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H. R. 2470

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to make grants to eligible entities to increase the resilience of publicly owned treatment works to natural disasters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARBAJAL 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 “Clean Water Infra-
5 structure Resilience and Sustainability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY AND**
2 **SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM.**

3 Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
4 (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 222. CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY**
7 **AND SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall estab-
9 lish a clean water infrastructure resilience and sustain-
10 ability program, under which the Administrator shall
11 award grants to eligible entities for the purpose of increas-
12 ing the resilience of publicly owned treatment works to a
13 natural disaster.

14 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
15 a grant under this section shall use such grant funds for
16 planning, designing, or constructing projects (on a system-
17 wide or area-wide basis) that increase the resilience of a
18 publicly owned treatment works to a natural disaster
19 through—

20 “(1) the conservation of water;

21 “(2) the enhancement of water use efficiency;

22 “(3) the enhancement of wastewater and
23 stormwater management by increasing watershed
24 preservation and protection, including through the
25 use of natural and engineered green infrastructure,

1 and reclamation and reuse of wastewater and
2 stormwater, such as aquifer recharge zones;

3 “(4) the modification or relocation of an exist-
4 ing publicly owned treatment works at risk of being
5 significantly impaired or damaged by a natural dis-
6 aster;

7 “(5) the development and implementation of
8 projects to increase the resilience of publicly owned
9 treatment works to a natural disaster; or

10 “(6) the enhancement of energy efficiency or
11 the use and generation of recovered or renewable en-
12 ergy in management, treatment, or conveyance of
13 wastewater or stormwater.

14 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
15 under this section, an eligible entity shall submit to the
16 Administrator an application that—

17 “(1) includes a proposal of the project to be
18 planned, designed, or constructed using funds under
19 this section;

20 “(2) identifies the natural disaster risk to be
21 addressed by the proposed project;

22 “(3) provides documentation prepared by a
23 Federal, State, regional, or local government agency
24 of the natural disaster risk to the area where the
25 proposed project is to be located;

1 “(4) includes a description of any recent nat-
2 ural disaster events that have affected the publicly
3 owned treatment works;

4 “(5) includes a description of how the proposed
5 project would improve the performance of the pub-
6 licly owned treatment works under an anticipated
7 natural disaster; and

8 “(6) explains how the proposed project is ex-
9 pected to enhance the resilience of the publicly
10 owned treatment works to an anticipated natural
11 disaster.

12 “(d) GRANT AMOUNT AND OTHER FEDERAL RE-
13 QUIREMENTS.—

14 “(1) GRANT AMOUNT.—A grant under this sec-
15 tion shall not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of
16 the proposed project.

17 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements of
18 section 608 of this Act shall apply to any project
19 funded under this section.

20 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
21 definitions apply:

22 “(1) NATURAL DISASTER.—The term ‘natural
23 disaster’ means a disaster caused by natural forces,
24 including extreme weather events, sea-level rise, or
25 extreme drought conditions.

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
2 tity’ means—

3 “(A) a municipality; or

4 “(B) an intermunicipal, interstate, or State
5 agency.

6 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
8 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2025.”.

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