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# H. R. 6440

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 2022

Mr. COHEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Safer Streets Act of  
5 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
3 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended  
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 **“PART NN—GRANTS FOR JURISDICTIONS WITH**  
6 **HIGH RATES OF VIOLENT CRIME**

7 **“SEC. 3201. IN GENERAL.**

8 “The Attorney General shall, each fiscal year, make  
9 grants to eligible units of local government and neighbor-  
10 hood or community-based organizations.

11 **“SEC. 3202. ELIGIBILITY AND INCENTIVES.**

12 “To be eligible for a grant under this part, a unit  
13 of local government or a neighborhood or community-  
14 based organization operating in a covered jurisdiction shall  
15 submit to the Attorney General information establishing  
16 that the rate of occurrence of violent crime within that  
17 jurisdiction is 2 times or more the national violent crime  
18 rate and that the population of that jurisdiction is  
19 100,000 or more. Of any amounts made available for  
20 grants under this part for a fiscal year—

21 “(1) 50 percent of such amounts shall be for  
22 grants, of an equal amount to each covered jurisdic-  
23 tion, to eligible grantees for which such rate of oc-  
24 currence is 4 times the national violent crime rate  
25 or higher;

1           “(2) 20 percent of such amounts shall be for  
2           grants, of an equal amount to each covered jurisdic-  
3           tion, to eligible grantees for which such rate of oc-  
4           currence is 3 times the national violent crime rate  
5           or higher;

6           “(3) 10 percent of such amounts shall be for  
7           grants, of an equal amount to each covered jurisdic-  
8           tion, to all other eligible grantees; and

9           “(4) remaining amounts shall be for emergency  
10          grants to such eligible grantees as the Attorney Gen-  
11          eral determines appropriate.

12       The Attorney General shall be responsible for awarding  
13       funds between units of local government and neighborhood  
14       or community-based organizations pursuant to each para-  
15       graph of this section.

16       **“SEC. 3203. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**

17           “Not more than 10 percent of a grant made under  
18       this part may be used for costs incurred to administer  
19       such grant.

20       **“SEC. 3204. USE OF FUNDS.**

21           “Amounts made available as a grant under this part  
22       may be used by a grantee for law enforcement purposes  
23       or community violence prevention purposes including—

24           “(1) hiring additional law enforcement officers;

25           “(2) investing in surveillance equipment; and

1           “(3) prevention programs.

2   **“SEC. 3205. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.**

3           “Any unit of local government or neighborhood or  
4 community-based organization in a covered jurisdiction  
5 that experiences, for a fiscal year, an increase of 10 per-  
6 cent in the rate of occurrence in violent crime over the  
7 preceding fiscal year, shall be eligible for an additional  
8 amount equal to 10 percent of the amount otherwise avail-  
9 able under this part.

10   **“SEC. 3206. DEFINITION.**

11           “‘The term ‘violent crime’ has the meaning given that  
12 term by the Attorney General for purposes of the Uniform  
13 Crime Reporting Program, for the fiscal year during  
14 which the grants are made.’”.

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