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H. R. 8451

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to provide additional funding under the Community Development Block Grant program for units of general local government to digitize and make available online information regarding violations of housing construction, building, and safety codes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. SAN NICOLAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Know Your Home Act
5 of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**

2 (a) **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY.**—Subsection (a) of section
3 105 of the Housing and Community Development Act of
4 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (25)(D), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (2) in paragraph (26), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(27) payment of costs incurred by a unit of
12 general local government that receives amounts
13 under this title (including pursuant to section
14 106(d)(1)) for making publicly available online com-
15 prehensive information regarding violations during
16 the most recent 3 years of any Federal, State, or
17 local statutes, codes, ordinances, or regulations re-
18 lating to the construction, safety, quality, health, or
19 cleanliness of residential structures by any struc-
20 tures located in such unit of general local govern-
21 ment, which shall include the location of the struc-
22 ture, identity of the owner of the structure, the na-
23 ture of the violation, the date or dates of the viola-
24 tion, and the date of any rescission of such viola-
25 tion.”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
2 103 of the Housing and Community Development Act of
3 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304) is amended—

4 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
5 “The Secretary”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(b) AMOUNTS FOR ESTABLISHING ONLINE DATA-
9 BASE OF HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS.—In addition to
10 amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection
11 (a), there is authorized to be appropriated \$30,000,000
12 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, for grants
13 under this title, except that amounts made available pur-
14 suant to this subsection for a fiscal year may only be used
15 for the eligible activity under section 105(a)(27) and may
16 only be provided to units of general local government
17 whose statements of projected uses of funds under this
18 title prepared in accordance with section 104(a) for a fis-
19 cal year provide for such use for such fiscal year.”.

20 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR CDBG GRANT**
21 **AMOUNTS.**

22 Section 104 of the Housing and Community Develop-
23 ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304) is amended by adding
24 at the end the following new subsection:

1 “(n) REQUIREMENT TO COLLECT AND MAKE AVAIL-
2 ABLE INFORMATION REGARDING HOUSING CODE VIOLA-
3 TIONS.—

4 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—No funds made available
5 for fiscal year 2026 or any fiscal year thereafter for
6 grants under this Act may be allocated for, or obli-
7 gated or expended to, any unit of general local gov-
8 ernment that fails to collect and make publicly avail-
9 able immediately upon request comprehensive infor-
10 mation regarding violations during the most recent
11 3 years of any Federal, State, or local statutes,
12 codes, ordinances, or regulations relating to the con-
13 struction, safety, quality, health, or cleanliness of
14 residential structures by any structures located in
15 such unit of general local government, which shall
16 include the location of the structure, identity of the
17 owner of the structure, the nature of the violation,
18 the date or dates of the violation, and the date of
19 any rescission of such violation.

20 “(2) PREEMPTION.—The laws of any State or
21 unit of general local government requiring the filing
22 of a request and other procedures for obtaining in-
23 formation from a State or unit of general local gov-
24 ernment, or any agency thereof, to obtain such infor-
25 mation are preempted to the extent that such laws

1 apply to information regarding the violations de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1) and to information regard-
3 ing violations described in section 105(a)(27).”.

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