

115TH CONGRESS
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S. 2808

To authorize community development block grants for providing tools,
equipment, and other resources.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 9, 2018

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Hous-
ing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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providing tools, equipment, and other resources.

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 “Tools On Our Local
5 Streets to Rehabilitate Communities Act” or the “TOOLS
6 to Rehabilitate Communities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
 2 **PARTNERSHIPS WITH NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-**
 3 **TIONS.**

4 Section 105(a) of the Housing and Community De-
 5 velopment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (25)(D), by striking “and” at
 7 the end;

8 (2) in paragraph (26), by striking the period at
 9 the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(27) creating or strengthening partnerships
 12 with nonprofit organizations that provide tools,
 13 equipment, or other resources to other nonprofit or
 14 volunteer organizations assisting in the completion
 15 of a community development, revitalization, or reha-
 16 bilitation project authorized under this subsection.”.

17 **SEC. 3. INCREASING AWARENESS.**

18 For each fiscal year beginning after the date of enact-
 19 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
 20 Development shall provide notice to grant applicants and
 21 awardees under section 103 of the Housing and Commu-
 22 nity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5303) that
 23 awards provided under title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5301
 24 et seq.) may be used to create or strengthen partnerships
 25 with nonprofit organizations that provide tools, equip-
 26 ment, or other resources to other nonprofit or volunteer

1 organizations that assist in the completion of a community
 2 development, revitalization, or rehabilitation project au-
 3 thorized under such section 103.

4 **SEC. 4. IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE AC-**
 5 **CESS TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PART-**
 6 **NERSHIPS WITH NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.**

7 Not later than the end of the first fiscal year begin-
 8 ning after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
 9 of Housing and Urban Development shall issue a report
 10 discussing—

11 (1) opportunities in existence as of the date of
 12 the report for Federal, State, and local governments
 13 to partner with nonprofit organizations to complete
 14 community development, revitalization, and rehabili-
 15 tation projects under title I of the Housing and
 16 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
 17 5301 et seq.); and

18 (2) existing barriers and challenges with respect
 19 to those projects.

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