

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7648

To establish a grant program to mitigate expenses for municipalities where ICE processing or detention facilities are maintained or under development.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2026

Mr. KEAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a grant program to mitigate expenses for municipalities where ICE processing or detention facilities are maintained or under development.

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 “Local Taxpayer Pro-
5 tection Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. IN GENERAL.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
8 rity shall establish a program to provide a grant to a mu-

1 municipality wherein a facility for processing or detention of
2 individuals arrested or detained by U.S. Immigration and
3 Customs Enforcement is maintained or under develop-
4 ment.

5 (b) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant to a munici-
6 pality may not exceed the combined cost of unrealized
7 property tax revenue and such public utilities in use by
8 that municipality for the preceding fiscal year.

9 (c) TERM.—The grant term shall be 5 years, but a
10 grantee may apply for renewal for the duration of a facil-
11 ity operation in the municipality.

12 (d) ELIGIBLE GRANTEE.—A municipality is eligible
13 for a grant under this section if it is a municipality where-
14 in a facility is maintained or under development for the
15 processing or detention of individuals arrested or detained
16 by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

17 (e) APPLICATIONS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—A municipality seeking a
19 grant under this section shall submit to the Sec-
20 retary of Homeland Security an application therefor
21 in such form and in such manner as the Secretary
22 of Homeland Security determines appropriate.

23 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each application submitted
24 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

1 (A) A description of the financial need of
2 the applicant for the grant.

3 (B) An analysis of the costs and benefits
4 of the use for which a grant is requested.

5 (C) A list of other sources of funding re-
6 ceived by the applicant—

7 (i) for the same purpose for which the
8 application for a grant under this section
9 was submitted; or

10 (ii) from the Federal Government for
11 similar purposes.

12 (D) Such other information as the Sec-
13 retary of Homeland Security determines appro-
14 priate.

15 (3) JOINT OR REGIONAL APPLICATIONS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Two or more entities
17 may submit an application under paragraph (1)
18 for a joint grant under this section.

19 (B) NONEXCLUSIVITY.—Applications
20 under this paragraph may be submitted instead
21 of or in addition to any other application sub-
22 mitted under paragraph (1).

23 (C) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of Home-
24 land Security shall—

1 (i) publish guidance on applying for
2 and administering joint grants; and

3 (ii) encourage applicants to apply for
4 joint grants as the Secretary of Homeland
5 Security determines appropriate to achieve
6 greater cost effectiveness and regional effi-
7 ciency.

8 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant under this Act shall
9 be used to defray unrealized property tax revenue, to de-
10 fray the expense of operating public utilities systems with-
11 in the municipality, or for both purposes. The grantee
12 shall, to the extent practicable, make a facility described
13 in subsection (a) in the municipality self-sufficient with
14 regard to use of public utilities, or extend the capacity of
15 the public utilities systems to accommodate the use of
16 such systems by such facility.

17 (g) PUBLIC UTILITIES SYSTEMS.—For purposes of
18 this section, the term “public utilities systems” includes
19 water, gas, natural gas, electricity, internet connectivity,
20 garbage collection, recycling, and sewer systems.

○