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To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to eligible entities for use to eliminate blight and assist in neighborhood revitalization, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MRVAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to eligible entities for use to eliminate blight and assist in neighborhood revitalization, 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 “Revitalize Our Neigh-
5 borhoods Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. BLIGHT ELIMINATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVI-**
2 **TALIZATION GRANTS.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Housing and
4 Urban Development may make grants under this section,
5 on a competitive basis, to eligible entities for use for eligi-
6 ble activities designed to eliminate blight and promote
7 neighborhood revitalization.

8 (b) **USE IN LOW-INCOME AREAS.**—Amounts from a
9 grant awarded under this section may be used only to
10 carry out eligible activities within low-income commu-
11 nities.

12 (c) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—To be eligible for a grant
13 under this section, and entity shall be—

14 (1) a State;

15 (2) a unit of general local government, includ-
16 ing a city, county, town, parish, village, or other
17 general-purpose political subdivision of a State; or

18 (3) a multi-jurisdictional entity.

19 (d) **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**—

20 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Amounts from a grant
21 awarded under this section may be used only for the
22 following activities:

23 (A) Demolition, clearance, and removal of
24 blighted structures.

25 (B) Boarding of vacant properties and
26 blighted structures.

1 (C) Deconstruction of structures.

2 (D) Removal of waste and site clearance
3 and vacant land management.

4 (E) Renovation of existing structures that
5 are blighted or abandoned.

6 (F) Construction or preservation of afford-
7 able rental or owner-occupied housing as an
8 outcome of blight elimination.

9 (G) Administrative costs, including for
10 staffing and compliance with grant require-
11 ments, in an amount that is not more than 10
12 percent of the total grant for the recipient.

13 (2) USE OF AMOUNTS BY LAND BANKS, COMMU-
14 NITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND
15 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—A recipient of grant
17 under this section that may provide such grant
18 amounts to land banks or Community Housing
19 Development Organizations (as such term is de-
20 fined in section 104 of the Cranston-Gonzalez
21 National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
22 12704(1))) to carry out eligible activities within
23 low-income communities.

24 (B) STATE GRANTEES.—A recipient of a
25 grant under this section that is a State may

1 provide such grant amounts to units of general
2 local government whose jurisdictions include
3 low-income communities to carry out eligible ac-
4 tivities within such low-income communities.

5 (3) PROHIBITION.—Amounts from a grant
6 awarded under this section may not be used to ac-
7 quire any occupied residential dwelling unit.

8 (e) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require
10 each eligible entity that receives a grant under this
11 section to contribute an amount of matching funds
12 that is equal to or greater than 15 percent of the
13 amount of the grant, to be used for eligible activities
14 under this section.

15 (2) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Amounts from the fol-
16 lowing sources may be counted towards compliance
17 with the requirement under paragraph (1):

18 (A) Any amounts received pursuant to any
19 Federal program.

20 (B) Any amounts provided by the appli-
21 cants.

22 (C) Any proceeds from sales of properties
23 renovated using grant amounts under this sec-
24 tion.

25 (f) APPLICATION AND PLAN.—

1 (1) APPLICATION.—A grant awarded under this
2 section may only be provided to an eligible entity
3 that submits to the Secretary an application for such
4 a grant that contains a plan for use of grant funds
5 in accordance with paragraph (2) and such other in-
6 formation, certifications, and assurances as the Sec-
7 retary considers necessary.

8 (2) PLAN.—A plan under this paragraph shall
9 be a detailed 5-year plan for the use of grant
10 amounts awarded under this section and matching
11 amounts contributed that includes—

12 (A) identification of the low-income com-
13 munities in which eligible activities under sub-
14 section (d)(1) will be carried out using grant
15 and matching amounts;

16 (B) a description of the eligible activities
17 under subsection (d)(1) to be carried out using
18 grant and matching amounts;

19 (C) a timetable for carrying out such eligi-
20 ble activities, which shall provide for the ex-
21 penditure of grant and matching amounts with-
22 in 5 years after receipt; and

23 (D) identification of the sources of match-
24 ing amounts to be provided and assurances of
25 the availability of such matching amounts.

1 (g) SELECTION; CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall se-
2 lect applications to receive grants under this section pur-
3 suant to a competition and based on criteria as established
4 by the Secretary for such selection.

5 (h) COORDINATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL PRO-
6 GRAMS.—An eligible entity that receives grant amounts
7 under this section may use such grant amounts in coordi-
8 nation with the eligible activities of other Federal pro-
9 grams, including with—

10 (1) the Community Development Block Grant
11 program;

12 (2) the HOME Investment Partnership pro-
13 gram;

14 (3) the Housing Trust Fund;

15 (4) the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit pro-
16 gram;

17 (5) the Environmental Protection Agency
18 Brownfields Program; and

19 (6) the New Market Tax Credit program.

