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To establish grants to combat opioid trafficking.

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Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Ms. PEREZ, and Mr. NEWHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “End Fentanyl Traf-
5 ficking with Local Task Forces Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT AUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime
8 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101
9 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
10 new part:

1 **“PART PP—GRANTS TO COMBAT OPIOID**
2 **TRAFFICKING**

3 **“SEC. 3061. AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS TO COMBAT**
4 **OPIOID TRAFFICKING.**

5 “(a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The COPS Director
6 is authorized to make grants to eligible entities for the
7 purpose of locating, investigating, and interdicting illicit
8 activities relating to the distribution of opioids.

9 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For the purpose of the
10 grants made under this part, eligible entities are States,
11 State law enforcement agencies, units of local government,
12 Indian Tribes, multi-jurisdictional task forces, and re-
13 gional consortia.

14 “(c) APPLICATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To receive a grant under
16 this part, an eligible entity shall submit to the COPS
17 Director an application at such time, in such man-
18 ner, and containing such information as the COPS
19 Director may require. Each application shall in-
20 clude—

21 “(A) a detailed explanation of—

22 “(i) the intended uses of funds pro-
23 vided under the grant; and

24 “(ii) how the activities funded under
25 the grant will meet the purpose of this
26 part;

1 “(B) an assurance that the applicant shall
2 maintain and report such data, records, and in-
3 formation (programmatic and financial) as the
4 COPS Director may reasonably require;

5 “(C) a certification, made in a form ac-
6 ceptable to the COPS Director, that—

7 “(i) the programs to be funded by the
8 grant meet all the requirements of this
9 part;

10 “(ii) all the information contained in
11 the application is correct; and

12 “(iii) the applicant will comply with
13 all provisions of this part and all other ap-
14 plicable Federal laws.

15 “(2) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 90 days
16 after the date of enactment of this part, the COPS
17 Director shall promulgate guidelines to implement
18 this part, including the information that must be in-
19 cluded and the requirements that eligible entities
20 must meet, in submitting the applications required
21 under this part.

22 “(3) STREAMLINING APPLICATIONS.—To the
23 greatest extent possible, the COPS Director shall
24 streamline the grant application process to minimize
25 the administrative burden placed on eligible appli-

1 cants and to prevent the collection of extraneous or
2 duplicative information.

3 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant made under this part
4 shall be used—

5 “(1) to hire and train law enforcement officers
6 and other employees;

7 “(2) to hire and train law enforcement officers
8 and other employees to establish new, or support
9 and expand existing, multi-jurisdictional task forces,
10 regional consortia, or both;

11 “(3) to procure equipment, technology, or sup-
12 port systems, or pay overtime; or

13 “(4) for any other activities or items the Attor-
14 ney General determines appropriate to support the
15 purpose described in subsection (a).

16 “(e) DURATION.—A grant made under this part shall
17 be for not less than 1 year and not more than 3 years.

18 “(f) ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDING.—

19 “(1) SET ASIDE.—Of the funds allocated to
20 carry out the grant program under this part not less
21 than 20 percent shall be reserved for—

22 “(A) direct grants to Indian Tribes or
23 Tribal law enforcement agencies; and

24 “(B) direct grants to multi-jurisdictional
25 task forces.

1 “(2) LIMITATION.—In the case that a Tribal
2 law enforcement officer or a law enforcement part-
3 ner affiliated with an Indian Tribe is a member of
4 a multi-jurisdictional task force receiving a direct
5 grant, such membership shall not impact the eligi-
6 bility of, or reduce the percentage otherwise avail-
7 able for, the Tribal law enforcement agency with ju-
8 risdiction over such officer or the Indian Tribe with
9 jurisdiction over such officer or law enforcement
10 partner for the funds reserved under paragraph
11 (1)(A).

12 “(g) CONTRACTS AND SUBAWARDS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State, unit of local gov-
14 ernment, or Indian Tribe may, in using a grant
15 under this part for purposes authorized under sub-
16 section (d), use the grant to contract with or make
17 subawards to a State, local, or Tribal law enforce-
18 ment agency, a unit of local government, an Indian
19 Tribe, a Tribal organization, a multi-jurisdictional
20 task force, or a regional consortium.

21 “(2) LIMITATION.—The receipt of a contract or
22 subaward under paragraph (1) by an Indian Tribe,
23 Tribal law enforcement agency, Tribal organization,
24 or multi-jurisdictional task force shall not impact the
25 eligibility of, or reduce the percentage otherwise

1 available for, such Indian Tribe, the Indian Tribe
2 with jurisdiction over such agency or organization,
3 or the multi-jurisdictional task force for the funds
4 set aside under subsection (f)(1).

5 “(h) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The COPS Director
6 may reserve not more than 2 percent from amounts appro-
7 priated to carry out this part for administrative costs.

8 “(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The COPS Director shall
10 provide technical assistance to the eligible entities
11 described in subsection (b) in furtherance of the pur-
12 poses described in subsection (d).

13 “(2) TRAINING CENTERS AND FACILITIES.—
14 The technical assistance provided by the COPS Di-
15 rector may include the establishment and operation
16 of training centers or facilities, either directly or by
17 contracting or cooperative arrangements. The func-
18 tions of the centers or facilities established under
19 this paragraph may include instruction and seminars
20 for police executives, managers, trainers, supervisors,
21 and such others as the COPS Director considers to
22 be appropriate for supporting efforts related to lo-
23 cating, investigating, and interdicting illicit activities
24 relating to the distribution of opioids.

1 “(j) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this part,
2 the COPS Director shall give priority to applicants that
3 will use awarded funds to establish new, or support and
4 expand existing, multi-jurisdictional task forces or re-
5 gional consortia.

6 **“SEC. 3062. REPORT.**

7 “Beginning not later than 2 years after the date of
8 enactment of this part, and annually thereafter, the COPS
9 Director shall submit to Congress a report describing ef-
10 fectiveness of this grant program and make recommenda-
11 tions for how it can be improved.

12 **“SEC. 3063. DEFINITIONS.**

13 “In this part:

14 “(1) COPS DIRECTOR.—The term ‘COPS Di-
15 rector’ means the Attorney General, acting through
16 the Director of the Office of Community Oriented
17 Policing Services.

18 “(2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’
19 means the governing body of any Indian or Alaska
20 Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, commu-
21 nity, component band, or component reservation in-
22 dividually identified (including parenthetically) on
23 the list published by the Secretary under section 104
24 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of
25 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131).

1 “(3) MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE.—
2 The term ‘multi-jurisdictional task force’ means any
3 local law enforcement entity composed of law en-
4 forcement officers from different State, local, or
5 Tribal law enforcement agencies, which may also in-
6 clude other support staff members or law enforce-
7 ment partners affiliated with an Indian Tribe, the
8 Federal Government, a State government, or a unit
9 of local government.

10 “(4) REGIONAL CONSORTIUM.—The term ‘re-
11 gional consortium’ means any law enforcement enti-
12 ty composed of multi-jurisdictional task forces that
13 cross State lines.

14 **“SEC. 3064. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 “‘There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
16 this part \$70,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027
17 through 2031.’”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1701(m) of
19 the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968
20 (34 U.S.C. 10381(m)) is repealed.

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