

107TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 657

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2001

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## AN ACT

To authorize funding for the National 4–H Program  
Centennial Initiative.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL 4-H PROGRAM CENTENNIAL INITIA-**  
2 **TIVE.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

4 (1) the 4-H Program is 1 of the largest youth  
5 development organizations operating in each of the  
6 50 States and over 3,000 counties;

7 (2) the 4-H Program is promoted by the Sec-  
8 retary of Agriculture through the Cooperative State  
9 Research, Education, and Extension Service and  
10 land-grant colleges and universities;

11 (3) the 4-H Program is supported by public  
12 and private resources, including the National 4-H  
13 Council; and

14 (4) in celebration of the centennial of the 4-H  
15 Program in 2002, the National 4-H Council has  
16 proposed a public-private partnership to develop new  
17 strategies for youth development for the next cen-  
18 tury in light of an increasingly global and tech-  
19 nology-oriented economy and ever-changing demands  
20 and challenges facing youth in widely diverse com-  
21 munities.

22 (b) GRANT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture  
24 may provide a grant to the National 4-H Council to  
25 pay the Federal share of the cost of—

1 (A) conducting a program of discussions  
2 through meetings, seminars, and listening ses-  
3 sions on the National, State, and local levels re-  
4 garding strategies for youth development; and

5 (B) preparing a report that—

6 (i) summarizes and analyzes the dis-  
7 cussions;

8 (ii) makes specific recommendations  
9 of strategies for youth development; and

10 (iii) proposes a plan of action for car-  
11 rying out those strategies.

12 (2) COST SHARING.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of  
14 the cost of the program under paragraph (1)  
15 shall be 50 percent.

16 (B) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The  
17 non-Federal share of the cost of the program  
18 under paragraph (1) may be paid in the form  
19 of cash or the provision of services, material, or  
20 other in-kind contributions.

21 (3) AMOUNT.—The grant made under this sub-  
22 section shall not exceed \$5,000,000.

23 (c) REPORT.—The National 4-H Council shall sub-  
24 mit any report prepared under subsection (b) to the Presi-  
25 dent, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Committee on Agri-

1 culture of the House of Representatives, and the Com-  
 2 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Sen-  
 3 ate.

4 (d) FUNDING.—The Secretary may fund the grant  
 5 authorized by this section from—

6 (1) funds made available under subsection (e);  
 7 and

8 (2) notwithstanding subsections (c) and (d) of  
 9 section 793 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement  
 10 and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 2204f), funds  
 11 from the Account established under section 793(a)  
 12 of that Act.

13 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
 14 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
 15 \$5,000,000.

Passed the Senate June 19, 2001.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,  
*Secretary.*