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and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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prevention grant, and for other purposes.

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 “Community-Based Ap-
5 proaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes Act of
6 2026”.

7 **SEC. 2. HATE CRIME PREVENTION GRANT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—On the date of enactment of this
9 Act, subject to the availability of appropriations, the At-
10 torney General shall establish a hate crime prevention

1 grant program, under which community-based organiza-
2 tions shall be awarded grants only for the purposes de-
3 scribed in subsection (c).

4 (b) APPLICATION.—A community-based organization
5 shall submit to the Attorney General an application at
6 such time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
7 tion as the Attorney General may require.

8 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant awarded under this
9 section may be used—

10 (1) to further community-based strategies for
11 conflict resolution and community empowerment and
12 education;

13 (2) to develop and implement non-carceral sen-
14 tencing and juvenile hate crime diversion programs;

15 (3) to establish and implement culturally in-
16 formed and linguistically appropriate public edu-
17 cation campaigns on the collection of data and pub-
18 lic reporting of hate crimes;

19 (4) to implement and facilitate educational
20 classes and community service for defendants con-
21 victed of hate crimes directly related to the commu-
22 nity harmed by the offense;

23 (5) to employ safety ambassadors to escort vul-
24 nerable community members in public places;

1 (6) to provide culturally informed and linguistically accessible support for victims or surviving families of hate crimes, including mental health support;

2 (7) to provide upstander, intervenor, and de-escalation trainings in multiple languages; and

3 (8) to implement such other community-based strategies deemed appropriate for members of communities targeted by crimes on the basis of their race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability, and other vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities.

4 (d) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—
5 The term “community-based organization” means a public
6 or private nonprofit organization of demonstrated effectiveness that—

7 (1) is embedded within or led by and serves a community targeted by hate crimes; and

8 (2) provides educational, public health, and social services as well as assistance to victims and related services in that community.

9 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
11 \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal year 2027 through 2031.

1 **SEC. 3. REMOVAL OF GRANT AMOUNT LIMIT FOR SUPPORT**
2 **FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**
3 **AND PROSECUTIONS.**

4 (a) IMPROVING GRANT PARTICIPATION.—Section
5 4704(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for
6 Fiscal Year 2010 (34 U.S.C. 30503(b)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking paragraph (5); and

8 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as
9 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively.

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