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To provide a one-time grant for the operation, security, and maintenance of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center to commemorate the events, and honor the victims, of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. McCORMICK, and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “9/11 Memorial and
5 Museum Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MU-
 2 SEUM.—The term “National September 11 Memo-
 3 rial & Museum” means the National September 11
 4 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center
 5 Foundation, Inc., established to commemorate the
 6 events of, and honor the victims of, the terrorist at-
 7 tacks on the World Trade Center on September 11,
 8 2001, at the site of such attacks.

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

12 (A) operates the National September 11
 13 Memorial & Museum; and

14 (B) is an organization described in section
 15 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
 16 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a)
 17 of such Code.

18 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 19 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

20 **SEC. 3. ONE-TIME GRANT FOR NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11**
 21 **MEMORIAL & MUSEUM.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
 23 propriations made in advance for such purpose to the Of-
 24 fice of the Secretary and Executive Management of the
 25 Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary shall

1 award to the eligible entity a grant in an amount deter-
2 mined by the Secretary subject to subsection (c), to be
3 used by such entity solely for the purposes described in
4 subsection (b), if upon review of the application submitted
5 pursuant to subsection (d), the Secretary makes a deter-
6 mination pursuant to subsection (e) that such entity satis-
7 fies the criteria required under subsection (f).

8 (b) PURPOSE.—The one-time grant awarded under
9 subsection (a) shall be used by the eligible entity for the
10 operation, security, and maintenance of the National Sep-
11 tember 11 Memorial & Museum.

12 (c) GRANT AMOUNT.—The one-time grant awarded
13 under this section may not be for less than \$5,000,000
14 or more than \$10,000,000.

15 (d) APPLICATION.—To be considered for an award of
16 the one-time grant under this section, the eligible entity
17 shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time,
18 in such manner, and containing such information as the
19 Secretary may require.

20 (e) REVIEW; DEADLINE FOR AWARD.—If the Sec-
21 retary, after review of the application from the eligible en-
22 tity, determines that the eligible entity satisfies the cri-
23 teria under subsection (f), the Secretary shall award the
24 one-time grant to the eligible entity, not later than 90 days

1 after the date of receipt by the Secretary of the completed
2 application submitted by such entity.

3 (f) CRITERIA.—In determining the amount of the
4 one-time grant consistent with subsection (c), the Sec-
5 retary shall consider the following:

6 (1) The needs of the eligible entity, and ability
7 and commitment of such eligible entity to use grant
8 funds, with respect to ensuring the security and
9 safety of visitors at the National September 11 Me-
10 morial & Museum.

11 (2) The number of visitors to the National Sep-
12 tember 11 Memorial & Museum who would benefit.

13 (3) The ability and commitment of the eligible
14 entity to use grant funds to—

15 (A) preserve the facilities and grounds of
16 the National September 11 Memorial & Mu-
17 seum; and

18 (B) educate future generations.

19 (4) The ability and commitment of the eligible
20 entity to use grant funds to increase the numbers of
21 economically disadvantaged visitors to the National
22 September 11 Memorial & Museum.

23 (g) CONDITION ON RECEIPT OF GRANT.—As a condi-
24 tion on receipt of a grant under this section, the eligible
25 entity shall—

1 (1) provide for—

2 (A) free admission to all facilities and mu-
3 seums associated with the National September
4 11 Memorial & Museum for active and retired
5 members of the Armed Forces, individuals who
6 were registered first responders to the attacks
7 of September 11, 2001, and family members of
8 victims of such attacks; and

9 (B) dedicated free admission hours for the
10 general public at least once a week; and

11 (2) allow for annual Federal audits of the fi-
12 nancial statements of such entity, including revenues
13 associated with ticket sales, charitable donations,
14 grants, and all expenditures on salaries and oper-
15 ations, which shall be subject to review by the Sec-
16 retary and made available to the public.

17 (h) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the end
18 of each fiscal year for which the recipient obligates or ex-
19 pends funds made available to the recipient pursuant to
20 this section, the recipient shall submit to the Committee
21 on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on
22 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
23 ate and the Committee on Natural Resources and the
24 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-

1 representatives a report that includes, for the fiscal year cov-
2 ered by the report, each of the following:

3 (1) Information relating to the amount of grant
4 funds obligated or expended for the preceding fiscal
5 year.

6 (2) Information relating to any purposes for
7 which such funds were obligated or expended.

8 (3) Any other information the Secretary may
9 require to effectively administer the one-time grant
10 program under this section, as determined by the
11 Secretary, if not later than the last day of the fiscal
12 year the Secretary notified such entity of such re-
13 quested information.

14 (i) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No addi-
15 tional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements
16 of this section, and the activities authorized by this section
17 are subject to the availability of appropriations made in
18 advance for such purposes.

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