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# H. R. 3990

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Operation Stonegarden grant program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUEST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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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 “Operation Stonegarden  
5 Authorization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OPERATION STONEGARDEN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XX of the  
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)  
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 2009. OPERATION STONEGARDEN.**

2       “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the  
3 Department a program to be known as ‘Operation  
4 Stonegarden’, under which the Secretary, acting through  
5 the Administrator, shall make grants to eligible law en-  
6 forcement agencies, through the State administrative  
7 agency, to enhance border security in accordance with this  
8 section.

9       “(b) **ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.**—To be eligible to re-  
10 ceive a grant under this section, a law enforcement agen-  
11 cy—

12               “(1) shall be located in—

13                       “(A) a State bordering Canada or Mexico;

14                       or

15                       “(B) a State or territory with a maritime  
16 border; and

17               “(2) shall be involved in an active, ongoing,  
18 U.S. Customs and Border Protection operation co-  
19 ordinated through a U.S. Border Patrol sector of-  
20 fice.

21       “(c) **PERMITTED USES.**—The recipient of a grant  
22 under this section may use such grant for—

23               “(1) equipment, including maintenance and  
24 sustainment costs;

1           “(2) personnel, including overtime and backfill,  
2           in support of enhanced border law enforcement ac-  
3           tivities;

4           “(3) any activity permitted for Operation  
5           Stonegarden under the Department of Homeland  
6           Security’s most recent Homeland Security Grant  
7           Program Notice of Funding Opportunity; and

8           “(4) any other appropriate activity, as deter-  
9           mined by the Administrator, in consultation with the  
10          Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protec-  
11          tion.

12          “(d) PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE.—The Secretary  
13          shall award grants under this section to grant recipients  
14          for a period of not less than 36 months.

15          “(e) REPORT.—For each of the fiscal years 2020  
16          through 2024, the Administrator shall submit to the Com-  
17          mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
18          of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security  
19          of the House of Representatives a report that contains in-  
20          formation on the expenditure of grants made under this  
21          section by each grant recipient.

22          “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
23          is authorized to be appropriated \$110,000,000 for each  
24          of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024 for grants under  
25          this section.”.

1           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a) of  
2 section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
3 U.S.C. 603) is amended to read as follows:

4           “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary, through  
5 the Administrator, may award grants under sections 2003,  
6 2004, and 2009 to State, local, and Tribal governments,  
7 as appropriate.”.

8           (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
9 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is  
10 amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
11 2008 the following new item:

“Sec. 2009. Operation Stonegarden.”.

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