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To provide for grants for regional task forces to more effectively investigate and prosecute identity theft and other economic crimes.

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Ms. HOOLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Regional ID Theft  
5 Task Force Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR REGIONAL ID THEFT TASK FORCES.**

7 (a) GRANTS REQUIRED.—The Attorney General shall  
8 make grants to coalitions of Federal, State, and local law  
9 enforcement agencies to establish regional task forces to  
10 more effectively investigate and prosecute identify theft

1 and other economic crimes, such as check fraud and credit  
2 card fraud.

3 (b) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Grant amounts received  
5 under this section may be used for—

6 (A) planning, equipment, training, and  
7 costs associated with starting up a regional task  
8 force; and

9 (B) personnel costs and operating expenses  
10 for the regional task force.

11 (2) LIMITATION.—For any fiscal year, not more  
12 than 50 percent of amounts received may be used  
13 for personnel costs and operating expenses.

14 (3) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Grant  
15 amounts under this section must supplement rather  
16 than supplant other available funding.

17 (4) MAXIMUM.—A regional task force may not  
18 receive more than \$3,000,000 for any fiscal year and  
19 may not receive funding for more than four fiscal  
20 years.

21 (c) ELIGIBLE TASK FORCES DEFINED.—In this sec-  
22 tion, the term “regional task force” means a task force  
23 that—

24 (1) is established by a coalition of Federal,  
25 State, and local law enforcement agencies that—

1 (A) collectively serve a region that has a  
2 population of at least 1,000,000 people; and

3 (B) have in effect an agreement to cooper-  
4 ate in investigating and prosecuting identity  
5 theft and other economic crimes; and

6 (2) includes one or more representatives of fi-  
7 nancial institutions.

8 (d) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In selecting recipients  
9 for, and in determining amounts of, grants under this sec-  
10 tion, the Attorney General shall consider—

11 (1) the population of the region to be served by  
12 the task force;

13 (2) the degree of cooperation between the law  
14 enforcement agencies and the financial institutions  
15 involved in the task force; and

16 (3) the region's rate of economic crimes.

17 (e) EVALUATION AND REPORT TO CONGRESS.—After  
18 three fiscal years for which grants are made under this  
19 section, the Attorney General shall carry out an evaluation  
20 of the effectiveness of the activities carried out under this  
21 section, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of each  
22 task force receiving grant amounts under this section and  
23 an evaluation of the effectiveness of each distinct practice  
24 used by the various task forces. After completing the eval-  
25 uation, the Attorney General shall submit to Congress a

1 report on the results of the evaluation, which shall include  
2 a description of the distinct practices that the Attorney  
3 General considers to be the most effective and rec-  
4 ommends for adoption by other task forces.

5 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
7 \$50,000,000 for each fiscal year.

8 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCE-**  
9 **MENT AGENCIES RECEIVING REPORTS OF**  
10 **ECONOMIC CRIMES.**

11 (a) LOCAL AGENCIES TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS OF  
12 LOCAL VICTIMS.—Whenever a local law enforcement  
13 agency receives a report that a person residing in the ju-  
14 risdiction of the agency is the victim of an economic crime,  
15 the fact that the crime occurred or may have occurred out-  
16 side the jurisdiction of the agency may not be used as a  
17 basis to decline to accept the report.

18 (b) STANDARD POLICE REPORT FORM.—The Attor-  
19 ney General, in consultation with the Federal Trade Com-  
20 mission, shall develop and make available a standard form  
21 that may be used by a local law enforcement agency in  
22 receiving a report that a person is the victim of an eco-  
23 nomic crime.

1           (c) DUTIES OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The Attorney  
2 General shall prescribe regulations to implement this sec-  
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