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To authorize grants for States and units of local government to reverse law enforcement efforts that have been restricted, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Refund the Police Act
5 of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO REVERSE RESTRICTIONS ON LAW EN-**
7 **FORCEMENT.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General, acting
9 through the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance,
10 is authorized to make grants to eligible States and units

1 of local government for the purposes described in sub-
2 section (d).

3 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible for a grant
4 under this section, a State or unit of local government
5 shall meet each of the following requirements:

6 (1) LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—A State or unit of local
8 government shall certify to the Attorney Gen-
9 eral that such State or unit of local govern-
10 ment—

11 (i) does not have in effect any law re-
12 quiring a heightened standard for use of
13 force; and

14 (ii) has taken steps, in the previous
15 year, to expand efforts to hire and retain
16 law enforcement officers.

17 (B) HEIGHTENED USE OF FORCE STAND-
18 ARDS DEFINED.—For the purposes of this sub-
19 section, the term “heightened standard for use
20 of force”—

21 (i) means a standard requiring law
22 enforcement officers to use more than rea-
23 sonable care in determining whether to use
24 physical force against another person; and

1 (ii) includes a standard requiring a
2 law enforcement officer to leave an area in-
3 stead of using force in any case in which
4 there is no threat of imminent harm and
5 no crime has been committed, is being
6 committed, or is about to be committed.

7 (2) DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS.—A State or unit of
8 local government shall certify to the Attorney Gen-
9 eral that such State or unit of local government has
10 not taken steps in the previous year to eliminate
11 drive-by shooting as a basis for murder in the first
12 degree (as defined in section 1111(a) of title 18,
13 United States Code).

14 (c) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under this sec-
15 tion, a State or unit of local government shall submit to
16 the Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and
17 containing such information as the Attorney General may
18 require, including the certification described in subsection
19 (b).

20 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State or unit of local govern-
21 ment that receives a grant under this section may use the
22 grant for the purposes described under section 1701(b)
23 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
24 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381).

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.

4 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “State”
5 and “unit of local government” have the meanings given
6 such terms in section 901 of title I of the Omnibus Crime
7 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10251).

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