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# H. R. 3069

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. COHEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. PETERS of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To improve public safety through increased law enforcement presence and enhanced public safety equipment and programs, and 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; DEFINITIONS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Shield Our Streets Act of 2013”.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

7 (1) ELEVATED NEED LOCALITY.—The term  
8 “elevated need locality” means a county or other

1 unit of local government that is not part of a county  
2 that—

3 (A) has a violent crime rate at or above  
4 the national average, as determined by the Fed-  
5 eral Bureau of Investigation; and

6 (B) has, during the most recent 5-year pe-  
7 riod, had budget reductions.

8 (2) UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term  
9 “unit of local government” has the meaning given  
10 such term in section 901 of title I of the Omnibus  
11 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42  
12 U.S.C. 3791).

13 **SEC. 2. SHIELD POLICE HIRING GRANTS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is author-  
15 ized to carry out a program, through the Office of Com-  
16 munity Oriented Policing Services, to award grants to eli-  
17 gible local law enforcement agencies to assist such agen-  
18 cies with hiring and rehiring career law enforcement offi-  
19 cers in accordance with this section.

20 (b) ELIGIBLE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-  
21 CIES.—For the purposes of this section, an “eligible local  
22 law enforcement agency” is a local law enforcement agen-  
23 cy that has jurisdiction over all or part of an elevated need  
24 locality.

1 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—Grant funds awarded under  
2 this section shall be used by an eligible local law enforce-  
3 ment agency to—

4 (1) hire and train new career law enforcement  
5 officers for deployment in the jurisdiction of the  
6 agency; or

7 (2) rehire career law enforcement officers who  
8 have been laid off as a result of Federal, State, or  
9 local budget reductions.

10 (d) GRANT PERIOD.—Each grant awarded under this  
11 section shall be for a period of 3 years and may be ex-  
12 tended or renewed for an additional 2-year period at the  
13 discretion of the Attorney General.

14 (e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Attorney General  
15 shall provide technical assistance to eligible local law en-  
16 forcement agencies during the application process and  
17 while such agencies are carrying out grants under this sec-  
18 tion.

19 (f) NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—An eligible local  
20 law enforcement agency receiving a grant under this sec-  
21 tion shall not be required to provide any portion of the  
22 costs, in cash or in-kind, of the activities carried out with  
23 such grant from non-Federal funds.

24 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-  
25 tion to any other funds authorized to be appropriated for

1 hiring and rehiring local law enforcement officers, there  
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
3 \$100,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2014 through  
4 2019.

5 **SEC. 3. SHIELD PUBLIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is author-  
7 ized to carry out a program to award grants to eligible  
8 organizations to enhance public safety through the activi-  
9 ties described in subsection (c).

10 (b) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—For the purposes of  
11 this section, an “eligible organization” is—

12 (1) a unit of local government that has jurisdic-  
13 tion over all or part of an elevated need locality; or

14 (2) a nonprofit organization that operates in  
15 one or more elevated need localities.

16 (c) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—Grant funds awarded  
17 under this section shall be used as follows:

18 (1) With respect to an eligible organization de-  
19 scribed in subsection (b)(1), to enhance public safety  
20 in the jurisdiction of the organization. Such en-  
21 hancement may include—

22 (A) purchasing public safety equipment;

23 (B) funding public safety programs;

24 (C) making infrastructure improvements

25 for the purpose of enhancing public safety;

1 (D) purchasing and installing street lights  
2 and other lights to deter crime;

3 (E) funding activities related to crime labs;  
4 and

5 (F) funding public defender programs.

6 (2) With respect to an eligible organization de-  
7 scribed in subsection (b)(2), to carry out programs  
8 designed to reduce crime in one or more of the coun-  
9 ties or cities under subsection (b)(2).

10 (d) GRANT PERIOD.—Each grant awarded under this  
11 section shall be for a period of one year and may be ex-  
12 tended or renewed for an additional period at the discre-  
13 tion of the Attorney General.

14 (e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Attorney General  
15 shall provide technical assistance to eligible organizations  
16 during the application process and while such organiza-  
17 tions are carrying out grants under this section.

18 (f) NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—An eligible orga-  
19 nization receiving a grant under this section shall not be  
20 required to provide any portion of the costs, in cash or  
21 in-kind, of the activities carried out with such grant from  
22 non-Federal funds.

23 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-  
24 tion to any other funds authorized to be appropriated for  
25 public safety enhancement by eligible organizations, there

1 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
2 \$100,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2014 through  
3 2019.

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