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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. RYAN of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Clean Up Our Neigh-
5 borhoods Act of 2018”.

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 States for use for eligible activi-
6 ties under subsection (c)(1) designed to eliminate blight
7 and promote neighborhood revitalization.

8 (b) **USE IN NEW MARKET TAX CREDIT AREAS.**—
9 Amounts from a grant under this section may be used only
10 to carry out eligible activities under subsection (c)(1) with-
11 in low-income communities, as such term if defined in sub-
12 section (g).

13 (c) **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**—

14 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Amounts from a grant
15 under this section may be used only for the following
16 activities:

17 (A) Demolition, clearance, and removal of
18 blighted structures.

19 (B) Boarding of vacant properties and
20 blighted structures.

21 (C) Removal of waste and site clearance.

22 (D) Stabilization activities in connection
23 with providing vacant, open green space for the
24 purpose of public access and redevelopment.

25 (2) **USE OF AMOUNTS BY LOCAL GOVERN-**
26 **MENTS.**—A grantee State may use amounts from a

1 grant under this Act directly to carry out eligible ac-
2 tivities under paragraph (1) or may provide such
3 amounts to units of general local government within
4 the State whose jurisdictions include low-income
5 communities for use to carry out such eligible activi-
6 ties within such low-income communities.

7 (d) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall
8 require each State that receives a grant under this section
9 to contribute, toward carrying out the plan for the State
10 under subsection (e)(2), an amount of matching funds
11 from non-Federal sources that is equal to or greater than
12 15 percent of the amount of the grant.

13 (e) APPLICATION AND PLAN.—

14 (1) APPLICATION.—A grant under this section
15 may only be provided to a State that submits to the
16 Secretary an application for such a grant that con-
17 tains a plan for use of grant funds in accordance
18 with paragraph (2) and such other information, cer-
19 tifications, and assurances as the Secretary con-
20 siders necessary to provide for selection of States in
21 accordance with the process and criteria under sub-
22 section (f).

23 (2) PLAN.—A plan under this paragraph shall
24 be a detailed 5-year plan for the use of grant
25 amounts under this section and matching amounts

1 contributed pursuant to subsection (d) that in-
2 cludes—

3 (A) identification of the low-income com-
4 munities in which eligible activities under sub-
5 section (c)(1) will be carried out using grant
6 and matching amounts;

7 (B) a description of the eligible activities
8 under subsection (c)(1) to be carried out using
9 grant and matching amounts;

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

14 (D) identification of the sources of match-
15 ing amounts to be provided in accordance with
16 subsection (d) and assurances of the availability
17 of such matching amounts.

18 (f) **SELECTION; CRITERIA.**—The Secretary shall se-
19 lect applications to receive grants under this section pur-
20 suant to a competition and based on criteria as established
21 by the Secretary for such selection.

22 (g) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section, the
23 following definitions shall apply:

24 (1) **LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY.**—The term “low-
25 income community” has the meaning given such

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

5 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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

14 (h) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue any
15 regulations necessary to carry out this section.

16 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
18 necessary for grants under this section for each of fiscal
19 years 2020 through 2025.