

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1608

AN ACT

To establish a program to provide grants to drinking water and wastewater facilities to meet immediate security needs.

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. WATER SECURITY GRANTS.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
3 mental Protection Agency.

4 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
5 ty” means a publicly- or privately-owned drinking
6 water or wastewater facility.

7 (3) ELIGIBLE PROJECT OR ACTIVITY.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible
9 project or activity” means a project or activity
10 carried out by an eligible entity to address an
11 immediate physical security need.

12 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “eligible
13 project or activity” includes a project or activity
14 relating to—

15 (i) security staffing;

16 (ii) detection of intruders;

17 (iii) installation and maintenance of
18 fencing, gating, or lighting;

19 (iv) installation of and monitoring on
20 closed-circuit television;

21 (v) rekeying of doors and locks;

22 (vi) site maintenance, such as mainte-
23 nance to increase visibility around facili-
24 ties, windows, and doorways;

(vii) development, acquisition, or use of guidance manuals, educational videos, or training programs; and

(viii) a program established by a State to provide technical assistance or training to water and wastewater facility managers, especially such a program that emphasizes small or rural eligible entities.

(C) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “eligible project or activity” does not include any large-scale or system-wide project that includes a large capital improvement or vulnerability assessment.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall establish a program to allocate to States, in accordance with paragraph (2), funds for use in awarding grants to eligible entities under subsection (c).

(2) ALLOCATION TO STATES.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which funds are made available to carry out this section, the Administrator shall allocate the funds to States in accordance with the formula for the distribution of funds described in section 1452(a)(1)(D) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–12(a)(1)(D)).

1 (3) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the
2 date described in paragraph (2), each State shall
3 provide to each eligible entity in the State a notice
4 that funds are available to assist the eligible entity
5 in addressing immediate physical security needs.

6 (c) AWARD OF GRANTS.—

7 (1) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity that seeks
8 to receive a grant under this section shall submit to
9 the State in which the eligible entity is located an
10 application for the grant in such form and con-
11 taining such information as the State may prescribe.

12 (2) CONDITION FOR RECEIPT OF GRANT.—An
13 eligible entity that receives a grant under this sec-
14 tion shall agree to expend all funds provided by the
15 grant not later than September 30 of the fiscal year
16 in which this Act is enacted.

17 (3) DISADVANTAGED, SMALL, AND RURAL ELI-
18 GIBLE ENTITIES.—A State that awards a grant
19 under this section shall ensure, to the maximum ex-
20 tent practicable in accordance with the income and
21 population distribution of the State, that a sufficient
22 percentage of the funds allocated to the State under
23 subsection (b)(2) are available for disadvantaged,
24 small, and rural eligible entities in the State.

25 (d) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded by a State
2 under subsection (c) shall be used by an eligible en-
3 tity to carry out 1 or more eligible projects or activi-
4 ties.

5 (2) COORDINATION WITH EXISTING TRAINING
6 PROGRAMS.—In awarding a grant for an eligible
7 project or activity described in subsection
8 (a)(3)(B)(vii), a State shall, to the maximum extent
9 practicable, coordinate with training programs of
10 rural water associations of the State that are in ef-
11 fect as of the date on which the grant is awarded.

12 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
13 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
14 \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year in which this Act is en-
15 acted.

 Passed the Senate December 20 (legislative day, De-
 cember 18), 2001.

 Attest:

Secretary.

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