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To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to assist units of local government in developing and implementing plans, known as Vision Zero plans, to eliminate transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. BUCHANAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Vision Zero Act of
5 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. VISION ZERO PLANNING GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
3 is authorized to award grants to eligible entities to develop
4 a plan, known as a Vision Zero plan, to eliminate trans-
5 portation-related fatalities and serious injuries in the ju-
6 risdiction of such entity within 10 years.

7 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant under
8 this section, an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary
9 an application at such time, in such form, and containing
10 such information and assurances as the Secretary may re-
11 quire.

12 (c) PLAN CONTENTS.—The Vision Zero plan de-
13 scribed in subsection (a) shall include—

14 (1) a description of projects or policies intended
15 to eliminate transportation-related fatalities and se-
16 rious injuries within 10 years using existing trans-
17 portation and health data and consideration of risk
18 factors;

19 (2) plans for implementation of, education of
20 the public about, and enforcement of such projects
21 or policies;

22 (3) a description of how such policies, projects,
23 and enforcement will—

24 (A) equitably address the safety needs of
25 low-income and minority communities;

1 (B) ensure that such communities are not
2 disproportionately targeted by law enforcement;
3 and

4 (C) protect the rights of members of such
5 communities with respect to title VI of the Civil
6 Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.);

7 (4) a description of the required involvement of
8 various subdivisions of a unit of local government in
9 the implementation of the plan, including subdivi-
10 sions in charge of law enforcement, public health,
11 and public works; and

12 (5) a description of a mechanism to evaluate
13 progress of the implementation of the plan, including
14 the gathering and use of transportation safety and
15 demographic data.

16 **SEC. 3. VISION ZERO GRANT PROGRAM.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
19 tation may award grants to not more than 5 eligible enti-
20 ties to support the implementation of a Vision Zero plan
21 to eliminate transportation-related fatalities and serious
22 injuries in the jurisdiction of such entity within 10 years.

23 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant under
24 this section, an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary
25 an application at such time, in such form, and containing

1 such information and assurances as the Secretary may re-
2 quire.

3 (c) VISION ZERO PLAN REQUIRED.—To be eligible
4 for a grant under this section, an eligible entity shall have
5 in effect a Vision Zero plan that meets the requirements
6 of section 2(c).

7 (d) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In selecting from among
8 eligible entities to receive grants under subsection (a), the
9 Secretary shall consider, at a minimum, the extent to
10 which an entity—

11 (1) provided an opportunity for public input in
12 the development of the plan;

13 (2) considered existing plans and planning proc-
14 esses in the drafting of the vision zero plan;

15 (3) structured the plan to meet performance
16 measures as described in section 150(c) of title 23,
17 United States Code;

18 (4) demonstrates broad community support for
19 the plan, including the commitment of community
20 leaders to successful implementation of the plan; and

21 (5) demonstrates the availability of State, local,
22 or Federal funds, in addition to Federal funds made
23 available under this section, for implementation of
24 the plan.

25 (e) FUNDING LIMITATIONS.—

1 (1) POPULATION LIMITATION.—Not less than
2 25 percent of the funds made available to carry out
3 this section shall be used to make grants to eligible
4 entities that serve a jurisdiction with a population of
5 fewer than 200,000 individuals.

6 (2) FEDERAL SHARE.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
8 subparagraph (B), the Federal share of the cost
9 of a project or activity carried out using grant
10 funds made available under this section may
11 not exceed 80 percent.

12 (B) FUNDS FROM OTHER FEDERAL
13 SOURCES.—Amounts made available to an eligi-
14 ble entity under another Federal program may
15 be credited toward the non-Federal share of the
16 cost of a project or activity described in sub-
17 paragraph (A), at the option of the eligible enti-
18 ty.

19 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.**

20 In this Act, the term “eligible entity” means a unit
21 of local government including a city, town, township, bor-
22 ough, county, parish, district, village, or other political
23 subdivision of a State.

1 **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

2 Not later than 2 years after the final grant is award-
3 ed under this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress,
4 and make available to the public, a report on the progress
5 of the projects and activities carried out using the grants
6 including—

7 (1) a breakdown of infrastructure and noninfra-
8 structure projects;

9 (2) demographic data, in the aggregate, with
10 respect to individuals charged with a violation of law
11 referenced in the vision zero plan of an eligible enti-
12 ty that received a grant under this Act; and

13 (3) best practices from the eligible entities that
14 received a grant under section 3.

15 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 There is authorized to be appropriated, for each of
17 fiscal years 2016 through 2020, \$5,000,000 to carry out
18 section 2 and \$25,000,000 to carry out section 3.

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