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S. 1608

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 31, 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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:

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

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

1 (3) ELIGIBLE PROJECT OR ACTIVITY.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible
3 project or activity” means a project or activity
4 carried out by an eligible entity to address an
5 immediate physical security need.

6 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “eligible
7 project or activity” includes a project or activity
8 relating to—

- 9 (i) security staffing;
- 10 (ii) detection of intruders;
- 11 (iii) installation and maintenance of
12 fencing, gating, or lighting;
- 13 (iv) installation of and monitoring on
14 closed-circuit television;
- 15 (v) rekeying of doors and locks;
- 16 (vi) site maintenance, such as mainte-
17 nance to increase visibility around facili-
18 ties, windows, and doorways;
- 19 (vii) development, acquisition, or use
20 of guidance manuals, educational videos, or
21 training programs; and
- 22 (viii) a program established by a State
23 to provide technical assistance or training
24 to water and wastewater facility managers,

1 especially such a program that emphasizes
 2 small or rural eligible entities.

3 (C) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “eligible
 4 project or activity” does not include any large-
 5 scale or system-wide project that includes a
 6 large capital improvement or vulnerability as-
 7 sessment.

8 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-
 10 tablish a program to allocate to States, in accord-
 11 ance with paragraph (2), funds for use in awarding
 12 grants to eligible entities under subsection (c).

13 (2) ALLOCATION TO STATES.—Not later than
 14 30 days after the date on which funds are made
 15 available to carry out this section, the Administrator
 16 shall allocate the funds to States in accordance with
 17 the formula for the distribution of funds described
 18 in section 1452(a)(1)(D) of the Safe Drinking Water
 19 Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–12(a)(1)(D)).

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

25 (c) AWARD OF GRANTS.—

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

6 (2) CONDITION FOR RECEIPT OF GRANT.—An
7 eligible entity that receives a grant under this sec-
8 tion shall agree to expend all funds provided by the
9 grant not later than September 30, 2002.

10 (3) DISADVANTAGED, SMALL, AND RURAL ELI-
11 GIBLE ENTITIES.—A State that awards a grant
12 under this section shall ensure, to the maximum ex-
13 tent practicable in accordance with the income and
14 population distribution of the State, that a sufficient
15 percentage of the funds allocated to the State under
16 subsection (b)(2) are available for disadvantaged,
17 small, and rural eligible entities in the State.

18 (d) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.—

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

23 (2) COORDINATION WITH EXISTING TRAINING
24 PROGRAMS.—In awarding a grant for an eligible
25 project or activity described in subsection

1 (a)(3)(B)(vii), a State shall, to the maximum extent
2 practicable, coordinate with training programs of
3 rural water associations of the State that are in ef-
4 fect as of the date on which the grant is awarded.

5 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
6 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
7 \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

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