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S. 2359

To provide emergency assistance for disaster response and recovery, and for other expenses, directly related to Hurricanes Laura, Delta, or Zeta.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 15, 2021

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Gulf Coast Hurricane
5 Aid Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE COMMU-**
7 **NITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise
9 appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the

1 United States not otherwise appropriated, there is appro-
2 priated to the “Community Development Fund”, for nec-
3 essary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recov-
4 ery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing, and eco-
5 nomic revitalization in areas in States for which the Presi-
6 dent declared a major disaster under title IV of the Robert
7 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
8 of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5170 et seq.) related to Hurricane
9 Laura, Delta, or Zeta, \$1,100,000,000, to remain avail-
10 able until expended, for activities authorized under title
11 I of the Housing and Community Development Act of
12 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

13 (b) DEPOSIT OF C-BAND SPECTRUM AUCTION PRO-
14 CEEDS IN TREASURY.—Section 309(j)(8) of the Commu-
15 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)(8)) is amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and (G)”
17 and inserting “(G), and (H)”;

18 (2) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking “and
19 (G)” and inserting “(G), and (H)”;

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(H) C-BAND AUCTION PROCEEDS.—Not-
22 withstanding subparagraph (A), and except as
23 provided in subparagraph (B), of the proceeds
24 (including deposits and upfront payments from
25 successful bidders) from the use of a system of

1 competitive bidding under this subsection to
2 award licenses in the band of frequencies be-
3 tween 3700 megahertz and 3980 megahertz
4 (designated by the Commission as ‘Auction
5 107’), \$1,100,000,000 shall be deposited in the
6 general fund of the Treasury and used for
7 emergency assistance under section 2(a) of the
8 Gulf Coast Hurricane Aid Act of 2021.”.

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