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To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to assist units of local government in developing and implementing plans, known as Vision Zero plans, to eliminate transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. BUCHANAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Vision Zero Act of
5 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. VISION ZERO PLANNING GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
3 is authorized to award grants to eligible entities to develop
4 a plan, known as a Vision Zero plan, to eliminate trans-
5 portation-related fatalities and serious injuries in the ju-
6 risdiction of such entity within a specified timeframe, not
7 to exceed 20 years.

8 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant under
9 this section, an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary
10 an application at such time, in such form, and containing
11 such information and assurances as the Secretary may re-
12 quire.

13 (c) PLAN CONTENTS.—The Vision Zero plan de-
14 scribed in subsection (a) shall include—

15 (1) a description of projects or policies intended
16 to eliminate transportation-related fatalities and se-
17 rious injuries within a specified timeframe, not to
18 exceed 20 years, using existing transportation and
19 health data and consideration of risk factors, which
20 may include—

21 (A) an examination of how development
22 and implementation of safety-focused auto-
23 motive technologies, vehicle-to-vehicle commu-
24 nication, and vehicle-to-infrastructure commu-
25 nication can help eliminate transportation-re-
26 lated fatalities and serious injuries; and

1 (B) roadway design guidance that
2 prioritizes the safety of all users, with a focus
3 on reducing speeds to the extent practicable
4 within State law and separating modes of trans-
5 portation;

6 (2) plans for implementation of, education of
7 the public about, and enforcement of such projects
8 or policies;

9 (3) a description of how such policies, projects,
10 and enforcement will—

11 (A) equitably address the safety needs of
12 low-income and minority communities;

13 (B) ensure that such communities are not
14 disproportionately targeted by law enforcement;
15 and

16 (C) protect the rights of members of such
17 communities with respect to title VI of the Civil
18 Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.);

19 (4) a description of the required involvement of
20 various subdivisions of a unit of local government in
21 the implementation of the plan, including subdivi-
22 sions in charge of law enforcement, public health,
23 and public works; and

24 (5) a description of a mechanism to evaluate
25 progress of the implementation of the plan, including

1 the gathering and use of transportation safety and
2 demographic data.

3 **SEC. 3. VISION ZERO IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
6 tation may award grants to not more than 5 eligible enti-
7 ties to support the implementation of a Vision Zero plan
8 to eliminate transportation-related fatalities and serious
9 injuries in the jurisdiction of such entity within a specified
10 timeframe, not to exceed 20 years.

11 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant under
12 this section, an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary
13 an application at such time, in such form, and containing
14 such information and assurances as the Secretary may re-
15 quire.

16 (c) VISION ZERO PLAN REQUIRED.—To be eligible
17 for a grant under this section, an eligible entity shall have
18 in effect a Vision Zero plan that meets the requirements
19 of section 2(c) and has been approved by local resolution,
20 ordinance, or law.

21 (d) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In selecting from among
22 eligible entities to receive grants under subsection (a), the
23 Secretary shall consider, at a minimum, the extent to
24 which an entity—

1 (1) provided an opportunity for public input in
2 the development of the plan, including documented
3 engagement with low-income and minority commu-
4 nities;

5 (2) considered existing plans and planning proc-
6 esses in the drafting of the vision zero plan;

7 (3) structured the plan to meet performance
8 measures as described in section 150(c) of title 23,
9 United States Code;

10 (4) demonstrates broad community support for
11 the plan, including the commitment of community
12 leaders to successful implementation of the plan; and

13 (5) demonstrates the availability of State, local,
14 or Federal funds, in addition to Federal funds made
15 available under this section, for implementation of
16 the plan.

17 (e) FUNDING LIMITATIONS.—

18 (1) POPULATION LIMITATION.—Not less than
19 25 percent of the funds made available to carry out
20 this section shall be used to make grants to eligible
21 entities that serve a jurisdiction with a population of
22 fewer than 200,000 individuals.

23 (2) FEDERAL SHARE.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
25 subparagraph (B), the Federal share of the cost

1 of a project or activity carried out using grant
2 funds made available under this section may
3 not exceed 80 percent.

4 (B) FUNDS FROM OTHER FEDERAL
5 SOURCES.—Amounts made available to an eligi-
6 ble entity under another Federal program may
7 be credited toward the non-Federal share of the
8 cost of a project or activity described in sub-
9 paragraph (A), at the option of the eligible enti-
10 ty.

11 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.**

12 In this Act, the term “eligible entity” means a unit
13 of local government including a city, town, township, bor-
14 ough, county, parish, district, village, or other political
15 subdivision of a State.

16 **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

17 Not later than 2 years after the final grant is award-
18 ed under this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress,
19 and make available to the public, a report on the progress
20 of the projects and activities carried out using the grants
21 including—

22 (1) a breakdown of infrastructure and noninfra-
23 structure projects;

24 (2) demographic data, in the aggregate, with
25 respect to individuals charged with a violation of law

1 referenced in the vision zero plan of an eligible enti-
2 ty that received a grant under this Act; and

3 (3) best practices from the eligible entities that
4 received a grant under section 3.

5 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There is authorized to be appropriated, for each of
7 fiscal years 2018 through 2022, \$5,000,000 to carry out
8 section 2 and \$25,000,000 to carry out section 3.

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