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To amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 2, 2015

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

JUNE 14, 2016

Reported by Mr. INHOFE, without amendment

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Brownfields Utiliza-
3 tion, Investment, and Local Development Act of 2015” or
4 the “BUILD Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANI-
6 ZATIONS.**

7 Section 104(k)(1) of the Comprehensive Environ-
8 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
9 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604(k)(1)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (G), by striking “or” after
11 the semicolon;

12 (2) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period
13 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(I) an organization described in section
16 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
17 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a)
18 of that Code;

19 “(J) a limited liability corporation in which
20 all managing members are organizations de-
21 scribed in subparagraph (I) or limited liability
22 corporations whose sole members are organiza-
23 tions described in subparagraph (I);

24 “(K) a limited partnership in which all
25 general partners are organizations described in
26 subparagraph (I) or limited liability corpora-

1 tions whose sole members are organizations de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (I); or

3 “(L) a qualified community development
4 entity (as defined in section 45D(c)(1) of the
5 Internal Revenue Code of 1986).”.

6 **SEC. 3. MULTIPURPOSE BROWNFIELDS GRANTS.**

7 Section 104(k) of the Comprehensive Environmental
8 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42
9 U.S.C. 9604(k)) is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
11 (9) and (10) through (12) as paragraphs (5)
12 through (10) and (13) through (15), respectively;

13 (2) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “subject to
14 paragraphs (4) and (5)” and inserting “subject to
15 paragraphs (5) and (6)”; and

16 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(4) MULTIPURPOSE BROWNFIELDS GRANTS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
20 graph (D) and paragraphs (5) and (6), the Ad-
21 ministrators shall establish a program to provide
22 multipurpose grants to an eligible entity based
23 on the considerations under paragraph (3)(C),
24 to carry out inventory, characterization, assess-

1 ment, planning, or remediation activities at 1 or
2 more brownfield sites in a proposed area.

3 “(B) GRANT AMOUNTS.—

4 “(i) INDIVIDUAL GRANT AMOUNTS.—

5 Each grant awarded under this paragraph
6 shall not exceed \$950,000.

7 “(ii) CUMULATIVE GRANT

8 AMOUNTS.—The total amount of grants
9 awarded for each fiscal year under this
10 paragraph shall not exceed 15 percent of
11 the funds made available for the fiscal year
12 to carry out this subsection.

13 “(C) CRITERIA.—In awarding a grant
14 under this paragraph, the Administrator shall
15 consider the extent to which an eligible entity is
16 able—

17 “(i) to provide an overall plan for re-
18 vitalization of the 1 or more brownfield
19 sites in the proposed area in which the
20 multipurpose grant will be used;

21 “(ii) to demonstrate a capacity to con-
22 duct the range of eligible activities that
23 will be funded by the multipurpose grant;
24 and

1 “(iii) to demonstrate that a multipur-
2 pose grant will meet the needs of the 1 or
3 more brownfield sites in the proposed area.

4 “(D) CONDITION.—As a condition of re-
5 ceiving a grant under this paragraph, each eli-
6 gible entity shall expend the full amount of the
7 grant not later than the date that is 3 years
8 after the date on which the grant is awarded to
9 the eligible entity unless the Administrator, in
10 the discretion of the Administrator, provides an
11 extension.”.

12 **SEC. 4. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLICLY OWNED**
13 **BROWNFIELD SITES.**

14 Section 104(k)(2) of the Comprehensive Environ-
15 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
16 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604(k)(2)) is amended by adding at the
17 end the following:

18 “(C) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PUBLICLY
19 OWNED BROWNFIELD SITES.—Notwithstanding
20 any other provision of law, an eligible entity
21 that is a governmental entity may receive a
22 grant under this paragraph for property ac-
23 quired by that governmental entity prior to
24 January 11, 2002, even if the governmental en-
25 tity does not qualify as a bona fide prospective

1 purchaser (as that term is defined in section
 2 101(40)), so long as the eligible entity has not
 3 caused or contributed to a release or threatened
 4 release of a hazardous substance at the prop-
 5 erty.”.

6 **SEC. 5. INCREASED FUNDING FOR REMEDIATION GRANTS.**

7 Section 104(k)(3)(A)(ii) of the Comprehensive Envi-
 8 ronmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
 9 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604(k)(3)(A)(ii)) is amended by strik-
 10 ing “\$200,000 for each site to be remediated” and insert-
 11 ing “\$500,000 for each site to be remediated, which limit
 12 may be waived by the Administrator, but not to exceed
 13 a total of \$650,000 for each site, based on the anticipated
 14 level of contamination, size, or ownership status of the
 15 site”.

16 **SEC. 6. ALLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR GRANT**
 17 **RECIPIENTS.**

18 Paragraph (5) of section 104(k) of the Comprehen-
 19 sive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-
 20 ity Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604(k)) (as redesignated by
 21 section 3(1)) is amended—

22 (1) in subparagraph (B)—

23 (A) in clause (i)—

24 (i) by striking subclause (III); and

1 (ii) by redesignating subclauses (IV)
2 and (V) as subclauses (III) and (IV), re-
3 spectively;

4 (B) by striking clause (ii);

5 (C) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause
6 (ii); and

7 (D) in clause (ii) (as redesignated by sub-
8 paragraph (C)), by striking “Notwithstanding
9 clause (i)(IV)” and inserting “Notwithstanding
10 clause (i)(III)”;

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(E) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity
14 may use up to 8 percent of the amounts
15 made available under a grant or loan
16 under this subsection for administrative
17 costs.

