

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1356

To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to establish a pilot grant program to address damage from mudslides that occur after a wildland fire, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Mrs. TORRES of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Mudslide Recovery
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MUDSLIDE RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretaries concerned
7 shall jointly establish a pilot grant program to make
8 grants on a competitive basis to eligible recipients to im-
9 plement innovative solutions to repair the damage caused
10 by mudslides that occur after a wildland fire.

11 (b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under
12 this section, an eligible recipient shall submit to the Secre-
13 taries concerned an application at such time, in such man-
14 ner, and containing such information as the Secretaries
15 concerned jointly determine is appropriate.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

17 (1) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term “eligible
18 recipient” means—

19 (A) a State, an Indian Tribe, or a forestry
20 agency of a State or Indian Tribe;

21 (B) a local government;

22 (C) a fire department; and

23 (D) a non-profit organization, including a
24 homeowner association that assists communities
25 located in an area with a risk of wildland fires.

1 (2) SECRETARIES CONCERNED.—The term
2 “Secretaries concerned” means the Secretary of the
3 Interior and the Secretary of Homeland Security,
4 acting through the Administrator of the Federal
5 Emergency Management Agency.

6 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means any
7 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
8 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any other
9 territory or possession of the United States.

10 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
11 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
12 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2032.

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