

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3276

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;

1 (B) provide technical and financial assist-
2 ance through partnerships with covered entities
3 to build capacity for, plan, and carry out
4 projects related to activities described in sub-
5 paragraph (A); and

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

11 (3) GRANT PROGRAM.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall es-
13 tablish a competitive grant program to award
14 amounts to eligible entities for the purposes of
15 conducting research, planning, assessments,
16 management, building capacity, monitoring, col-
17 laboration and information sharing, workforce
18 training, and accomplishing related activities as
19 described in paragraph (2) with respect to the
20 conservation, restoration, enhancement or man-
21 agement of urban birds and the habitats of
22 urban birds.

23 (B) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a
24 grant under this paragraph, an eligible entity
25 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:

Clerk.

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