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# H. R. 3276

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and  
Public Works

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Urban  
Bird Treaty Program.

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 “Local Communities  
3 & Bird Habitat Stewardship Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. URBAN BIRD TREATY PROGRAM.**

5 (a) URBAN BIRD TREATY PROGRAM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish  
7 a program for the voluntary conservation of birds  
8 and the habitats of such birds in urban areas, to be  
9 known as the “Urban Bird Treaty Program”.

10 (2) PROGRAM DUTIES.—In carrying out the  
11 Program, the Director shall—

12 (A) work with and support covered entities  
13 to—

14 (i) protect, restore, or enhance urban  
15 habitats for birds, including through the  
16 control of invasive species and restoration  
17 of native plant species;

18 (ii) reduce urban hazards to birds;

19 (iii) engage communities in scientific  
20 activities involving the monitoring of birds  
21 and the habitats of such birds in urban  
22 areas; and

23 (iv) educate and engage communities  
24 in caring about and conserving birds and  
25 the habitats of such birds in urban areas;

(B) provide technical and financial assistance through partnerships with covered entities to build capacity for, plan, and carry out projects related to activities described in subparagraph (A); and

(C) facilitate collaboration and information sharing among covered entities and the public with respect to best management practices for the conservation, restoration, and enhancement of urban bird habitats.

(3) GRANT PROGRAM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish a competitive grant program to award amounts to eligible entities for the purposes of conducting research, planning, assessments, management, building capacity, monitoring, collaboration and information sharing, workforce training, and accomplishing related activities as described in paragraph (2) with respect to the conservation, restoration, enhancement or management of urban birds and the habitats of urban birds.

(B) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under this paragraph, an eligible entity shall submit to the Director an application in

1 such form, at such time, and containing such  
2 information as the Director determines appro-  
3 priate.

4 (C) ADMINISTRATION.—

5 (i) AGREEMENT.—The Director may  
6 enter into an agreement with the Founda-  
7 tion for the Foundation to administer the  
8 grant program established under subpara-  
9 graph (A) pursuant to the National Fish  
10 and Wildlife Foundation Establishment  
11 Act (16 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.).

12 (ii) APPLICATION OF NATIONAL FISH  
13 AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION ESTABLISH-  
14 MENT ACT.—Section 10(a) of the National  
15 Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establish-  
16 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 3709(a)) shall not  
17 apply with respect to—

18 (I) an agreement entered into  
19 under clause (i); or

20 (II) amounts made available to  
21 carry out this section.

22 (iii) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—  
23 The Director shall ensure, to the extent  
24 practicable, equitable distribution of  
25 awards among and between small, midsize,

1 and large cities, as described in the docu-  
2 ment titled “Education Demographic and  
3 Geographic Estimates Program (EDGE):  
4 Locale Boundaries Technical Documenta-  
5 tion” published by the National Center for  
6 Education Statistics of the Department of  
7 Education.

8 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-  
10 tity” means—

11 (A) a Federal, Tribal, State, or municipal  
12 agency;

13 (B) a nongovernmental organization;

14 (C) a community group; and

15 (D) an academic institution.

16 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means  
17 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
18 rector of the United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-  
19 ice.

20 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
21 ty” means—

22 (A) a Tribal, State, or municipal agency;

23 (B) a nongovernmental organization;

24 (C) a community group; and

25 (D) an academic institution.

1           (4) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”  
2       means the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
3       established by section 2(a) of the National Fish and  
4       Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C.  
5       3701(a)).

6           (5) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means  
7       the Urban Bird Treaty Program established under  
8       subsection (a)(1).

9           (6) URBAN.—The term “urban” has the mean-  
10      ing given the term “urban area” in section 101(a)  
11      of title 23, United States Code.

12      (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
13      authorized to be appropriated to the Director to carry out  
14      this section \$200,000 for each of fiscal years 2027  
15      through 2033.

        Passed the House of Representatives September 14,  
2026.

Attest:                      KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
                                                            *Clerk.*