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H. R. 6768

To establish a competitive grant program supporting affordable housing planning and implementation activities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TLAIB introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To establish a competitive grant program supporting affordable housing planning and implementation activities, and for other purposes.

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 “Housing Our Commu-
5 nities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION AS-**
7 **SOCIATED WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and
9 Urban Development shall, not later than 1 year after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, establish a program to

1 award grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities to
2 assist planning and implementation activities associated
3 with affordable housing.

4 (b) USE OF AMOUNTS.—

5 (1) BY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES.—If an
6 eligible entity that receives amounts under this Act
7 is a regional planning agency or consortia of re-
8 gional planning agencies, such eligible entity shall
9 use such amounts to assist planning activities with
10 respect to affordable housing, including—

11 (A) the development of housing plans;

12 (B) the substantial improvement of State
13 or local housing strategies;

14 (C) the development of new regulatory re-
15 quirements and processes;

16 (D) updating zoning codes;

17 (E) increasing the capacity to conduct
18 housing inspections;

19 (F) increasing the capacity to reduce bar-
20 riers to housing supply elasticity and housing
21 affordability;

22 (G) the development of local or regional
23 plans for community development; and

(H) the substantial improvement of community development strategies, including strategies designed to—

(i) increase the availability of affordable housing and access to affordable housing;

(ii) increase access to public transportation; and

(iii) advance sustainable or location-efficient community development goals.

(2) BY STATES, INSULAR AREAS, METROPOLITAN CITIES, AND URBAN COUNTIES.—If an eligible entity that receives amounts under this Act is a State, insular area, metropolitan city, or urban county, such eligible entity shall use such amounts to—

(A) implement and administer housing strategies and housing plans;

(B) implement and administer any plans to increase housing choice, address disparities in housing needs, and provide greater access to opportunity;

(C) fund any community investments that support goals identified in a housing strategy or housing plan;

1 (D) implement and administer regulatory
2 requirements and processes with respect to re-
3 formed zoning codes;

4 (E) increase the capacity to conduct hous-
5 ing inspections;

6 (F) increase the capacity to reduce bar-
7 riers to housing supply elasticity and housing
8 affordability;

9 (G) implement and administer local or re-
10 gional plans for community development; and

11 (H) fund any planning to increase—

12 (i) the availability of affordable hous-
13 ing and access to affordable housing;

14 (ii) access to public transportation;
15 and

16 (iii) any location-efficient community
17 development goals.

18 (3) USE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—A eligi-
19 ble entity that receives amounts under this Act may
20 not use more than 10-percent of such amounts for
21 administrative costs.

22 (c) COORDINATION.—To the extent practicable, the
23 Secretary shall coordinate with the Federal Transit Ad-
24 ministrator in carrying out this Act.

25 (d) ADDITIONAL USES OF AMOUNTS.—

1 (1) HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.—Expenditures
2 on new construction of housing shall be an eligible
3 expense under this Act.

4 (2) BUILDINGS FOR GENERAL CONDUCT OF
5 GOVERNMENT.—Expenditures on building for the
6 general conduct of government, other than the Fed-
7 eral Government, shall be eligible under this Act
8 when necessary and appropriate as a part of a nat-
9 ural hazard mitigation project.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

11 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
12 ty” means—

13 (A) a State, insular area, metropolitan
14 city, or urban county, as such terms are defined
15 in section 102 of the Housing and Community
16 Development Act of 1974; or

17 (B) a regional planning agency or con-
18 sortia of regional planning agencies.

19 (2) HOUSING PLAN.—The term “housing plan”
20 means a plan to, with respect to an area within the
21 jurisdiction of an eligible entity—

22 (A) increase the amount of available hous-
23 ing to meet the demand for such housing and
24 any projected increase in the demand for such
25 housing;

1 (B) increase the affordability of housing;

2 (C) increase the accessibility of housing for
3 people with disabilities, including location-effi-
4 cient housing;

5 (D) preserve or improve the quality of
6 housing;

7 (E) reduce barriers to housing develop-
8 ment; and

9 (F) coordinate with transportation-related
10 agencies.

11 (3) HOUSING STRATEGY.—The term “housing
12 strategy” means a housing strategy required under
13 section 105 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af-
14 fordable Housing Act.

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