20 (i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
22 technical assistance to eligible entities that receive a
23 grant under this section for the life cycle of the
24 grant.

1 (2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not use
2 more than 5 percent of amounts appropriated under
3 this section for technical assistance.

4 (j) REPORTS.—

5 (1) GRANTEE REPORTS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15
7 months after receiving an initial grant under
8 this section, and annually thereafter, a recipient
9 of such grant shall submit to the Secretary a
10 report on the activities funded with amounts
11 under this section, through a report template
12 developed by the Secretary.

13 (B) REQUIREMENTS.—The report required
14 under subparagraph (A) shall include a descrip-
15 tion of—

16 (i) amounts used for the matching re-
17 quirement;

18 (ii) amounts used for eligible activities
19 funded under this section, apart from the
20 amounts provided under this section;

21 (iii) resources made available by
22 amounts provided under this section;

23 (iv) how the recipient invested
24 amounts under this section;

1 (v) the geographic distribution of such
2 investments;

3 (vi) the families and persons assisted
4 under this section; and

5 (vii) the progress meeting planned ob-
6 jectives using amounts provided under this
7 section.

8 (C) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall
9 make the reports submitted under this para-
10 graph publicly available on a website of the De-
11 partment of Housing and Urban Development.

12 (2) GAO REPORTS.—

13 (A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 3
14 years after initial grant awards are provided
15 under this section, the Comptroller General of
16 the United States shall submit to the Congress
17 a report that describes, with respect to the
18 grant program under this section—

19 (i) planned projects;

20 (ii) populations impacted;

21 (iii) challenges and recommendations;

22 and

23 (iv) expected outcomes.

24 (B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 6
25 years after initial grant awards are provided

1 under this section, the Comptroller General of
2 the United States shall submit to the Congress
3 a report that describes, with respect to the
4 grant program under this section—

5 (i) final outcomes;

6 (ii) the implementation and projects
7 completed;

8 (iii) populations impacted; and

9 (iv) challenges and recommendations
10 for future recipients of grants under this
11 section.

12 (k) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
13 following definitions shall apply:

14 (1) ABANDONED.—The term “abandoned”
15 means, with respect to an unoccupied structure—

16 (A) the mortgage, tribal leasehold, or tax
17 payments are at least 90 days delinquent;

18 (B) a code enforcement inspection has de-
19 termined that the property is not habitable and
20 the owner has taken no corrective actions with-
21 in 90 days of notification of the deficiencies; or

22 (C) the structure is subject to a court-or-
23 dered receivership or nuisance abatement re-
24 lated to abandonment pursuant to State or local

1 law or otherwise meets a State definition of an
2 abandoned structure.

3 (2) AFFORDABLE RENTAL OR OWNER-OCCUPIED
4 HOUSING.—The term “affordable rental or owner-oc-
5 cupied housing” means housing that qualifies as af-
6 fordable under section 215 of the Cranston-Gonzalez
7 National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
8 12745).

9 (3) BLIGHTED.—The term “blighted” means a
10 structure that exhibits determinable signs of deterio-
11 ration sufficient to constitute a threat to human
12 health, safety, and public welfare, as determined by
13 the Secretary.

14 (4) LAND BANK.—The term “land bank”
15 means a government entity, agency, or program, or
16 a special purpose nonprofit entity formed by 1 or
17 more units of government in accordance with a State
18 or local law with respect to land banks, that has
19 been designated by 1 or more State or local govern-
20 ments to acquire, steward, and dispose of vacant,
21 abandoned, or other problem properties in accord-
22 ance with locally determined priorities.

23 (5) LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY.—The term “low-
24 income community” has the meaning given such
25 term in section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code

1 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 45D) and includes any census
2 tract or other area that is treated as a low-income
3 community for purposes of such section.

4 (6) MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ENTITY.—The term
5 “multi-jurisdictional entity” means an association of
6 local governments or public agencies which are
7 bound by a collective agreement, as determined ap-
8 propriate by the Secretary for the purpose of car-
9 rying out the eligible activities under this section.

10 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

12 (8) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
13 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
14 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,
15 Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Is-
16 lands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and
17 any other territory or possession of the United
18 States.

19 (9) STRUCTURE.—The term “structure” in-
20 cludes residential structures and commercial struc-
21 tures.

22 (10) UNOCCUPIED.—The term “unoccupied”
23 means a structure that—

24 (A) has no occupants;

1 (B) is not being maintained for seasonal
2 use;

3 (C) is not actively marketed for sale or
4 rent; or

5 (D) is not being held vacant pending re-oc-
6 cupancy by a buyer or tenant.

7 (l) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may issue any
8 regulations necessary to carry out this section.

9 (m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
11 necessary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years
12 2026 through 2031.