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106TH CONGRESS  
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To authorize the awarding of grants to cities, counties, tribal organizations, and certain other entities for the purpose of improving public participation in the 2000 decennial census.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Mr. MILLER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “2000 Census Commu-  
3 nity Participation Enhancement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION.**

5       In order to improve public participation in the 2000  
6 census, the Secretary may, in accordance with the provi-  
7 sions of this Act, provide for grants to be made to units  
8 of general local government, tribal organizations, and pub-  
9 lic or private nonprofit organizations.

10 **SEC. 3. APPLICATIONS.**

11       (a) APPLICATIONS REQUIRED.—Each entity referred  
12 to in section 2 that wishes to receive a grant under this  
13 Act shall submit an application at such time, in such form,  
14 and complete with such information as the Secretary shall  
15 by regulation require, except that any such application  
16 shall include at least—

17           (1) a statement of the objectives for which the  
18 grant is sought; and

19           (2) a description of the types of programs and  
20 activities for which the grant is sought.

21       (b) NOTICE OF APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.—Each  
22 entity submitting an application under subsection (a)  
23 shall, not later than 60 days after the date of its submis-  
24 sion, be notified in writing as to whether such application  
25 is approved or disapproved.

1 **SEC. 4. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—A grant may not be made to an  
3 entity under this Act unless such entity agrees, with re-  
4 spect to the costs to be incurred by such entity in carrying  
5 out the programs and activities for which the grant is  
6 made, to make available non-Federal contributions in an  
7 amount equal to not less than 50 percent of the Federal  
8 funds provided under the grant.

9 (b) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—An entity re-  
10 ceiving a grant under this Act may meet the requirement  
11 under subsection (a) through—

12 (1) the use of amounts from non-Federal  
13 sources; or

14 (2) in-kind contributions, fairly evaluated, but  
15 only if and to the extent allowable under section 7.

16 **SEC. 5. ALLOCATION.**

17 The Secretary shall allocate the amounts appro-  
18 priated to carry out this Act equally among the respective  
19 centers and offices referred to in section 7.

20 **SEC. 6. USE OF GRANT FUNDS.**

21 A grant made under this Act may be used only for  
22 one or more of the following:

23 (1) To train volunteers to assist individuals to  
24 complete and return census questionnaires.

25 (2) To educate the public about the importance  
26 of participating in the 2000 census.

1           (3) To educate the public about the confiden-  
2           tiality that will be accorded to information collected  
3           in the 2000 census.

4           (4) To recruit candidates to apply for census  
5           office and field enumerator positions.

6           (5) To sponsor community events to promote  
7           the 2000 census.

8           (6) To produce community-tailored promotional  
9           materials.

10          (7) To rent space to provide any of the training  
11          described in this ~~subsection~~ *section*.

12 **SEC. 7. REGULATIONS.**

13          Any regulations to carry out this Act shall be pre-  
14          scribed not later than 60 days after the date of enactment  
15          of this Act. The regulations shall include—

16               (1) provisions requiring that any application for  
17               a grant under this Act be submitted to the appro-  
18               priate regional center or area office of the Bureau  
19               of the Census, as identified under the regulations;  
20               and

21               (2) provisions under which the decision to ap-  
22               prove or disapprove any such application shall be  
23               made by the head of the appropriate center or office  
24               (referred to in paragraph (1)), in accordance with  
25               guidelines set forth in the regulations.

1 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 For purposes of carrying out this Act, there are au-  
3 thorized to be appropriated \$26,000,000 for fiscal year  
4 2000.

5 **SEC. 9. DEFINITIONS.**

6 For purposes of this Act—

7 (1) the term “2000 census” means the 2000  
8 decennial census of population;

9 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
10 of Commerce;

11 (3) the term “unit of general local government”  
12 means a city, county, town, township, parish, village,  
13 or other general purpose political subdivision of a  
14 State, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands,  
15 Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
16 Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or such  
17 other possession or area referred to in section 191  
18 of title 13, United States Code, as the Secretary  
19 considers appropriate; and

20 (4) the term “tribal organization” has the  
21 meaning given such term by section 4 of the Indian  
22 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act  
23 (25 U.S.C. 450b).

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