18 “(ii) RESTRICTION.—For purposes of
19 clause (i), the term ‘administrative costs’
20 does not include—

21 “(I) investigation and identifica-
22 tion of the extent of contamination;

23 “(II) design and performance of
24 a response action; or

1 “(III) monitoring of a natural re-
2 source.”.

3 **SEC. 7. SMALL COMMUNITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
4 **GRANTS.**

5 Paragraph (7)(A) of section 104(k) of the Com-
6 prehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and
7 Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604(k)) (as redesi-
8 gnated by section 3(1)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “The Administrator may pro-
10 vide,” and inserting the following:

11 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-
12 graph:

13 “(I) DISADVANTAGED AREA.—
14 The term ‘disadvantaged area’ means
15 an area with an annual median house-
16 hold income that is less than 80 per-
17 cent of the State-wide annual median
18 household income, as determined by
19 the latest available decennial census.

20 “(II) SMALL COMMUNITY.—The
21 term ‘small community’ means a com-
22 munity with a population of not more
23 than 15,000 individuals, as deter-
24 mined by the latest available decennial
25 census.

1 “(ii) ESTABLISHMENT OF PRO-
 2 GRAM.—The Administrator shall establish
 3 a program to provide grants that pro-
 4 vide,”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(iii) SMALL OR DISADVANTAGED
 7 COMMUNITY RECIPIENTS.—

8 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to
 9 subclause (II), in carrying out the
 10 program under clause (ii), the Admin-
 11 istrator shall use not more than
 12 \$600,000 of the amounts made avail-
 13 able to carry out this paragraph to
 14 provide grants to States that receive
 15 amounts under section 128(a) to as-
 16 sist small communities, Indian tribes,
 17 rural areas, or disadvantaged areas in
 18 achieving the purposes described in
 19 clause (ii).

20 “(II) LIMITATION.—Each grant
 21 awarded under subclause (I) shall be
 22 not more than \$7,500.”.

23 **SEC. 8. WATERFRONT BROWNFIELDS GRANTS.**

24 Section 104(k) of the Comprehensive Environmental
 25 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42

1 U.S.C. 9604(k)) is amended by inserting after paragraph
 2 (10) (as redesignated by section 3(1)) the following:

3 “(11) WATERFRONT BROWNFIELD SITES.—

4 “(A) DEFINITION OF WATERFRONT
 5 BROWNFIELD SITE.—In this paragraph, the
 6 term ‘waterfront brownfield site’ means a
 7 brownfield site that is adjacent to a body of
 8 water or a federally designated floodplain.

9 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In providing
 10 grants under this subsection, the Administrator
 11 shall—

12 “(i) take into consideration whether
 13 the brownfield site to be served by the
 14 grant is a waterfront brownfield site; and

15 “(ii) give consideration to waterfront
 16 brownfield sites.”.

17 **SEC. 9. CLEAN ENERGY BROWNFIELDS GRANTS.**

18 Section 104(k) of the Comprehensive Environmental
 19 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42
 20 U.S.C. 9604(k)) (as amended by section 8) is amended
 21 by inserting after paragraph (11) the following:

22 “(12) CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS AT
 23 BROWNFIELD SITES.—

1 “(A) DEFINITION OF CLEAN ENERGY
2 PROJECT.—In this paragraph, the term ‘clean
3 energy project’ means—

4 “(i) a facility that generates renew-
5 able electricity from wind, solar, or geo-
6 thermal energy; and

7 “(ii) any energy efficiency improve-
8 ment project at a facility, including com-
9 bined heat and power and district energy.

10 “(B) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Adminis-
11 trator shall establish a program to provide
12 grants—

13 “(i) to eligible entities to carry out in-
14 ventory, characterization, assessment,
15 planning, feasibility analysis, design, or re-
16 mediation activities to locate a clean en-
17 ergy project at 1 or more brownfield sites;
18 and

19 “(ii) to capitalize a revolving loan
20 fund for the purposes described in clause
21 (i).

22 “(C) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—A grant under
23 this paragraph shall not exceed \$500,000.”.

1 **SEC. 10. TARGETED FUNDING FOR STATES.**

2 Paragraph (15) of section 104(k) of the Comprehen-
3 sive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-
4 ity Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604(k)) (as redesignated by
5 section 3(1)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(C) TARGETED FUNDING.—Of the
8 amounts made available under subparagraph
9 (A) for a fiscal year, the Administrator may use
10 not more than \$2,000,000 to provide grants to
11 States for purposes authorized under section
12 128(a), subject to the condition that each State
13 that receives a grant under this subparagraph
14 shall have used at least 50 percent of the
15 amounts made available to that State in the
16 previous fiscal year to carry out assessment and
17 remediation activities under section 128(a).”.

18 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 (a) BROWNFIELDS REVITALIZATION FUNDING.—
20 Paragraph (15)(A) of section 104(k) of the Comprehen-
21 sive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-
22 ity Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604(k)) (as redesignated by
23 section 3(1)) is amended by striking “2006” and inserting
24 “2018”.

25 (b) STATE RESPONSE PROGRAMS.—Section
26 128(a)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,

1 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.
2 9628(a)(3)) is amended by striking “2006” and inserting
3 “2018”.

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