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To provide grants for projects to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and to develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities.

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Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Outdoor Recreation
5 Legacy Partnership Grant Program Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible enti-
2 ty” means—

3 (i) a State;

4 (ii) a political subdivision of a State,
5 including—

6 (I) a city; and

7 (II) a county;

8 (iii) a special purpose district, includ-
9 ing park districts; and

10 (iv) an Indian tribe (as defined in sec-
11 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
12 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
13 450b)).

14 (B) POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND INDIAN
15 TRIBES.—A political subdivision of a State or
16 an Indian tribe shall be considered an eligible
17 entity only if the political subdivision or Indian
18 tribe represents or otherwise serves a qualifying
19 urban area.

20 (2) OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNER-
21 SHIP GRANT PROGRAM.—The term “Outdoor Recre-
22 ation Legacy Partnership Grant Program” means
23 the program established under section 3(a).

24 (3) QUALIFYING URBAN AREA.—The term
25 “qualifying urban area” means an area described in

1 the notice of the Bureau of the Census entitled
2 “Qualifying Urban Areas for the 2010 Census” (77
3 Fed. Reg. 18652 (March 27, 2012)).

4 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6 **SEC. 3. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish an
8 outdoor recreation legacy partnership grant program
9 under which the Secretary may award grants to eligible
10 entities for projects—

11 (1) to acquire land and water for parks and
12 other outdoor recreation purposes; and

13 (2) to develop new or renovate existing outdoor
14 recreation facilities.

15 (b) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving a
17 grant under subsection (a), an eligible entity shall
18 provide matching funds in the form of cash or an in-
19 kind contribution in an amount equal to not less
20 than 100 percent of the amounts made available
21 under the grant.

22 (2) SOURCES.—The matching amounts referred
23 to in paragraph (1) may include amounts made
24 available from State, local, nongovernmental, or pri-
25 vate sources.

1 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBLE USES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—A grant recipient may use a grant
3 awarded under this Act—

4 (1) to acquire land or water that provides out-
5 door recreation opportunities to the public; and

6 (2) to develop or renovate outdoor recreational
7 facilities that provide outdoor recreation opportuni-
8 ties to the public, with priority given to projects
9 that—

10 (A) create or significantly enhance access
11 to park and recreational opportunities in an
12 urban neighborhood or community;

13 (B) engage and empower underserved com-
14 munities and youth;

15 (C) provide opportunities for youth em-
16 ployment or job training;

17 (D) establish or expand public-private
18 partnerships, with a focus on leveraging re-
19 sources; and

20 (E) take advantage of coordination among
21 various levels of government.

22 (b) LIMITATIONS ON USE.—A grant recipient may
23 not use grant funds for—

24 (1) grant administration costs;

25 (2) incidental costs related to land acquisition,
26 including appraisal and titling;

1 (3) operation and maintenance activities;

2 (4) facilities that support semiprofessional or
3 professional athletics;

4 (5) indoor facilities such as recreation centers
5 or facilities that support primarily non-outdoor pur-
6 poses; or

7 (6) acquisition of land or interests in land that
8 restrict access to specific persons.

9 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.**

10 In carrying out the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Part-
11 nership Grant Program, the Secretary shall—

12 (1) conduct an initial screening and technical
13 review of applications received; and

14 (2) evaluate and score all qualifying applica-
15 tions.

16 **SEC. 6. REPORTING.**

17 (a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after
18 the last day of each report period, each State lead agency
19 that receives a grant under this Act shall annually submit
20 to the Secretary performance and financial reports that—

21 (1) summarize project activities conducted dur-
22 ing the report period; and

23 (2) provide the status of the project.

24 (b) FINAL REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after
25 the earlier of the date of expiration of a project period

1 or the completion of a project, each State lead agency that
2 receives a grant under this Act shall submit to the Sec-
3 retary a final report containing such information as the
4 Secretary may require.

5 **SEC. 7. REVENUE SHARING.**

6 Section 105(a)(2)(B) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy
7 Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note; Public Law
8 109–432) is amended by inserting before the period at the
9 end “, of which 20 percent for each of fiscal years 2017
10 through 2055 shall be used by the Secretary of the Inte-
11 rior to provide grants under the Outdoor Recreation Leg-
12 acy Partnership Grant Program Act of 2015.”.

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