

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6287

AN ACT

To provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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 “9/11 Memorial Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) COVERED MEMORIAL.—The term “covered
6 memorial” means a memorial located in the United
7 States established to commemorate the events of,
8 and honor the victims of, the terrorist attacks on the
9 World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Air-
10 lines Flight 93 on September 11, 2001, at the site
11 of the attacks.

12 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
13 ty” means the official organization, as in existence
14 on the date of enactment of this Act—

15 (A) the focus of which is the operations
16 and preservation of a covered memorial; and

17 (B) which is an organization described in
18 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
19 of 1986 and exempt from taxation under
20 501(a) of that Code.

21 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
22 the Secretary of the Interior.

23 **SEC. 3. COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR COVERED MEMORIALS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
25 propriations, the Secretary shall award to eligible entities
26 competitive grants of varying amounts, as determined by

1 the Secretary, to be used by the eligible entity solely for
2 the purposes described in subsection (b).

3 (b) PURPOSES.—A grant awarded under subsection
4 (a) shall be used by an eligible entity for the operation,
5 security, and maintenance of a covered memorial.

6 (c) DEADLINE FOR AWARD.—If the Secretary, after
7 review of an application from an eligible entity, determines
8 to award a grant to the eligible entity, the Secretary shall
9 award the grant not later than 60 days after the date of
10 receipt of the completed application.

11 (d) AVAILABILITY.—Grant funds made available
12 under this section shall remain available until expended.

13 (e) CRITERIA.—In awarding grants under this sec-
14 tion, the Secretary shall give greatest weight in the selec-
15 tion of eligible entities using the following criteria:

16 (1) The needs of the eligible entity, and ability
17 and commitment of the eligible entity to use grant
18 funds, with respect to ensuring the security and
19 safety of visitors of the covered memorial.

20 (2) The ability of the eligible entity to match
21 the amount of the grant, on at least a 1-to-1 basis,
22 with non-Federal assets from non-Federal sources,
23 including cash or durable goods and materials fairly
24 valued, as determined by the Secretary.

1 (3) The greatest number of visitors that would
2 benefit.

3 (4) The ability and commitment of an eligible
4 entity to use grant funds—

5 (A) to preserve the grounds at the covered
6 memorial; and

7 (B) to educate future generations.

8 (5) The ability and commitment of an eligible
9 entity to use grant funds to increase the numbers of
10 economically disadvantaged visitors to the covered
11 memorial.

12 (f) LIMITATION.—No grant shall be awarded under
13 this section—

14 (1) for use at a covered memorial that does not
15 provide for—

16 (A) free admission to all facilities and mu-
17 seums associated with the covered memorial for
18 active and retired members of the military, reg-
19 istered first responders to the attacks of Sep-
20 tember 11, 2001, and family members of vic-
21 tims of the attacks of September 11, 2001; and

22 (B) dedicated free admission hours for the
23 general public at least once a week; or

24 (2) to an eligible entity that does not allow for
25 annual Federal audits of the financial statements of

1 the eligible entity, including revenues associated with
2 ticket sales, charitable donations, grants, and all ex-
3 penditures on salaries and operations, which shall be
4 subject to review by the Secretary and made avail-
5 able to the public.

6 (g) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the end
7 of each calendar year for which an eligible entity obligates
8 or expends any amounts made available under a grant
9 under this section, the eligible entity shall submit to the
10 Secretary and the appropriate committees of Congress a
11 report that—

12 (1) specifies the amount of grant funds obli-
13 gated or expended for the preceding fiscal year;

14 (2) specifies any purposes for which the funds
15 were obligated or expended; and

16 (3) includes any other information that the Sec-
17 retary may require to more effectively administer the
18 grant program under this section.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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