 (1) be distributed on a per capita basis to units
17 of local government, or a combination of units of
18 local government; and

19 (2) be adjusted to reflect assessments of great-
20 est need as determined by the Governor of each
21 State.

22 **SEC. 4. USE OF FUNDS.**

23 Grants made under this Act shall be used to—

1 (1) fund additional law enforcement, fire, emer-
2 gency medical, and border security resources, includ-
3 ing supplies, equipment, and training;

4 (2) purchase and refurbish personal protective
5 equipment for fire, police, and emergency personnel,
6 and to acquire technology to improve communication
7 systems;

8 (3) improve protection of critical infrastructure,
9 including—

10 (A) water treatment plants, distribution
11 systems, and other water infrastructure;

12 (B) nuclear power plants and other power
13 infrastructure;

14 (C) tunnels and bridges;

15 (D) oil and gas pipelines and storage facili-
16 ties;

17 (E) sea and other waterway port security
18 (including fire and other preventive and re-
19 sponse resources); and

20 (F) transportation of hazardous sub-
21 stances;

22 (4) assist State and local emergency planning
23 organizations so that public agencies can design, re-
24 view, and improve disaster response systems;

1 (5) assist States and localities in coordinating
2 their efforts and sharing information with all rel-
3 evant agencies involved in preventing or responding
4 to terrorist attacks;

5 (6) establish timely notification systems that
6 enable States and localities to communicate with
7 each other and the Federal government in order to
8 prepare for and respond to a terrorist threat; and

9 (7) improve communication systems to provide
10 information to the public in a timely manner about
11 the facts of any threat and the precautions the pub-
12 lic should take.

13 **SEC. 5. APPLICATION AND PLAN.**

14 (a) APPLICATION.—Each State that desires a grant
15 under this Act shall submit an application to the Director
16 at such time and in such manner as the Director may rea-
17 sonably require.

18 (b) PLAN.—Each State application submitted under
19 subsection (a) shall include a plan that demonstrates—

20 (1) how the funds shall be—

21 (A) distributed to a unit of local govern-
22 ment or a combination of units of local govern-
23 ment; or

24 (B) expended by that State; and

1 (2) how that State, unit of local government, or
2 combination of units of local government will im-
3 prove public safety in order to prepare for and re-
4 spond to terrorist threats.

5 **SEC. 6. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION.**

6 States and units of local government may enter into
7 agreements or compacts with and among other States and
8 units of local government in order to apply for funding
9 distributed under this Act.

10 **SEC. 7. PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 9 months after the
12 date on which a State or unit of local government receives
13 a grant under this Act, the State shall report to the Direc-
14 tor regarding any improvements made in public security
15 as a result of the grants received under this Act.

16 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 15
17 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Direc-
18 tor shall—

19 (1) report to Congress on the improvements
20 made in homeland defense as a result of this Act;
21 and

22 (2) propose recommendations for any amend-
23 ments to this Act.

24 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

25 There is authorized to be appropriated—

- 1 (1) \$4,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2003; and
- 2 (2) such sums as necessary for each fiscal year
- 3 thereafter.

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