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H. R. 1270

To reauthorize community development block grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CLARKE (for herself, Mr. BACA, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. FILNER, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. KILROY, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. WATSON, Mr. WEINER, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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for other purposes.

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 “Affordable Housing
5 and Community Development Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The community development block grant
4 program was originally authorized under title I of
5 the Housing and Community Development Act of
6 1974.

7 (2) The program provides annual grants on a
8 formula basis to entitlement cities and counties to
9 develop viable urban communities by providing de-
10 cent housing and a suitable living environment, and
11 by expanding economic opportunities, principally for
12 low- and moderate-income persons.

13 (3) The program has assisted millions of per-
14 sons through the funding of housing, public services,
15 public facilities, and economic development activities.

16 (4) The program has been underfunded, par-
17 ticularly in the previous 8 years.

18 **SEC. 3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS.**

19 (a) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 103 of the Housing
20 and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
21 5303) is amended to read as follows:

22 **“SEC. 103. GRANTS TO STATES, UNITS OF GENERAL LOCAL**
23 **GOVERNMENT AND INDIAN TRIBES; AUTHOR-**
24 **IZATIONS.**

25 **“(a) AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.—**

1 “(1) The Secretary is authorized to make
2 grants to States, units of general local government,
3 and Indian tribes to carry out activities in accord-
4 ance with the provisions of this chapter. For pur-
5 poses of assistance under section 106 of this title,
6 there are authorized to be appropriated—

7 “(A) \$8,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2011,
8 as such amount is adjusted by application of
9 the inflation index established under subsection
10 (b); and

11 “(B) for fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal
12 year thereafter, the amount authorized in the
13 preceding year, as adjusted based on the index
14 established under subsection (b).

15 “(2) Any amounts appropriated pursuant to the
16 authorization under this section shall remain avail-
17 able until expended.

18 “(b) INFLATION INDEX.—Not later than September
19 30, 2010, the Secretary shall conduct a study to determine
20 appropriate factors on which to base an inflation index,
21 taking into consideration the activities conducted pursuant
22 to the provisions of this title and the costs associated with
23 such activities, and establish such index based on such fac-
24 tors. The Secretary shall consult with grant recipients
25 under this title and appropriate organizations and entities

1 representing such grant recipients in conducting such
2 study and establishing such an index.”.

3 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR GRANT
4 RECIPIENTS.—Section 105 of the Housing and Commu-
5 nity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305) is amend-
6 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANT RECIPI-
8 ENTS.—

9 “(1) AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUND-
10 ING FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—There is author-
11 ized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$5,000,000
12 for fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter
13 for technical assistance described in paragraph (2)
14 and training for grant recipients.

15 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds provided pursu-
16 ant to the authorization under paragraph (1) shall
17 be used to provide ongoing technical assistance and
18 training to grant recipients to assist such recipients
19 in carrying out the requirements of this title.”.

20 (c) FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES AS DI-
21 RECT PROGRAM COSTS.—Section 104 of the Housing and
22 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304)
23 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

1 “(n) FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING.—Costs of any ac-
2 tivity that a grant recipient certifies as affirmatively fur-
3 thering fair housing shall not be considered an expenditure
4 for planning or program administrative costs for purposes
5 of this title.”.

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