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To provide grants for law enforcement training and equipment to combat methamphetamine labs.

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Mr. BAIRD (for himself, Mr. CANNON, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. NUNES, Mr. KIND, Mr. OSE, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. TERRY, Mr. CASE, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. DICKS, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. INSLEE, and Mr. McDERMOTT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide grants for law enforcement training and equipment to combat methamphetamine labs.

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 “Methamphetamine
5 Equipment, Training, Hardware, Material, and Safety
6 Knowledge Grant Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR LAW ENFORCE-**
2 **MENT TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT TO COM-**
3 **BAT METHAMPHETAMINE LABS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime
5 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711
6 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
7 new part:

8 **“PART CC—MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR**
9 **LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND EQUIP-**
10 **MENT TO COMBAT METHAMPHETAMINE**
11 **LABS**

12 **“SEC. 2901. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Bureau of
14 Justice Assistance is authorized to make grants to States,
15 units of local government, and Indian tribes to provide,
16 to State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers, protec-
17 tive equipment and training for use in investigating and
18 responding to offenses related to methamphetamine clan-
19 destine drug laboratories.

20 “(b) USES OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this
21 section shall be—

22 “(1) distributed directly to the State, unit of
23 local government, or Indian tribe; and

24 “(2) used to provide, to law enforcement offi-
25 cers in the jurisdiction of the grantee—

1 “(A) protective equipment specified in sub-
2 section (a); or

3 “(B) training specified in subsection (a),
4 but only if such training is carried out by a pro-
5 gram certified by the Federal Government or by
6 the grantee’s State.

7 “(c) MATCHING FUNDS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The portion of the costs of
9 a program provided by a grant under subsection
10 (a)—

11 “(A) may not exceed 50 percent; and

12 “(B) shall equal 50 percent, if such grant
13 is to a unit of local government with fewer than
14 100,000 residents.

15 “(d) ALLOCATION TO SMALL JURISDICTIONS.—Not
16 less than 50 percent of the amounts granted under this
17 section in a fiscal year shall be granted in a manner that
18 provides such training or equipment to law enforcement
19 officers of communities with fewer than 100,000 residents.

20 “(e) PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION.—In awarding
21 grants under this part, the Director of the Bureau of Jus-
22 tice Assistance may give preferential consideration, if fea-
23 sible, to an application from a jurisdiction that—

1 “(1)(A) has the greatest need for protective
2 equipment and methamphetamine clandestine drug
3 laboratory training; and

4 “(B) has a methamphetamine clandestine drug
5 laboratory-related seizures per capita rate at or
6 above the national average as determined by the Na-
7 tional Clandestine Laboratory Database of the El
8 Paso Intelligence Center (known as EPIC); or

9 “(2) has consolidated local law enforcement ef-
10 fort by creating multijurisdictional law taskforces.

11 “(f) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Funds available
12 under this part shall be awarded, without regard to sub-
13 section (e), to each qualifying unit of local government
14 with fewer than 100,000 residents. Any remaining funds
15 available under this part shall be awarded to other quali-
16 fying applicants.

17 **“SEC. 2902. APPLICATIONS.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To request a grant under this
19 part, the chief executive of a State, unit of local govern-
20 ment, or Indian tribe shall submit an application to the
21 Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance in such form
22 and containing such information as the Director may rea-
23 sonably require.

24 “(b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after
25 the date of the enactment of this part, the Director of

1 the Bureau of Justice Assistance shall promulgate regula-
2 tions to implement this section (including the information
3 that must be included and the requirements that the
4 States, units of local government, and Indian tribes must
5 meet) in submitting the applications required under this
6 section.

7 **“SEC. 2903. DEFINITIONS.**

8 “For purposes of this part—

9 “(1) the term ‘State’ means each of the 50
10 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
11 of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,
12 American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana
13 Islands;

14 “(2) the term ‘unit of local government’ means
15 a county, municipality, town, township, village, par-
16 ish, borough, or other unit of general government
17 below the State level;

18 “(3) the term ‘Indian tribe’ has the same mean-
19 ing as in section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determina-
20 tion and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
21 450b(e)); and

22 “(4) the term ‘law enforcement officer’ means
23 any officer, agent, or employee of a State, unit of
24 local government, or Indian tribe authorized by law
25 or by a government agency to engage in or supervise

1 the prevention, detection, or investigation of any vio-
2 lation of criminal law, or authorized by law to super-
3 vise sentenced criminal offenders.”.

4 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
5 1001(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3793) is amended by add-
6 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(25) There are authorized to be appropriated to
8 carry out part CC, \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years
9 2004 through 2006.”.

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